

## MISSION & VISION

**The mission** of TuscBDD is to enhance the lives of individuals with disabilities through quality services and community partnerships.

**The vision** of TuscBDD is for a community that recognizes the importance and potential of all citizens.

## PROGRAM CURRICULUM

Services for school-age students include Starlight School's Specialized Service Program. This program meets all standards as specified by the Ohio Department of Education. All students receiving services will progress through Ohio's Academic Learning Standards-Extended at their individualized pace. Starlight School is dedicated to serving the behavioral health needs of students and their families in a school based setting.



Teachers and assistants are licensed through the Ohio Department of Education and participate in ongoing training in the field of education. Specialists/therapists meet the specific qualifications and licenses of the Ohio Department of Education and their specific disciplines and participate in ongoing training in their field. All Starlight School staff have Registered Behavior Technician (RBT) training.



## Referral & Eligibility

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## Starlight School

**Specialized Service Program  
for School-Age Students**



*Partnering with families  
and Local School Districts to help  
students reach their full potential.*

**Holly Lawver, Starlight School Principal**

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## WHO MAY BE ELIGIBLE

School-age children living in Tuscarawas County that are demonstrating a developmental delay and a behavioral need may be eligible for services.

*The Student's team will work with the student and family/guardian in the school and in the home to ensure progress.*

## WHAT WE DO

- Starlight School provides services for school-age students and is a locally funded separate educational facility located in New Philadelphia.
- School programs meet all standards as specified by the Ohio Department of Education.
- All students receiving services will progress through Ohio's Academic Learning Standards-Extended at their individualized pace.
- The student's team will work to identify and manage the behavior(s) that are occurring that directly impact the student and ultimately prevent them from successful participation at their local school district.
- The student's team will need the support and collaboration of their local school district and family or guardian to move the student forward in learning new self-management techniques to ensure that the student can re-enter their local school as soon as possible.

## WHAT IS THE COST

Services are provided to families at no cost. Funding is provided by the Tuscarawas County Board of Developmental Disabilities (TuscBDD) Levies in partnership with local school districts and state funding.

## WHERE DO I GET SERVICES

Outreach services are provided by TuscBDD and take place at the local school and in the child's home. The Specialized Service Program will take place at Starlight School and in the child's home in collaboration with the student's team members. Outreach services are available during the eligibility process.

### Team members may include:

- Family/Guardians/Advocates
- Service and Support Administrator (SSA)
- Local School District
- Starlight School Assigned Teacher
- Physical Therapist (PT)
- Speech Language Pathologist (SLP)
- Certified Occupational Therapist (OT)
- Certified Occupational Therapy Assistant (COTA)
- Board Certified Behavior Analyst (BCBA)
- Behavior Support Specialist RBT/(BSS)
- Nurse
- Starlight School Principal

## HOW DO I GET SERVICES

The student's local school district will contact Starlight School Principal, Holly Lawver, to begin interventions and outreach in the student's local school district while eligibility is being determined. The student's local school district will make contact with TuscBDD service and Support Administrator (SSA), Beth Starkey, to complete the eligibility process.

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## WHAT HAPPENS NEXT

- If the student is eligible for TuscBDD services, the student will be assigned an SSA.
- Starlight School's Outreach Team will observe the student in his/her local school.
- Starlight School's Behavior Support Specialist will draft a report and recommend either a continued intervention and outreach effort in the student's local school or a Starlight School placement.
- An admission meeting will come next, which will include identifying goals, a date of student exit, dates of quarterly team reviews, dates of reintegration meetings, and a completed Individualized Education Plan (IEP).
- With the help of the student's team, the student will transition back to his/her local school district with Starlight School Outreach team support.
- Placement at Starlight School will not exceed 18 months.

## WHY PARTICIPATE

To support families and local school districts by teaching them ways to help students learn and grow in their community.

- Specially-trained staff with experience working with students of multiple grade levels
- Designed in smaller groups, allowing individualized and personalized attention
- Dedicated to students with developmental disabilities and co-occurring behavioral challenges
- Team works in conjunction with IEP and local school district
- Helps students manage emotions and behaviors associated with trauma/other behavioral issues
- Provides a multi-disciplinary treatment that addresses sensory, speech, social, and academic needs