



ANNUAL REPORT

2023



WOOD COUNTY
BOARD OF DEVELOPMENTAL DISABILITIES



MESSAGE FROM OUR SUPERINTENDENT

Wood County Board of Developmental Disabilities (WCBDD) continues its mission to support, empower, and inspire. Our mission statement, Support, Empower and Inspire, is at the forefront of our focus and daily actions as we work diligently to meet the needs of those we serve. The roles and responsibilities of county boards continue to increase annually to meet the growing regulatory requirements. WCBDD maintains its diligence to implement strategic initiatives which focus on meeting the needs of people with developmental disabilities and their families. The work of our self-advocates and the opportunity to listen to those we serve inspires us all to address the daily challenges. The organization continues to grow and develop services designed to support persons with developmental disabilities meet the daily challenges and seize the available opportunities.

The overall growth in enrollment continued in 2023 as it has over the last decade. Wood County is an amazing place to live, work and raise a family, which all lends itself to our continued growth rates. These are the natural blessings and challenge of living in the wonderful community of Wood County, which continues to grow in its overall population. To address the continuous growth of enrollment in services, WCBDD continues to focus on its comprehensive strategic plan to serve individuals and families in our communities.

The staff of WCBDD routinely demonstrate the ability to be flexible and resilient in times of change. The workforce of WCBDD is competent, comprehensive, and dedicated to those we serve. It is that natural passion for our work that empowers us all to meet the challenges of the day. No annual report can be complete without recognizing the contributions of our workforce and thanking them for a job well done. The Wood County Board of Developmental Disabilities will continue to partner with its workforce to be flexible and resilient to diligently rise to meet the daily challenges.

As Superintendent, I am honored to share the 2023 accomplishments of Wood County Board of Developmental Disabilities. It is our hope that you enjoy the information provided and look forward to our continued partnership and collaboration with our greater community.





COMMITTED TO **SUPPORT**, **EMPOWER**, AND **INSPIRE** for a **LIFETIME**

Wood County Board of Developmental Disabilities strives to work in partnership with individuals and their loved ones to educate, empower, and achieve what is essential to them. We take ownership by living out our mission, vision, and values each day by providing individualized, compassionate care to each person and family, allowing them to effectively navigate life with a disability.

OUR MISSION

To **SUPPORT**, **EMPOWER**, and **INSPIRE**

OUR VISION

ALL people are respected members of the community

OUR VALUES

Partnership

Advocacy

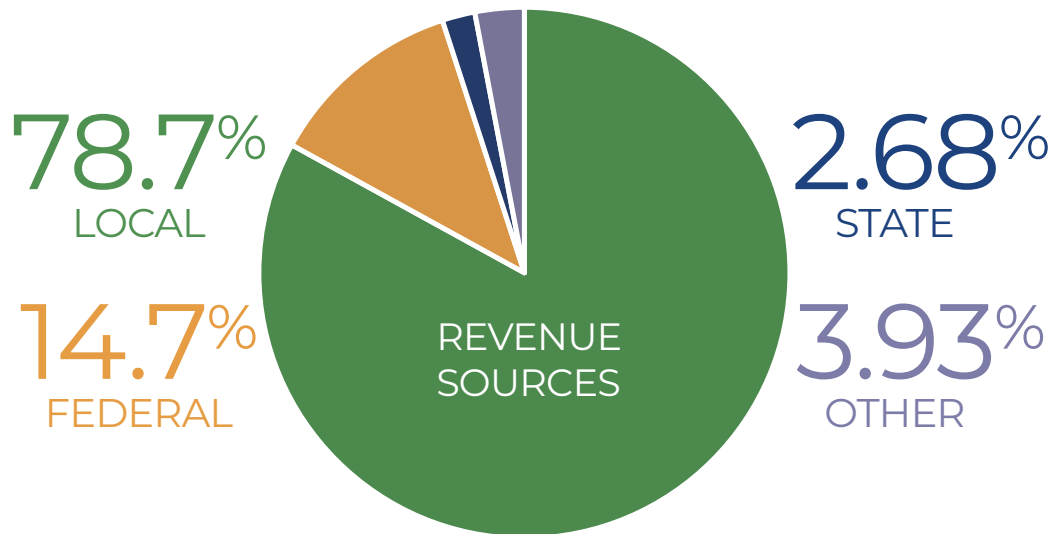
Integrity

Respect



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OUR NUMBERS AT A GLANCE FOR YEAR 2023



