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At work. At home. At play.**

February 2025 Newsletter



Dear *|FIRST_NAME|*,

Although we're only two months in, 2025 has already been quite the year: the new Presidential administration and Congress have brought many changes and challenges for LEAP and the disability community. Throughout all this, LEAP remains committed to advancing a society of equal opportunity for all persons, regardless of disability.

We continue to champion inclusive employment. Last year, 118 youth and adults with disabilities utilized LEAP [employment services](#) to explore career options and secure meaningful employment. We also offer trainings and resources to support employers, like our recent "Disability Experience in the Workplace" conversation between employers and professionals with disabilities.

We continue to assist people with disabilities in accessing public benefits. Hundreds of people come to us each year to [navigate](#) Social Security, Medicare, Medicaid, and other public benefits they are eligible to receive. You can support them today by learning about the importance of Medicaid and [taking action](#) to prevent cuts to this vital program.

We continue to support people with disabilities as they live and thrive independently. This means helping 55 people [transition](#) from nursing homes to community living last

year. This means socializing, crafting, and sporting with over 300 people in our [Quantum LEAP](#) program. It means convening a [Community Advocacy Group](#) led by people with disabilities.

Now is the time for you to join us. [Honor disability history](#) with LEAP on February 28. [Celebrate adaptive fashion](#) with LEAP and Kent State University on March 5. Advocate for the civil rights of people with disabilities every day. Today, and always, we are grateful for your support.

Thank you!

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Upcoming Events

LEAP's 2025 Sip & Support Wine Tasting Benefit

Join us on Monday, March 31, from 6:00-8:30 p.m. at the Solon Community Center for LEAP's 2025 Sip & Support Wine Tasting Benefit! For just \$75, indulge in delicious wines from local wineries and savor a curated charcuterie board.

Don't miss your chance to win fabulous raffle prizes while supporting LEAP's mission to support individuals with disabilities in achieving their independence.



Limited tickets are available—secure yours today!

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Brad Lomax: The Disabled Black Panther Who Fought for Section 504

To close Black History Month, come learn about Brad Lomax, a member of the disability community and the Black Panther Party, who showed that different communities can share similar obstacles and a need for change.

 Friday, February 28

 3:00 p.m.

 Zoom







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Happy Black History Month! Join us on February 28 at 3:00 p.m. for Sapphire Murphy's presentation, Brad Lomax: The Disabled Black Panther Who Fought for Section 504. Click the button below to register!

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Kent State University: Night At The Museum

Join us on **Wednesday, March 5, from 5:00 to 7:00 p.m.** at the Kent State University (KSU) Museum to open the free adaptive fashion installation by KSU alumna Tracy Vollbrecht. Click the button below for the details!

[Register](#)

Quantum LEAP

Cleveland Community Sign Choir

We are partnering with the Cleveland Hearing & Speech Center to create the Cleveland Community Sign Choir.

This adult community choir performs in American Sign Language (ASL) at various venues. Anyone can join, regardless of their abilities or knowledge of ASL.

Practices are held every Monday from 5:45 to 7:00 p.m. at the Cleveland Hearing & Speech Center's Midtown location. During this time, you will learn basic ASL instruction, Deaf Culture, and how to apply ASL to songs.

Spots are limited! So, don't wait! Sign up today!

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Meet Nick: A Zest for Life with Quantum LEAP

Meet Nick, a friendly and beloved member of the [Quantum LEAP](#) community! From bowling strikes to breaking a sweat in Jazzercise, his enthusiasm and energy are truly contagious. Whether he's cheering on the Cleveland Cavaliers or sharing laughs with friends at activities, Nick's zest for life lights up every room he walks into. Tap the link below to get to know Nick!

[Meet Nick](#)

Advocacy

The new [Community Advocacy Group](#) is now meeting to discuss actions we can take to improve



and protect the rights of individuals with disabilities. Learn more and join us today by tapping the button below!

[Community Advocacy Group](#)

Disability-Related News

Seventeen States Have Sued the U.S. Government to Abolish Section 504

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