

Issue 22 approved for November ballot

The Franklin County Board of Commissioners has approved the placement of a replacement levy on the November ballot to provide for continued services for children and adults who have developmental disabilities.

Passage of Issue 22 will mean that the expiring 3.5 mill levy, last approved

in 2001, will be replaced with a 3.5 mill levy. Despite reductions in state funding, the Board of Developmental Disabilities kept the millage at the same level due to the current economic conditions.

The levy will continue to support over 16,000 children and adults who are annually served by the Board.

Passage of the levy will require a majority of 'For' votes on November 8, 2011.

A fact sheet, providing details on Issue 22 is included with this issue of *Dateline*.

Star Awards to be held on October 5th

Over 600 are expected to be in attendance for the 2011 Community Star Awards event to be held at Villa Milano on Wednesday, October 5th.

Marcus Thorpe, WCMH-TV4 News weekend anchor and reporter will serve as the Master of Ceremonies as we celebrate the achievements of 14 individuals and organizations. Superintendent Morison stated "It's like our version of the Academy Awards. The audience will hear 14 stories of extraordinary accomplishments - examples of how people help to fulfill our mission of helping people to live, learn and work in our community."

Seats are still available for the event and can be reserved using the registration form included with this issue of *Dateline*. The Dave Powers Trio will provide entertainment for the event, which begins with a social hour at 5:30 p.m. Dinner and the program will begin at 6:30 p.m.



Register to vote!

With election season fast approaching, United States citizens who are at least 18 years old on election day are encouraged to register to vote.

One can register at any Public Library or at the Franklin County Board of Elections, 280 E. Broad Street.

To be eligible to vote in the November 8th general election, one must register by October 11, 2011. Registrations must be postmarked no later than 30 days before election day. A driver's license or other form of identification is required.

For additional details on registration, call the Board of Elections at 525-3100.

Dr. Angela Ray to lead psychology

Dr. Angela Ray has been promoted to head the Psychology Department for the Franklin County Board of Developmental Disabilities. At the same time, her former position as Psychology Supervisor will not be filled, consistent with the Board's efforts to trim costs following reductions in state funding.

Dr. Ray comes to the position with excellent credentials, including over 25 years in the field. Initially she served as a Pre-Doctoral Psychology Intern from 1986-1992. From 1992-2001, Dr. Ray was in private practice, then returned to the Board on contract in 2001. In

2004, she began as a Psychology Supervisor.

Dr. Ray's educational background includes an undergraduate degree from Ohio Dominican University and a Masters and Ph.D. from The Ohio State University. Dr. Ray has been married for 26 years and has three children.

Superintendent Jed Morison stated that "Angela is an excellent choice for the position. She has the education and experience needed and a terrific attitude to lead this important area for our Board."



Host Homes

'Host Homes' is the new term being used to describe services provided for individuals in non-family homes.

The federal government refers to this waiver-funded service as 'Adult Foster Care' and others have used the term 'home-sharing'.

Ohio will now refer to this as 'Host Homes'. Currently close to 800 individuals in Ohio are served in Host Homes through slightly more than 90 agency providers and 200 families.

For details on Host Homes, individuals are encouraged to contact their service coordinator.

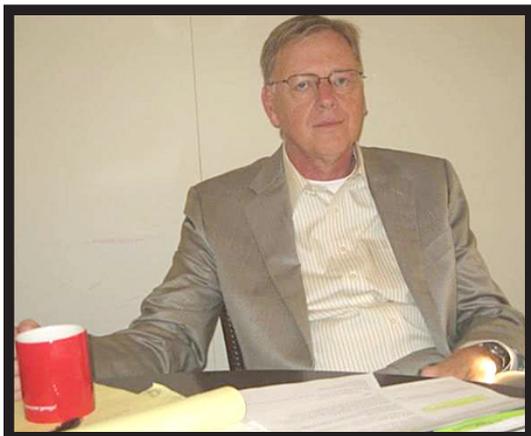
New IO Waiver services

The Ohio Department of Developmental Disabilities has received approval for new Individual Options services, which became effective on July 15.

The new services include Adult Family Living, Respite Care and Remote Monitoring. New state rules (5123:2-9-32; 5123:2-9-34; 5123:2-9-35) have been adopted.

For details, go to the Ohio Department of Developmental Disabilities web site (www.dodd.ohio.gov) and search for the IO Waiver Handbook and the rules section.

State Deputy Director named



Monty Kerr has been named the Deputy Director of the Ohio Department of Developmental Disabilities.

Mr. Kerr has served as a Superintendent for several years, with the unique experience of serving as Superintendent of three counties (Belmont, Harrison, and Noble) at the same time. He has over 35 years of service in the field.

Superintendent Morison indicated that he has "known Monty since the mid 70s and is confident that he will do an excellent job."

Mr. Kerr will serve as Deputy Director of the Office of Policy and Strategic Direction and areas under his supervision will include: Early Intervention/Children's programs, Autism Spectrum disorders, Positive Cultural Initiative, National Care Indicators (NCI), Dual Diagnosis and employment initiatives.

