

**OCALI Advisory Board Meeting  
March 9, 2016**

OCALI has been around for 11yrs (since 2004).

**Center for Sensory Disabilities Update**--presented by Shawn Henry and Wendy Stoica  
Center for Sensory Disabilities RFP was accepted by the state and OCALI will be moving forward to develop the scope of work. The center will focus on any sensory disabilities (includes blind, visual, hearing, and print access disabilities) and will help work collaboratively and partner with other established providers (CISAM, NIMAS, Deaf/Blind, etc). Accessible materials--center to help educate, provide access to materials throughout the state. There will be specific eligibility criteria for access for students with print disabilities

The primary goal will be accessibility and resources becoming available within the community with which the individual resides to supporting families and students. High tech and high touch--getting the right knowledge (Center for Sensory Disabilities) to the right people (regional systems and LEAs) right now (family and community).

Single website: OCALI, school for the deaf/blind, CISAM, etc

National search for the center Executive Director with the position and center being established as an expansion of the OCALI family. 2.5 year contract (not grant-funded)

Seeking gaps/challenges of getting resources/materials to the district's

**Autism Certification Center Update**--presented by Carly McVey, Melissa Bacon

Certification center--4524 users currently

Schools, families, community members (other)

Feedback is being continually collected to refine program. A survey at end of certification and then following up with a phone conversation to elaborate further on comments. Provided parent experiences to share

Goal: Access in more rural counties with limited resources. OCALI working to promote site and requesting feedback to plan future topics for modules.

Families first--

- Media coverage (Columbus Parent Magazine, Autism Puzzle, Akron's Children's Hospital)
- Present/exhibit at events
- Partnerships (Milestones, OH children's hospital association, OH Association of Community Health Care Centers)
- First responders/ERs/Resident trainings--hospitals

Need to target adult services and higher ed to increase awareness/resources.

Out of state connections being made, as well.

OCALI working to promote outreach to practitioners to leverage relationships and partnerships.

[www.autismcertificationcenter.org](http://www.autismcertificationcenter.org)

Information can be used for district trainings, agency trainings or for parents/neighbors/families. Video gallery (available on the website) can be used to share snapshot of what program entails. Each participant would need to create a login and activate their account. Certificate provided at the end.

When presenting to groups, need to “hook” individuals into value-added of information...get started w a group and then have folks continue independently (at their own pace).

Knowing how to do something does not ensure someone CAN do it. Site will provide video modeling of strategies and explanation of why.

**OcaliCon and OCALI awards**--Jill Hudson and Simon Bueher

Call for proposals went out last week--closes March 31

Event will be held Nov 16-18, 2016

Expanded population targets--including all sensory disabilities, tbi, etc

Apr 6-20 is proposal review. All done online

Awards will be an open call over the summer/early fall