

OUR MISSION



To empower adults with Developmental Disabilities & Special Needs; to help our clients SHINE and SUCCEED by providing the opportunity to share ideas, demonstrate uniqueness, showcase talents

and expand the way the community and world sees disability. We are differently abled, not disabled!

WHO WE ARE

Founded in 2008 by Carol Peifer, The Alternative Center is an integrated community based day program for adults with special needs and developmental disabilities. Carol is blessed with a daughter with Down Syndrome which led to her passion for advocacy for and a career with DD and special needs adults.

We serve extraordinary people whose best interest and growth are paramount to the way we operate our program. We pride ourselves in providing a high quality of care in a safe, loving environment, which fosters each amazing person's growth in becoming the best they can be!

FUNDING OPTIONS

Funding options include: IO Waivers, Level One Waiver, Ohio Home Care and Transition Waivers as well as local funding through Delaware, Licking and Franklin Counties.



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where good ideas flow from each person

The Art of Giving

“Give your hands to serve and your hearts to love.”
~ Mother Theresa

We promote and encourage giving. *Be the light!* We lead by example in demonstrating the importance of giving to other causes, groups and non-profits in need. Examples include but are not limited to:

- Semi Annual Craft Shows @ Crosspoint Church
- Annual Clothing Drive @ Crosspoint Church
- House of New Hope (Adopt a Foster for Christmas)
- St. James Presbyterian Church (to benefit the homeless)

Help us Grow

There are many ways you can support us and share in our growth! We craft, create and sell our items locally to encourage community involvement and to showcase our amazing talents! Our items can be found at local craft shows as well as The Galena Vault and Now and Then and Over Again. By shopping with us you are helping to support our enrichment activities and other opportunities we offer.



Staff Directory Hall of Fame

Carol Peifer, Owner

Mother of Ashley, who has Down Syndrome, Carol has turned her passion into her career, providing both a helping heart and extensive knowledge in advocating for and empowering our clients.

Chris Cooperman, Office Administrator

With 24 years professional experience and a heart even bigger than her resume, Chris is a tremendous support in both behind the scenes and front line roles.

Arthur Marks, Program Manager

Arthur’s experience ranges from Broadway to Social Work! He has heart and the perfect comedic timing to keep us laughing!

Chymaya Jones, Billing Specialist

Our newest family member, Chymaya found her calling 12 years ago working in this field. She’s a multi-gifted asset to our team.

Liz Storey, Marketing & Social Media

Liz is our biggest cheerleader and always rooting for our success!



Find us on Facebook, Instagram, Twitter and Pinterest! We are going places!

Life Skills Education & Services

We strive to maximize each client’s quality of life and potential through the following areas of focus:

- Personal/Oral hygiene
- Nutrition, meal planning and preparation
- Exercise
- Personal and Home Safety
- Weather Safety
- Housekeeping
- Money Management
- Computer: Online Etiquette and Safety
- Online Banking
- Communication
- Reading & Comprehension
- Interpersonal Skills
- Team Building
- Creativity
- Music Therapy
- Cultural Enrichment

Engage → Empower → Employ

Our clients are vital members of society. We work with those who seek employment to ensure they have the skills necessary to succeed in the workplace.

- Assistance with Resume Composition
- Partner with local businesses to conduct mock interviews
- 6-week comprehensive course to gain and strengthen key job related skills that will prepare our clients for the workplace

Enrichment Activities

- Alley Art
- Art Museums
- Bowling
- Cooking Classes
- Crafts
- Concerts/Live Entertainment
- Dining
- Extended Day for an evening out with friends
- Guys Night Out/Girls Night Out
- Libraries
- Metro Parks
- Movie Theater
- Shopping
- Sports
- Trips and vacations!
- Zumba