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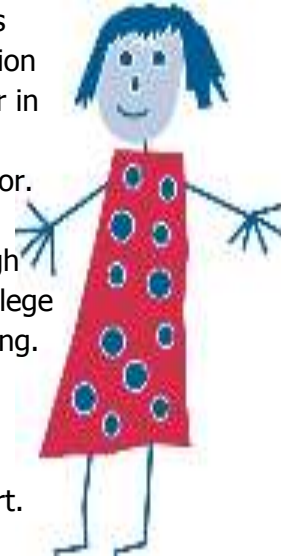


## Parent and Family Support State Support Team Region 13 (SST13)



Parents and families are very important in the lives of all children. When parents and families are involved in the education process, children do better in school, have a better attitude and better behavior. These children are more likely to graduate from high school and continue to college or other higher level training.

When children have difficulties, parents and families often need support. SST 13 is committed to providing support to families through collaboration, consultation and training opportunities.



# SERVICES PROVIDED BY SST 13



## State Support Team

State Support Team 13 (SST 13) is one of 16 State Support Teams in Ohio. SST 13 is part of the Center for Regional Educational Services (CRES), within the Hamilton County Educational Service Center. As such, SST 13 is responsible for the regional delivery of special education support to school districts and families. SST 13 also provides school improvement technical assistance, early learning and school readiness services, and special education compliance assistance. Working closely with the other Educational Service Centers in Region 13 and other partners, the SST 13 provides support to families and districts throughout Butler, Clermont, Hamilton, and Warren Counties.

The Ohio Department of Education, through the office for Exceptional Children, provides funding for SST consultants to assist families for the express purpose of improving outcomes for children with disabilities, ages birth through 21.



## Collaborative Consultation

State Support Team Consultants provide **UNIVERSAL** support to school districts and families by:

- Sharing information from Ohio Department of Education
- Providing print materials to families about SST services
- Using the SST website to inform and link families to other assistance.



More **TARGETED** support to districts and families Include:

- Supporting the SST 13 regional Parent Advisory Council (PAC)
- Coordinating Parent Mentors and regional community agencies to provide workshops and training on special education topics
- Assisting districts as they involve parents/families in Ohio Improvement Process (OIP)
- Providing ODE sponsored Surrogate Parent training.

**INTENSIVE:** One-on-one support to districts and families includes:

- Consulting about conflict resolution methods including facilitated IEPs and mediation.

## Technology

Technology is an important component in meeting the needs of learners with disabilities. Services available through SST 13 include:

- Assistive technology, training and support
- Consultation about communication devices, adapted toys and computer software, videos and books

Consultants are available, to public, community, private and parochial schools in Butler, Clermont, Hamilton and Warren Counties. Consultants may be accessed by phone or via the SST website: [www.sst13.org](http://www.sst13.org) For information about resources for families click on: **Family Network**