\$5.1 MILLION PAID
TO PROVIDE
IN HOME & COMMUNITY BASED SERVICES



\$17.2 MILLION
PAID
FOR SERVICES TO THOSE WITH
DEVELOPMENTAL DISABILITIES



207
EMPLOYEES



1,318
INDIVIDUALS SERVED
BY WCBDD



798
CHILDREN SERVED
AGE 0-21



520
ADULTS SERVED
AGE 22+



498
TOTAL WAIVERS



140
TOTAL PROVIDERS



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YOUR COMPREHENSIVE GUIDE TO OUR SERVICES





EARLY INTERVENTION

Early Intervention (EI) is a family-centered program serving children from birth until their 3rd birthday. Our services are based on the idea that children learn best through everyday experiences with familiar people in familiar settings. EI builds upon and provides supports and resources to assist parents and caregivers to enhance children's learning and development through everyday routines. Our team completes screenings, evaluations, and assessments to identify strengths and needs and provides services that are individualized to fit the unique needs of each child and family.



385
CHILDREN
RECEIVED
EI SERVICES



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WOOD LANE SCHOOL

serves students in kindergarten to the age of 22 who need support for significant, complex disabilities. With class sizes limited to eight students and a high adult to student ratio, the learners experience individualized instruction to help them progress through their grade-level curriculum.

Related service staff (occupational therapist, physical therapist, adapted physical education specialist, speech/language pathologist, and nurse), intervention specialists and paraprofessionals work together to help our students achieve success.



28
STUDENTS
SERVED



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SERVICE COORDINATION

A Service & Support Administrator (SSA) utilizes a person-centered approach to identify an individual's strengths and needs. An Individual Service Plan (ISP) is created and the SSA offers referral, linkage, and community resources to meet the needs identified in the plan. The SSA monitors those services to ensure the health & safety of the individual and that services are being provided according to the ISP.



1,228
INDIVIDUALS
RECEIVED SERVICE
COORDINATION



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INTAKE & ELIGIBILITY

Individuals go through an application & eligibility process prior to receiving County Board Services. This includes an assessment, known as the Children's Ohio Eligibility Determination Instrument (COEDI), for children under age 16 and the Ohio Eligibility Determination Instrument (OEDI) for those over 16 years of age.

TRANSPORTATION

Provides accessible transportation on evenings and weekends to individuals served plus one rider to any location. Promotes independence, community engagement, and improves quality of life.

SUPPORT SPECIALISTS

Consult, coordinate, and provide behavior support and assistance to individuals, families and Home and Community Based Service (HCBS) providers utilizing trauma informed care practices and approaches.

MEDICAID SPECIALISTS

Work closely with Service and Support Administrators (SSA) to ensure waiver authorizations are complete for Home and Community Based Services (HCBS) Providers to bill for payment of services provided.

FAMILY SUPPORT SERVICES (FSS)

Provides supports and services to enable families to care for their family member(s) with disabilities at home. This program is available to any individual eligible for WCBDD services, who is 22 years old or younger, lives with his/her family, and does not have a Home and Community Based Services (HCBS) waiver.



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238

INDIVIDUALS WHO
WENT THROUGH
ELIGIBILITY
DETERMINATION/
REDETERMINATION

6,249

ROUTES
COMPLETED

88,767

MILES DRIVEN

2,541

FSS REQUESTS



TRANSITION & EMPLOYMENT NAVIGATION SERVICES

Individuals identifying outcomes for life after high school graduation can access transition and employment navigation services. A person-centered method is utilized to assist the individual in identifying their path to employment or post-secondary options, engagement, and improves quality of life.

HOUSING COORDINATION

Identifies housing needs of individuals & their families. Works with landlords, housing authorities and community partners to provide safe, accessible and affordable housing in Wood County.

