

Wood County Board of DD Provider Information Form

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1) **Agency/Individual Name:** Bittersweet, Inc
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2) **Agency description and philosophy:**

Bittersweet, Inc. offers holistic, person-centered programming for individuals with autism.

Bittersweet, Inc. serves persons with autism who live at 1926 Kahler Road, Pemberville, Ohio. Our staff supports individuals by providing supervision, training and specialized expertise to maintain their residential independence. The intent is to support individuals who choose to live in a setting that is more integrated with the community. We design the supported living program for each individual to address their specific residential situation and need for supervision.

Bittersweet operates a Transition Program from the Pemberville location. The Transition Program is an alternative school program for individuals with autism, ages 12-22, which focuses on meeting the individualized needs of students. Preparing individuals for adult services is a focal point of this program. Funding is through home school districts.

Bittersweet offers Summer Enrichment programs for adolescents and adults ages 13-22 years old. This 6-10 week program is individualized to meet the needs of Extended School Year funding while also providing the recreational experience of a traditional summer camp. It is open to participants without ESY funding. Other sources of funds may be available. For questions or more information contact Tammy Chambers at 419 875 6986, ext. 1230 or send email to tchambers@bittersweetfarms.org.

Bittersweet offers Friday Night Fun events in Wood County, offered the fourth Friday of each month. Friday Night Fun provides structured recreation activities to individuals with autism based on the knowledge and skills that Bittersweet has learned in over 25 years of serving people with autism. Friday Night Fun participants can be any individual age 12 and over that has a diagnosis on the Autism Spectrum. Participants can be dropped off at 5:00 p.m. and picked up at 9:00 p.m., giving family members/caregivers a night on their own. The cost is \$25 per session/per person and a reservation is required for each Friday that an individual attends. Reservations can be made by calling Shelley Kotz at 419-875-6986, ext. 1231. Those attending will be required to fill out an application and include copies of their ISP and Behavior Support Plan if applicable. The application is due at least one week prior to the first Friday Night Fun that the participant attends. A typical evening will consist of: outdoor activities, meal preparation with family-style meals, crafts and art activities, and movie and clean-up. The series of evenings have been made possible through a grant from the Toledo Community Foundation.

Bittersweet at Pemberville serves day habilitation participants through their Community Based Day Program. Participants will volunteer at specific nonprofits within the community on weekdays. The volunteer time will be dedicated to learning new job skills in a realistic work

environment. The participants and staff will volunteer at the following programs on a routine basis: a local beautification group in which the participants will learn landscaping and horticultural skills by maintaining a local walking path and flower bed year around, while volunteering inside a local Opera House the participants will learn maintenance and janitorial skills, and they will develop their agricultural and farming skills while volunteering at Bittersweet Farms located in Whitehouse, Ohio. Bittersweet Pemberville will begin Day Habilitation services in January 2013.

For any information on admissions to any of the Bittersweet Programs, please contact Tammy Chambers, Admissions Coordinator at tchambers@bittersweetfarms.org or 419-875-6986, ext. 1230. Tammy can assist in scheduling tours of the Pemberville location.

3) Funding Sources: Supported Living IO Waiver Level 1 FSS/Self Pay

4) Services Certified to Provide

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| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Homemaker/Personal Care | <input type="checkbox"/> Supported Employment-Community | <input type="checkbox"/> Adaptive/Assistive Equipment |
| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Transportation | <input type="checkbox"/> Supported Employment-Enclave | <input type="checkbox"/> Environmental Modification |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Respite Care | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Vocational/Habilitation | <input type="checkbox"/> Specialized Medical Equipment |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Adult Foster Care | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Non-Medical Transportation-Trip | <input type="checkbox"/> Nutrition |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Remote Monitoring | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Non-Medical Transportation-Mile | <input type="checkbox"/> Interpreter |
| | <input type="checkbox"/> Adult Day Support | <input type="checkbox"/> Home Delivered Meals |
| | | <input type="checkbox"/> Social Work |

5) Area(s) of Expertise/Specialty:

- In home family supports
- Adult supported living – drop in support
- Adult supported living – 24-hour support
- Support to individuals with challenging behaviors
- Support to individuals with dual diagnosis
- Support to individuals with developmental disabilities other than mental retardation
- Support to individuals with other disabilities
- Other (Please specify):
Our program supports individuals with a primary diagnosis of Autism

6) What services can you provide to new individuals in crisis? Within what time frames?

N/A