



# SST8 Family Newsletter

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## New Beginnings Fair

State Support Team 8 was proud to contribute to the New Beginnings Fair, sponsored by the Summit Education Initiative. The three-day event had over 275 people attend, and was represented by over 24 vendors. Vendors included the popular VROOM AP, CAB (children and books) and even some special guest mascots (see photo)! Sit Means Sit, an organization that allows children to read to therapy dogs, drew quite a crowd— as well as the children’s activity area, that included sensory integration (sand and oatmeal tubs) and building materials.

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Special guest mascots added to the fun at the New Beginnings Fair.

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SST8 was one of over 24 vendors represented at the New Beginnings Fair sponsored by the Summit Education Initiative.

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Participants were entered into raffles and enjoyed a pizza lunch, in addition to wonderful resources and tools the vendors shared. Many vendors, including State Support Team Region 8, included early literacy and math materials, and demonstrated how to use these simple materials at home to engage children in early academic concepts and skills.

Summit Education Initiative intends to hold another series of fairs in the beginning of August 2018. Check the State Support Team website (<http://www.sst8.org/>), or visit SEI's website (<http://seisummit.org/>) or Facebook ([facebook.com/SummitEducationInitiative/](https://www.facebook.com/SummitEducationInitiative/)) page for more information next summer. Hope to see you next year!

# Save the Date!

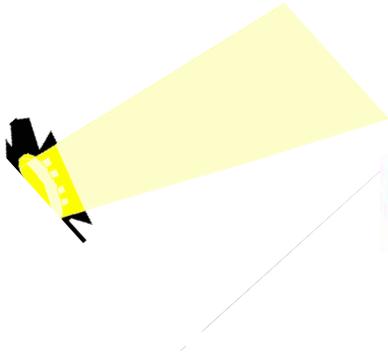
**When:**  
**November 4, 2017**  
**9:00 am - 2:00 pm**

**Event:**  
**Summit County Transition Expo**  
**Presented by the Summit County Transition Expo Committee**

**Where:**  
**Ohio Means Jobs**  
**1040 Tallmadge Ave.**  
**Akron, OH 44310**  
**Admission: Free**

**Over 50 agencies/ organizations, service providers, and post-secondary providers will be in attendance that offer services to students on IEP's & 504's ages 14-22.**

**For:**  
**Parents, Professionals & Students on IEP's and 504's.**



## Opportunities for Ohioans with Disabilities

The purpose of OOD is to provide individuals with disabilities opportunities to achieve quality employment, independence, and disability determination outcomes.

If you want to work, but are having trouble because of your disability, you may qualify for vocational rehabilitation services from the Opportunities for Ohioans with Disabilities (OOD). The OOD's Bureau of Vocational Rehabilitation (BVR) assists eligible people, beginning at age 14, with physical, mental and emotional disabilities by providing direct, personalized services to assist them in finding and retaining meaningful work and personal independence.

The core programs of OOD consist of:

The Bureau of Vocational Rehabilitation (BVR) aids people with physical, mental, and emotional disabilities;

The Bureau of Services for the Visually Impaired (BSVI) assists people who are blind or have visual impairments and manages the Business Enterprise (BE) Program, which provides people who are legally blind with employment opportunities as managers and operators of food service facilities, often in the government buildings and at roadside rest stops.

The Division of Disability Determination (DDD), by agreement with the Social Security Administration (SSA), is responsible for determining the medical eligibility of Ohioans seeking Social Security Disability Insurance (SSDI) and Supplemental Security Income (SSI). This division is 100 percent fully funded by the federal government.

The Local office of OOD is located at:

**161 South High Street, Suite 203**

**Akron, OH 44308**

**330 643-3080**

**This office serves Ashland, Medina, Portage and Summit Counties.**

**[www.ood.ohio.gov](http://www.ood.ohio.gov)**

## Upcoming PAC Events

- **October 25, 2017 - PAC Meeting - Executive Functioning:** The Dog Didn't Eat my Homework: Gain some familiarity with executive function skills that help the brain organize and act on information, including self-regulation, and how to support difficulties at home and in school - Presenter: Wendy Szakacs, OCALI. 9:30 am - 1:30 pm at Summit ESC.
- **November 15, 2017 - PAC Field Trip to Weaver Industries.** Their mission is to maximize the independence and personal fulfillment of individuals with disabilities through vocational training and employment opportunities. Presenter: Denise Balko, Weaver industries. The Field Trip will begin at Weaver Industries ProPak at 1129 Marc Drive, Cuyahoga Falls. It will include two locations and begin at 10:30 am. More details will be sent out closer to the meeting date.
- Please register for the October PAC Meeting by October 20. Contact Alice Doyle at 330 929-6634 extension 511232 or email her at [aliced@sst8.org](mailto:aliced@sst8.org) if you will be attending the PAC Meeting.

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Give us a call for more information.

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