INVESTIGATIVE AGENT

Review all unusual incident reports and identify trends & patterns that may exist. Collaborate with the ISP team to identify prevention plans to ensure the health & safety of all individuals receiving services.

RESPIRE CARE

Provides planned, short-term limited breaks for families spanning from one night to one week at a time. Any individual aged 3 or older receiving Wood County Board of DD services is eligible. Respite can help stabilize and improve the emotional and mental well-being of both families and individuals.

SERVING

132

YOUTH AND

59

YOUNG ADULTS

664

PREVENTION
MEASURES

1,769

RESPIRE STAYS



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RECREATION & WELLNESS PROGRAM

Focuses on providing individuals of all ages with opportunities for socialization, education, and health and wellness. It is designed to provide fun activities that challenge individuals and promote wellness through diverse programming planned each month.

SPECIAL OLYMPICS

Athletes are eligible beginning at age 8 and there is no maximum age limitation. Competition is based upon age, gender, and ability.



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1,055 TOTAL RECREATION
ACTIVITIES



882 AGE 14+
121 YOUTH
52 EARLY INTERVENTION

26 VENTURING
CREW
ACTIVITIES



687
SPECIAL
OLYMPICS
EVENTS



HEALTH SUPPORTS

Our goal in Health Supports is to promote the health, safety, and independence of the people we serve throughout their everyday life. We offer support to families, employers, certified providers and individual service planning teams.

814

HEALTH SUPPORTS
REFERRALS

COMPLETED FOR
INDIVIDUALS SERVED.

204

ASSISTIVE TECHNOLOGY
AND ADAPTIVE EQUIPMENT
LOANS COMPLETED

THROUGH THE WCBDD LOAN CLOSET

93

INDIVIDUALS AUTHORIZED
TO UTILIZE ASSISTIVE TECHNOLOGY
THROUGH HCBS WAIVER

18

INDIVIDUALS AUTHORIZED
TO UTILIZE REMOTE SUPPORTS
THROUGH HCBS WAIVER

173

ASSISTIVE TECHNOLOGY
CONSULTATIONS

114

UNIQUE COMMUNITY
PARTNERS

PARTICIPATED IN TECHNOLOGY FIRST
PROGRAMMING INCLUDING PROVIDER
AGENCIES, NEIGHBORING COUNTY BOARDS,
HIGH SCHOOLS, COLLEGES, COUNTY
AGENCIES, AND MORE!

73

RN IA CONSULTATIONS
COMPLETED

OPENED THE TWINTECH 2.0 REMOTE SUPPORT
AND ASSISTIVE TECHNOLOGY MODEL HOME
ON JULY 6, 2023.

516

PEOPLE TOURED
THE HOME

95

QUALITY ASSURANCE OR
TECHNICAL ASSISTANCE
SITE VISITS COMPLETED
BY NURSING

**RECIPIENT OF 3 GRANTS FROM THE OHIO DEPARTMENT OF
DEVELOPMENTAL DISABILITIES, TOTALING \$122,138.79**



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140 CERTIFIED PROVIDERS
BILLED FOR SERVICES

12 NEW AGENCY PROVIDERS
CERTIFIED

PROVIDER RELATIONS

Our team is designed to support both Independent and Agency Providers through the Ohio Department of Developmental Disabilities certification processes, conduct new provider orientation, compliance reviews and assist with the recruitment, retention, and training of Direct Support Professionals.



39 NEW INDEPENDENT
PROVIDERS
CERTIFIED

3,391 PROVIDER
CONSULTATIONS/
TECHNICAL ASSISTANCE
COMPLETED



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370
DSP'S ATTENDED
WCBDD TRAININGS

2022-2024

STRATEGIC PLAN GOALS

ENSURE FINANCIAL STEWARDSHIP + SUSTAINABILITY

- Maintain waiver availability of assessed needs
- Maximize targeted case management
- Maximize Medicaid administration claiming

INVEST IN PERSONS SERVED, FAMILIES, & THE GREATER COMMUNITY

- Support and expand the Provider Network
- Support and expand services throughout the lifespan
- Support and expand housing opportunities
- Support and expand system education and advocacy

INVEST IN STAFF

- Competitive recruiting
- Improving technology
- Expand training