Best wishes to Deputy Director Kerr.

Down Syndrome Achieves Making Strides in Washington

To affect a political solution, you have to be seated at the table. That's why Down Syndrome Achieves Founder & CEO, Lito Ramirez, and DSA Legislative Advocate, Dean Fadel, met with Congressional leaders in July to help revive stalled efforts to increase federal funding for Down syndrome research which sits at a disappointing \$19M today. Both Lito Ramirez and Dean Fadel also serve on the Franklin County Board of Developmental Disabilities.

In a full day of closed-door meetings with key legislators, including Representatives Cathy McMorris-Rodgers (Co-chair, Congressional Down Syndrome Caucus) and Pat Tiberi (Member, House Ways & Means Committee), Ramirez and Fadel

discussed the need for a focused national legislative strategy for DS.

"In 2006, Congress slashed the DS federal research budget by \$6M, and we've been struggling with little success to catch-up ever since," said Ramirez. "Down syndrome has been out-funded, out-resourced, and out-advocated by other health and disease groups, which is why DS remains one of the least funded programs at NIH."

"At a time when others are seeing huge double-digit increases in federal



Lito Ramirez meets with Congressman Pat Tiberi to advocate for funding for Down Syndrome.

research spending, it's now more critical than ever to engage Congressional leaders in a more meaningful and substantive way so we can restore Down syndrome as a priority research field," Ramirez said.

Transportation consolidation

The FCBDD Transportation Department has consolidated from three to two transportation compounds effective August 1, 2011.

All routes from the South Compound have been moved to the East or West compounds. Marcy Samuel, Director of Program Operations stated that "this is one of many steps that will be taken to protect services to our consumers and jobs for our employees by increasing our efficiency. This will help to maintain the stability of our agency."

Marcy commended the Transportation Staff on how they handled the many details associated with this transition. Revised routes, parking issues and staff transfers have all been handled in a professional manner. For some, routes will be slightly longer, while others may be a bit shorter.

Congratulations to Paul Chenderlin and the Transportation Staff for making this possible.

Fall Recreation Fair is Coming Soon!

Mark your calendars for September 12, from 6-8:30 p.m., and join us at the Whetstone Park of Roses shelter house for the Fall Recreation Fair – an evening of fun and exciting opportunities with the recreation program.

The recreation fair is open to all adults who are registered with Franklin County Recreation. Participants will be able to learn about activities, ask questions, sign up for classes and events, and meet recreation staff and volunteers. The fair is an open house, so participants can come any time from 6-8:30 p.m.

A variety of activities will be offered, including classes, one-time events, Recreation Gala, Saturday bowling and dances. Sign-ups at the fair will be for fall quarter – October, November and December.

Franklin County Recreation sent calendars with activity information the last week of August. Participants can bring the calendars with them to the fair to help with signing up for activities. There is no sign-up form that is sent back to recreation.

Sign-ups at the Fall Recreation Fair will be on a first come, first choice basis. Current participants will need to attend the fair to sign up for activities or reserve a spot for bowling and the Gala.

Anyone who would like to attend the fair and is not currently enrolled in the recreation program may contact Franklin County Recreation and request an enrollment packet. Packets can be filled out and returned to the recreation office prior to the fair, or participants may bring completed forms with them to sign-ups.

Early Childhood Learning Community receives adaptive tricycles

By Pam Lett, Physical Therapist

“When opportunity knocks” you might find yourself at AMBUCS of Greene County.

I recently had the privilege of representing FCBDD at Build a Bike, to observe building and fitting adaptive tricycles by AMBUCS of Green County in Beavercreek, Ohio. The opportunity began innocently enough when I received a phone call from Joyce Peet, OTR, owner Therapy Connections, LLC, who relayed that the AMBUCS Tryke, intended for a student at ECLC was in - could I come pick it up, if the family could not? Before I could reveal my innate hesitancy, Joyce added that there would be a free Tryke in it for my school. Unabashedly admitting, “You had me at hello - it’s free.”

The Ohio AMBUCS are chapters of the National AMBUCS Organization, who are dedicated to creating mobility and independence through building ramps at homes, providing scholarships for therapy, and my personal favorite, providing AmTryke therapeutic tricycles to children with disabilities.

In the past, therapists at Early Childhood have partnered with AMBUCS in placing therapeutical tricycles in homes of preschoolers enrolled in Early Childhood. The tricycles are paid for through the donations of business partners and through community fundraisers. In this case, the closest chapter was in Green County. Our ECLC family was very excited to go the distance to receive Natalie’s Tryke. The expertise of the AMBUCS staff would be of benefit in a final fitting. Greenebucs is led by Gussie Jones, Public Education Manager. Gussie and her volunteers have been dedicated to educating the community at large, even as far as sponsoring an event in Virginia.

Gussie relayed that our family received the tricycle with much fanfare as Natalie rode her new red bicycle out among the cheers of family and friends. “It’s our Merry Christmas!”

