

## Milestone Scenarios Ages Birth - 2

*My daughter is turning three and her Service Coordinator with Help Me Grow says it's time to transition to different services. I know this process involves an evaluation. Where can I go?*

Your school district will need to do an evaluation and write an IEP (Individualized Education Program) before she begins preschool. The Ohio School for the Deaf and/or the Ohio State School for the Blind are able to do evaluations as well. You can also request a DBTAP (Deafblind Technical Assistance Program) consultation through OCDBE's website to have a consultant come out and make recommendations.

**Ohio State School for the Blind** – [www.ossb.oh.gov](http://www.ossb.oh.gov)  
**Ohio School for the Deaf** – [www.ohioschoolforthe deaf.org](http://www.ohioschoolforthe deaf.org)  
**Ohio Center for Deafblind Education** – [www.ohiodeafblind.org](http://www.ohiodeafblind.org)

*Since John was born, we have had to learn so much about different topics related to vision, hearing, communication, feeding, etc. Is there a resource that can give me information on a variety of topics that I can reference at any time?*

The National Consortium on Deaf-Blindness (NCDB) has a lot of helpful information on their website including DB-Link, the largest collection of articles and research information related to deafblindness worldwide. You can also access OCDBE's library through their website to borrow books, videos, DVDs, and manuals.

**National Consortium on Deaf-Blindness** – [www.nationaldb.org](http://www.nationaldb.org)  
**Ohio Center for Deafblind Education** – [www.ohiodeafblind.org](http://www.ohiodeafblind.org)

*My husband and I would love to meet other families with a child who has CHARGE Syndrome. How can we get connected?*

The CHARGE Syndrome Foundation has information on their website for parents to contact one another. OCDBE can also connect parents with one another. You can contact Allison Glasgow if you are interested in connecting with another parent from our project.

**CHARGE Syndrome Foundation** – [www.chargesyndrome.org](http://www.chargesyndrome.org) – look under “Resources”  
**Allison Glasgow** – [aglasgow@ohiodeafblind.org](mailto:aglasgow@ohiodeafblind.org) or 800-229-0844 x109

*Where can I go for information and resources related to my rights as a parent?*

The Ohio Coalition for the Education of Children with Disabilities (OCECD) and the Ohio Department of Education (ODE) both have information about parent’s rights on their websites, and each has a publication regarding parent’s rights. Both publications can be obtained through their websites. Ohio’s Help Me Grow program identifies rights for parents of children age birth through 2 years. You can find the full list of rights on their website.

**Ohio Department of Education** – [www.ode.state.oh.us](http://www.ode.state.oh.us)  
**Ohio Coalition for the Education of Children with Disabilities** –  
[www.ocecd.org/publications.php](http://www.ocecd.org/publications.php)  
**Help Me Grow** – [www.ohiohelpmegrow.org](http://www.ohiohelpmegrow.org)

*Deena is about to start daycare and none of the teachers have experience with babies with vision or hearing loss. Where should I go for help?*

There are several agencies that can help you:

- **Help Me Grow** [[www.ohiohelpmegrow.org](http://www.ohiohelpmegrow.org)], a program through the Ohio Department of Health, provides direct services to infants and toddlers with developmental delays or disabilities and their families.
- **Regional Infant Hearing Program**, funded through the Ohio Department of Health, provides services to families with babies and toddlers identified with a permanent hearing loss. Information about services can be obtained from the Help Me Grow website [[www.ohiohelpmegrow.org](http://www.ohiohelpmegrow.org)] under “Infant Hearing Program”.
- Early Childhood Outreach at the **Ohio School for the Deaf** [[www.ohioschoolforthedeaf.org/outreach.aspx](http://www.ohioschoolforthedeaf.org/outreach.aspx)] offers professional development and technical assistance for early childhood and pre-school educators and programs.
- **The Ohio State School for the Blind** [[www.ossb.oh.gov](http://www.ossb.oh.gov)] has several services in their outreach department that can help educators.
- **OCDBE** offers DBTAP (Deafblind Technical Assistance Program) consultations, a service where a consultant visits the school or home and then makes suggestions and recommendations for the education team. You can request a visit by contacting Leanne Parnell at [lparnell@ohiodeafblind.org](mailto:lparnell@ohiodeafblind.org) or by calling 800-229-0844 x106.

*Is it true that there is another registration in the state for children with vision loss?*

Yes. The Center for Instructional Supports and Accessible Materials (CISAM) conducts the Federal Quota Registration of Blind Students in Ohio at the direction of the Ohio Department of Education. Using the number of children reported, funds are disseminated and administered by CISAM for specialized instructional materials (e.g. textbooks and equipment) through the American Printing House for the Blind. More information can be found on the CISAM website.

**Center for Instructional Supports and Accessible Materials –**  
[www.ossb.oh.gov/CISAM/CISAM.php](http://www.ossb.oh.gov/CISAM/CISAM.php)

*How can I find out about other services in the area that can help my child?*

The Ohio Center for Autism and Low Incidence (OCALI) houses a database on their website of agencies in Ohio and neighboring states who offer services to individuals of all ages who have disabilities.

**Ohio Center for Autism and Low Incidence –** [www.ocali.org](http://www.ocali.org)

*We were told to look into assistive technology to help Mario function better as he gets older. Is there a place that can help us learn more about assistive technology?*

The Family Center on Technology and Disability (FCTD) has information on their website about assistive technology that can be helpful to both caregivers and teachers. FCTD has several publications that are available and can be obtained from their website. The Deafblind Technical Assistance Program (DBTAP) through OCDBE can assist parents and teachers with technical assistance by making suggestions and, when applicable, demonstrating how to use certain items. You can request a DBTAP visit by contacting Leanne Parnell or visiting the OCDBE website.

**Family Center on Technology and Disability –** [www.fctd.info](http://www.fctd.info)  
**Ohio Center for Deafblind Education –** [www.ohiodeafblind.org](http://www.ohiodeafblind.org)  
**Leanne Parnell –** [lparnell@ohiodeafblind.org](mailto:lparnell@ohiodeafblind.org) or 800-229-0844 x106