



Advocacy For All

By Christina West, Chairperson

Important Dates

March 1-2, 2019
Annual Conference
Mohican State Park

Board Meetings

May 10, 2019
Lunch at OEA RA

July 27, 2019

**Locations to be
announced**

All are Welcome!

**Check the website ,
www.oasnp.ohea.us,
 for location addresses
 and times.**

We all are experiencing changes in our schools, county boards, homes, and communities. Learning how to advocate for ourselves and others is more important now than ever before. The Ohio Association of Special Needs Professionals recognizes the importance of educating our members on this essential role. We are excited to have speakers at our annual conference with information on advocacy. As professionals, it is crucial for us to know how to teach advocacy to those that we serve. Members of **People First Ohio** will be joining us to talk about this vital role as a professional.

People First Ohio was started in 1998 by a group of self-advocates wanting to improve their abilities to represent themselves and to train others to be self-advocates. They are a statewide organization that works with state legislators and builds relationships with other advocacy groups and state agencies. These relationships promote better interaction among people who make decisions in the communities and the state. People First of Ohio believes that if policymakers really know people with disabilities, they will be able to make positive changes for them. Members range from teens through adults.

People First of Ohio helps to set up local chapters that focus on helping others with disabilities become self-advocates and work mostly on local issues. Leaders of People First of Ohio are themselves people with disabilities. Board members must belong to a People First Chapter in Ohio or be a paid member at large with one year experience.

We are looking forward to sharing this resource with you at the Annual Conference at Mohican State Park on March 1-2, 2019!

OASNP ANNUAL CONFERENCE 2019

ADVOCACY



“Advocacy for All”

The **Ohio Association of Special Needs Professionals (formerly OADDP) Annual Conference** will be **Friday and Saturday, March 1-2, 2019**, at the **Mohican State Park Resort and Conference Center**, 4700 Goon Road, Perrysville, OH 44864. Directions: <http://www.mohicanstateparklodge.com/>.

The content of the conference will appeal to **Special Education** staff in Pre-K-12 Districts as well as County Boards of DD.

Bring ideas for **OASNP Local Grants**. Experienced members will be available to help you fill out the application. See the website for sample grants that might work in your local.

Certificates of attendance will be issued at the conclusion of the conference. Ohio Department of Developmental Disabilities Professional Development Units are pending.

Friday, March 1, 2018		Saturday, March 2, 2018		Door Prizes! Friends Fun!
5:00	Registration	8:00	Breakfast	
6:00	Dinner	9:00	Legal Update	
7:00	Welcome and Greetings Christina West, OASNP Chairperson OEA Officers and Candidates		Kathy McKinley, OEA Plan Attorney	
7:15	Legislative Update Melissa Clark, OEA Lobbyist	10:30	Break – Hotel Check Out	
7:45	Kick-off FCPE Drive, Bob Matkowski, UniServ Organizer	11:00	Keynote Presentation: People First Ohio https://www.peoplefirstohio.org/	
8:00	Social Hour and Networking	12:30	Lunch	
<p><i>Questions? Contact:</i> Christina West - cwest@oasnp.org – 330-540-5959, Nikki Nadasky - nnadasky@oasnp.org – 330-718-3827.</p>		1:30	OEA Special Education Work Group Update Daria DeNoia, UniServ Education Policy & Practice Consultant	
		2:30	OASNP Annual Meeting,	
		3:30	Wrap-up – Stay-to-the-End Raffle	

REGISTRATION

Registration is limited - register early! Registration cost will be **\$30.00 for members** and **\$40.00 for non-members** who are eligible to be members, which will also cover the cost of joining OASNP. Admission to all sessions, meals, snacks and two complimentary beverages from the lounge are included with registration. **Guests** are welcome for **\$65** to cover the cost of meals.

Register by **February 24th** using the **form** on back **or** online at oasnp.org, using PayPal or a credit card. Conference cancellations will be accepted until **February 24th**. **Anyone who does not cancel by then and does not attend will be billed the cost of the meals.** Room reservations must be made separately.*

*LODGING

Each participant must reserve their own lodging. **Note corrected room rates:** The OASNP group rate is \$103, plus tax, for an ADA queen or lodge double room, \$115.00 for a view queen room. **If you need an ADA room or a room close to the activities, indicate that to the reservation specialist when you book your room.** Contact Mohican Resort to make room reservations by **February 24th** at 1-800-AT A PARK. Mention you want rooms in the **OASNP room block**.



*Are you new to OASNP in the last two years?
Mark “YES” on your registration for a chance to receive a conference scholarship!*



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OASNP CONFERENCE REGISTRATION 2019

Name _____

Address _____ Zip _____

Association: _____ County: _____

Home E-mail: _____ Phone: _____

Are you an OASNP Member: Yes _____ No _____

Have you joined within the last two years? Yes _____ No _____ ,
Mark “YES” for a chance to receive a scholarship!

Attendance: Both days _____ Friday only _____ Saturday only _____

Guest: No _____ Yes _____ Name: _____

Amount Enclosed: _____

Make checks payable to OASNP or Register on OASNP.org with PayPal.

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Local Focus...YOUR Local

by Jené Wilson

An advantage of belonging to OASNP is the Annual Conference, which offers a variety of professional and Association topics relevant to all members working with people of all ages with special needs. As a bonus, the conference is presented in a beautiful setting, with good food and many like-minded colleagues from around the state to network with.

This year's conference will include conference favorites Melissa Clark with a legislative update, and Kathy McKinley, updating us on legal issues. In addition, the Keynote will be speakers from People First Ohio; followed by a report on OEA's Work Group focused on the needs and concerns of all special educators, regardless of the setting they work in. This conference gets consistently high marks from attendees, and this year's program will not disappoint. The cost is very reasonable and professional development hours will be available. See inside for further details and registration information.

See inside for further details. Questions? Contact Christina West at cwest@oasnp.org, 330-540-5959; or Nikki Nadasky at nnadasky@oasnp.org, 330-718-3827.