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**FAIRVIEW PARK AND NORTH
OLMSTED CITY SCHOOLS**

**PARENT
MENTOR
PROJECT**



**PROVIDING SUPPORT FOR
EXCEPTIONAL CHILDREN
IN THE HOME, SCHOOL,
AND COMMUNITY**

What is a Parent Mentor?

A Parent Mentor is a resource and support for parents, educators, and others who work with children with exceptional needs.

What a Parent Mentor does?

- *Act as a liaison between parents and educators.*
- *Guide parents through the Special Education process*
- *Explain legal rights and responsibilities.*
- *Provide information, support and resources*
- *Provide assistance in accessing community agencies and resources.*
- *Attend Individual Education Program (IEP) meetings or other meetings at the parent or staff's request.*
- *Provides access to a lending library of books and videos on special education topics.*
- *Organize and conduct workshops and information meetings.*

What Services Are Available?

▪ **Resource Lending Library**

A collection of books, journals, articles, video and audiotapes are available at no charge to parents and/or educators.

▪ **Educational Seminars**

Seminars cover a wide range of topics and practical information. These seminars are open to all, free of charge.

▪ **Newsletters**

Upcoming events, new ideas, tips and feature stories.

▪ **Support Groups**

Offers parents and educators a chance to meet informally and share advice, stories, the challenges and delights that come from working with exceptional children.

Additional Resources

- **Cuyahoga County Board of Mental Retardation and Developmental Disabilities**
216-241-82630
www.ccbmrdd.org
- **Help Me Grow – Cuyahoga County Early Intervention**
216-736-4300
www.ohiohelpmegrow.org
- **Ohio Department of Education, Office for Exceptional Children**
1-888-644-6388
www.ode.state.oh.us
- **Cuyahoga Special Education Service Center, State Support Team 3**
216-524-2770
www.csesc.org
- **United Way First Call for Help**
216-436-2000
www.uws.org/fcfh
- **National Alliance for the Mentally Ill (NAMI – Cleveland)**
216-875-7776
www.nami.org