



**Franklin County Board of Developmental Disabilities**

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## **NewsBits**

### **Silver Alert Expanded**

***Thanks to the Ohio Department of DD for the following message:***

The Autism Society of Central Ohio (ASCO), along with the Autism Society of America and its Ohio sister affiliates announced that in the early morning hours of December 15, the Ohio Senate and House passed SB 16 with an amendment to update the criteria for the state's Silver Alert public notification system to include individuals with Autism and other developmental disabilities.

The Silver Alert system allows for the governor's office, the department of public safety, the attorney general, law enforcement agencies, the state's public and commercial television, and radio broadcasters to immediately coordinate to disseminate information on the missing person. This bill updates the Silver Alert system to now include those with Autism Spectrum Disorder and other developmental disabilities.

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