

## Milestone Scenarios Ages 6-15

*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. For more information about registering your child visit CISAM's website.

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

*I feel like Carrie's IEP doesn't address our major concerns. How can we make changes?*

The Ohio Department of Education has a publication entitled Whose IDEA is this? which explains the IEP process and the proper steps that need to be taken. The Ohio Coalition for the Education of Children with Disabilities (OCECD) is a great resource for parents when it comes to IEPs. The Coalition publishes several booklets explaining parents' rights and the IEP process.

**The Ohio Department of Education –** [www.ode.state.oh.us](http://www.ode.state.oh.us)  
**The Ohio Coalition for the Education of Children with Disabilities –** [www.oecd.org](http://www.oecd.org)

*It sure would be nice to talk to someone who understands Ohio's Special Education system. Where should I turn for help?*

The Ohio Coalition for the Education of Children with Disabilities (OCECD) understands special education and the struggles parents can sometimes encounter. They have a number of resources that can help parents, including a Parent Mentor program. Information about the Coalition can be obtained on their website.

**Ohio Coalition for the Education of Children with Disabilities –** [www.oecd.org](http://www.oecd.org)

*Sometimes I feel like no one listens to me at Alex's IEP meetings. Is there someone who can help me with the IEP process who isn't affiliated with Alex's school?*

The Ohio Department of Education (ODE) offers IEP Facilitation. This is where a skilled special education mediator who has specialized training in IEP development attends the IEP meeting to assist team members with the IEP. More information about IEP Facilitation can be found on the ODE website.

**Ohio Department of Education** – [www.ode.state.oh.us](http://www.ode.state.oh.us) – look under “Learning Supports”, click on “Students with Disabilities”, then click on “Mediation, Complaints & Due Process” to find in information on IEP Facilitation.

*Is there a resource that can give me information on a variety of topics related to deafblindness that I could 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 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)

*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 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)

*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)

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