

Friends of Citizens with Disabilities Political Action Committee FAQ



Q: What is the Butler County Board of Developmental Disabilities?

A: The Butler County Board of Developmental Disabilities is a publicly funded agency that supports individuals with developmental disabilities. The Board serves about 2,200 infants, children and adults. The agency has one early childhood center, three adult centers and four community team offices located throughout the county. 73 percent of the agency's operating budget of \$26 million comes from local tax levies. Federal funds make up 20 percent of funding, state funds make up 5 percent and 2 percent comes from other local funds. A seven-member board oversees the agency.

Q: What is a political action committee?

A: A political action committee is tasked with raising advertising funds for a candidate or for ballot issues, and for running the campaign.

Q: What is Friends of Citizens with Disabilities?

A: Friends of Citizens with Disabilities is the political action committee for the Butler County Board of Developmental Disabilities. The Board is not allowed to use money from its general fund to fund the levy campaign. The PAC is registered with the Butler County Board of Elections. Friends of Citizens is tasked with raising \$125,000 to be used for a future levy campaign of the Butler County Board of Developmental Disabilities. The levy funds will be used for advertising and other campaign expenses. The Board anticipates being on the ballot in 2013.

Q: Are donations to Friends of Citizens with Disabilities tax deductible?

A: No. We are not a non-profit organization.

Q: Are donations reported to the Board of Elections?

A: Yes. The PAC is required by election law to report donations. The donor's name and donation amount are listed in the report.

Q: What opportunities are available to get involved?

A: Friends of Citizens with Disabilities meets regularly to plan fundraisers. The group holds events throughout the year. Volunteers are needed to help plan the events and help during the events. Donations are accepted throughout the year and any amount is appreciated. The gift of time is just as valuable as the gift of money.

Q: How do I learn more?

A: Call the Friends of Citizens with Disabilities' info line: (513) 867-5962 ext. 22 and leave your name and number; someone will get back to you right away.

Call Wendy Planicka, the Board's liaison with the PAC: (513) 867-5962 ext. 21 or email: wkplanicka@butlerdd.org

Attend a Friends of Citizens with Disabilities meeting. Meetings are held monthly. Email wkplanicka@butlerdd.org to request to be placed on the email list for meeting notices.

To learn more about the Butler County Board of Developmental Disabilities, visit www.butlerdd.org