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The Ocean County Office for Individuals with Disabilities is committed to help improve the quality of life for residents living with disabilities in Ocean County through awareness and education. The Advisory Board to the Office, the Commission for Individuals with Disabilities, was established in 1983 to address issues of inclusion and awareness in the community.

As part of our mission, the Office collaborates with organizations and participates in information sharing activities to enhance program planning. The Commission provides a forum for individuals, families and communities to voice their views and concerns about disability related issues, and a place for that voice to be effectively heard.

The Office and its Commission seek to help ensure full and equal participation by individuals living with disabilities in all aspects of life.

Contact us for a copy of our directory

GENERAL SERVICES

Our goal is to refer county residents to the appropriate service providers through our information and referral service. Community resource information is made available to assist people in navigating social/human service delivery systems. There is no eligibility requirement to receive services.

DATA COLLECTION

The Office maintains statistical information based on the types of inquiries received by consumers and prepares an annual report providing an overview of the past years' data collection. This information is shared with other organizations and agencies in order to enhance program planning.

ADVOCACY & COLLABORATION

The Office collaborates with organizations and service providers by sharing information and acting as a liaison. The Office also provides supportive advocacy and encourages individuals to become activists on their own behalf with the help of self-advocacy training programs.

COMMUNITY AWARENESS

The Office develops and collaborates with organizations to provide the following community awareness programs:

- *Disability Awareness Through Education (DATE) Team - This advocacy group presents sensitivity seminars and educational information to local schools, civic organizations, and interested groups.*
- *Barrier Free Press Newsletter - An informational publication highlighting issues at the local, state and national levels.*
- *Resource Directory - A publication of frequently requested information including resource information for the American's with Disabilities Act; the local availability of counseling services, transportation, housing assistance, legal assistance, & employment resources; government agencies; hotlines; and other important information is published annually.*
- *Website - Online tool to access important information on programs and resources.*