

The New Paths program is a specialized intervention service offered to families of children with a developmental disability or cognitive delay. Specially trained Court Officers work with the family and youth to assist in facilitating their involvement through the juvenile justice system. Once identified as a special needs child the New Paths Court Officer will act as the primary liaison between the family and the Court, and follow the family through the intake, assessment, adjudication, and supervision of the child. Ordinarily, this process may involve several Court workers from multiple departments, but the New Paths program recognizes that having a single Court Officer promotes consistency and continuity of care. New Paths is the first initiative in the State of Ohio to develop a dedicated docket to provide for and accommodate special needs youth.

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