

Franklin County Community Inclusion Resource List

Franklin County Recreation

is an evening and weekend program. It provides community-based activities to adults with intellectual and developmental disabilities.

ADD/Hattie Larlham

<http://www.hattielarlham.org/v/services-add-franklin.asp>

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Gahanna Inclusion for Teens

dedicated to improving the lives of teens & young adults through community-centered, inclusion-based programs and advocacy for marginalized teens & young adults who experience intellectual delays, cultural differences, language barriers or other social limitations.

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Goodwill Supported Recreation & Education

supports individuals with DD to live their best lives by being part of their community and building skills. Activities are individualized based on interests and preferences with the goal to promote independence, team building, skill building and community connections.

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Me & My Friends

To provide post-high school adults with developmental disabilities an opportunity to participate in and enjoy various social and faith-based activities and events.

New Life Church, Gahanna

Bill Hyde

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Next Chapter Book Club

adults with developmental disabilities and 2 or 3 trained volunteers gather weekly in local coffee shops and cafés to read a book of their choosing.

Friendship Connection

adults with developmental disabilities who would like to meet new friends and become more involved in their community. Events include going out to dinner, visiting local museums, swim parties, and attending sporting events.

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Special Olympics Unified Sports

athletes participate in events alongside traditional athletes

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Team Heart & Sole

individuals of all abilities participate in local race events by pairing up with a buddy to run with/coach/push them in a chair as needed.

www.teamheartsole.org

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Community youth center located at 254 Agler Rd. in Gahanna. Students of all abilities come here to build relationships, play games, get help with homework or just hang out.

www.gahanna254.org

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Young Life Capernaum

Teens with disabilities can hang with friends, eat dinner, play games & laugh together. Some monthly events feature Bible story sharing at a host church site; others are social outings together in the community.

There are several YLC chapters in Franklin County. To find the one nearest you,

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