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### **People First of Allen County Seeking Three Trustees**

(Lima, OH) – People First of Allen County will be holding elections for three Trustee positions on March 16, 2009. People interested in serving as a Trustee should contact Donna Lawrence on, or before, March 5, 2009 at 419-221-1226 ext. 1329, or by email at [dlawrence@acbmrdd.org](mailto:dlawrence@acbmrdd.org). These positions are open to any individual in Allen County with a disability.

People First of Allen County meet on the fourth Monday of every month in the Allen County Board of Mental Retardation and Developmental Disabilities Conference Room. The Conference Room is located in the Administration Building at 2500 Ada Road, Lima, Ohio.

In 1998, a group of self-advocates began People First in Ohio because they wanted to improve their abilities to represent themselves and to train others to be self-advocates. Members are teenagers and adults. There are many chapters throughout Ohio, including a statewide organization.

The aim of members of People First is to learn to be self-advocates. Members are encouraged to let people know what they need so that others can help them fulfill their goals. People First members also recognize that they have a responsibility to give back to the community, to contribute all that they can.

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