

Parent Mentor

The Stow-Munroe Falls Parent Mentor Program is here to help you and your child. We offer support and information to parents of children and young adults with disabilities. We give you the opportunity to be the best advocate for your child. This program is designed to foster parent and professional teamwork.

Parent Mentors, who are employed through their local school districts, come from a variety of backgrounds and experiences. Parent Mentor's have one very important thing in common, they are all parents of children with disabilities and realize how overwhelming the special education process can be for a family.

Promoting partnerships between parents and educators is the common goal of every parent mentor program. In their dual role as parent and consultant, mentors work to encourage continuous, positive communication between parent and educators.

The Stow-Munroe Falls City School Parent Mentor Program offers:

- Guidance through the special education process, including assessment, Evaluation Team Report (ETR) and how parents can be involved in the development of the Individualized Education Plan (IEP.)
- Support to families by translating the special education terminology into common understandable language.
- Availability to meet and/or attend team/IEP meetings at the request of families or staff.
- Knowledge of the special education programs available through the Stow-Munroe Falls City Schools and Six District Educational Compact.
- A collaborative approach with district staff who provide services to our children with special needs.
- Workshops and sessions focused on topics of interest to parents that may give them a better understanding of their child's disability and how it might enhance their child's educational and/or daily living skills.
- An electronic quarterly newsletter and listserv for parents and educators on a variety of topics relating to special education and disabilities.
- A Lending Resource Library with current, helpful books, magazines and DVD's on disabilities such as Autism Spectrum Disorders, ADD/ADHD, Learning Disabilities and many other content areas. Please click on the link for a listing of items in the Resource Library.

For more information about Parent Mentor Services please contact:

Leslie White, Parent Mentor
Stow-Munroe Falls Board of Education Office
4350 Allen Rd.
Stow, Ohio 44224
Telephone: 330-689-5426
Email: st_white@smfcsd.org