

COFFEE & DESSERT" PARENT-PROFESSIONAL

(FREE) TRAINING:

**HUMAN TRAFFICKING AND THE ID/DD
POPULATION TRAINING OPPORTUNITY**

LEARN ABOUT HOW HUMAN TRAFFICKING

**AFFECTS INDIVIDUALS WITH INTELLECTUAL AND
DEVELOPMENTAL DISABILITIES/DELAYS AND
WAYS TO IDENTIFY AND ESTABLISH SUPPORTS.**

CO-PRESENTERS:

Pat Stephens, Director Provider Supports Department at the Lucas County Board of Developmental Disabilities. Has an undergraduate Degree from Slippery Rock State University and Masters in Education from Spring Arbor College. Pat worked eight years in Mental Health field and 22 years in the (DD) field. Is an eight year member of the Lucas County Human Trafficking Coalition and three years with the Partners Against the Trafficking of Humans (PATHS) through the Human Trafficking Social Justice Institute at the University of Toledo. Her goal is to do outreach, train staff, providers, and get other Developmental Disability counties involved in establishing protocols and work with victims who have been traumatized by trafficking. Also, work with schools , parents, and other agencies that deal with Domestic Minor Sex Trafficking.

Steve Mentrek, Program and Services Director at Bittersweet Farms, Inc. and prior to Community Supports Coordinator at the Lucas County Board of Developmental Disabilities. He received B. S. Degree in Community Programming for Americans With Disabilities from Slippery Rock State University and a M.A. in Recreation Therapy and Leisure Administration from the University of Toledo Steve has over 16 ears of experience assisting individuals with Developmental disabilities (DD) with integrating in to their communities and identifying ways to build stronger networks of relationships and natural supports. He has assisted with the process of moving victims with DD from sex trafficking. And re-establishing their lives in safe environments. Steve has looked at the gaps in how we support victims with DD as it pertains to sex trafficking.

Cathy Ruiz, Cathy Ruiz, Parent Mentor, Western Buckeye, ESC, Paulding County, and Human Trafficking Awareness Trainer Certified by Crime Victims Services and NWO Rescue & Restore Coalition for Victims of Human Trafficking, Lima Office. Cathy has been a Parent Mentor since 2008 with the Parent Mentors of Ohio Program through the Ohio Coalition for the Education of Children with Disabilities (OCECD). As a Parent Mentor in Paulding County she provides parent supports and assistance to parents of children with special needs and to the school districts who serve them. She also has been Service Coordinator with Paulding County Family & Children First Council since 2010. She has two children with special needs. Additionally, she serves as Co-Chair on the Six County Chapter NWO Rescue & Restore Coalition for Victims of Human Trafficking - Defiance Chapter, and has a great concern for the at-risk ID/DD population. She also serves as President of the Executive Committee and Governing Board for the OCECD state-wide organization, and works with parents, schools, and agencies, as well as, serves on other various committees in regards to special-needs and mental health related issues and concerns.

WHEN: THURSDAY, MAY 16, 2019

TIME: 4:30 - 6:30

WHERE:

PAULDING COUNTY

BLACK SWAMP NATURE CENTER

753 FAIRGROUND DRIVE

PAULDING, OHIO 45879

COLLABORATION BETWEEN THE PARENT MENTOR PROGRAM, WESTERN BUCKEYE, ESC, AND PAULDING COUNTY BOARD OF DEVELOPMENTAL DISABILITIES

PARENTS, EDUCATORS, COUNTY BOARD STAFF,

LAW ENFORCEMENT, AND OTHER

PROFESSIONALS ARE INVITED.

TO REGISTER; PLEASE CONTACT:

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