For my follow-up, Gussie and Joyce donated a second Tryke for ages 12-

24 months. The benefit to our FCBDD agency is two fold - our children are offered a creative alternative to strength and coordination of the body due to the design of revolving hand and foot controls. Body awareness, motor planning and reflex integration have meaning when linked with visual attending and spatial relationships.

Now at ECLC, comments from our staff are often heard as “Lizzie is having so much fun”, “Tyler is pedaling - was that a wheelie?” The positive feedback of accomplishment helps build memory connecting with purpose. The connection linking cognition and emotion - further shapes behavior by providing internal feedback. And we at Early Childhood Education are the ones to catch the fun and wonder of better things to come.

Our huge thanks for 2 Training Trykes with push handles, 2 helmets, and 2 sets of wrist wraps. Placing mobility in any child’s home is only a phone call away.

Brian Cloppert Finds Success on Job

Editor’s note: Congratulations to Brian Cloppert, who has worked at The Ohio State University James Cancer Hospital since 2007. His success on the job sets a good example for others. The following article was written by Vernice Carsby, FCBDD Program Manager.

Brian Cloppert is a graduate of Upper Arlington High School as well as Franklin University where he studied Business Administration and Marketing. Brian has been receiving vocational services from FCBDD’s Job Placement Department since 2000.

He has been working at The Ohio State James Cancer Hospital as a supply coordinator since 2007. His duties include ordering supplies and restocking supplies on the designated floors in hospital. This job is high paced and complicated. Brian’s hobbies are watching television and surfing the internet. He is also a member of a group called Aspirations. This group empowers individuals with Autism and Aspergers Syndrome to focus on social relationships and emotional development.

When Brian was asked what fulfillment his job brings, he simply stated that his job helps him to relax and balance his life. His parents acknowledge that the on the job training and follow along supports from the Job Placement Department contribute to Brian’s long term success.



Special Olympics Summer Games



The Flyer athletes are: Anthony Meyer, Darryl Beckles, Oscar Goldsmith, Bryan Fox, Maurice Harris, Shane Gray, Kahlil Carter, Natasha Masser, Linda Marshall and Niki Taylor. They are posing with some of the police officers who were participants in the annual torch run.



At left is Franklin County Flyer athlete Malcolm Hardy on the medal stand.

Exciting Improvements Coming to Recreation Bowling

The Franklin County Recreation Program is committed to providing new and exciting activities in the evening and on weekends, while continuing to offer traditional activities such as bowling and dances.

We have received feedback from participants, parents, guardians, and provider staff regarding the current availability and future of bowling. We have listened, and in an effort to provide bowling options at different times in different areas of the county, bowling will have a new look in October.

Franklin County Recreation will provide bowling at two locations on Saturdays, in the morning and afternoon.

Recreation Bowling North will continue at Columbus Square Bowling Palace (Palace Lanes) from 9:00-11:00 a.m. Each game will cost \$2.00, and shoe rental is free. Bowlers may bowl up to three games.

Recreation Bowling South will be at Stardust Lanes in Grove City from

12:00-2:00 p.m. Games are \$2.25 each with free shoe rental. Bowlers at Stardust may bowl up to three games.

These changes will allow recreation to provide bowling three Saturdays per month at both the north and south bowling locations, and make better use of staffing resources for weekend activities.

A community activity will be available on Saturdays when bowling is not scheduled. For November and December, bowling will be offered two Saturdays, and community activities one Saturday, because of holiday weekends.

Franklin County Recreation would like to thank Sawmill Lanes for their support of recreation bowling. Because of scheduling conflicts, Sawmill Lanes is no longer able to offer bowling as it has in the past. Bowlers at Sawmill Lanes are encouraged to sign up for bowling at either Palace Lanes or Stardust Lanes for the fall quarter.

Sibling conference scheduled

Each year, the Ohio SIBS network conducts a conference for adult siblings of individuals who have disabilities. This year, the 11th annual conference will be on November 11-12, 2011 at the Columbus Marriott Airport Hotel.

To learn more about the conference or Ohio SIBS, visit their website at www.ohiosibs.com. It is an organization that encourages adults to be aware of information and resources to prepare and secure the future health and well-being of their sibling with a disability.

According to Superintendent Jed Morison, "Tom Fish, Dean Fadel and all involved with Ohio SIBS are doing a terrific job of helping siblings recognize the importance of being more aware. As many parents have said, with medical technology constantly improving, our adult child will need support and advocacy when we are gone."

For additional details on Ohio SIBS, call Michelle Truby at 614-571-4542.

School reorganization planned

Plans for the school programs call for the conversion of one of the FCBDD schools into a school that serves 14-22 year old students with a focus on transition to adulthood to be effective in September, 2014. Proposals will be requested for the other school, with the goal of establishing an inclusive program where children with and without disabilities learn together.

School plans have been communicated to all school districts in Franklin County. As this transition takes place, FCBDD schools will temporarily downsize student enrollment and emphasis will be placed on enrollment of older students. Staff numbers will also be reduced through an attrition program where staff vacancies are not filled.

Superintendent Morison indicated that these changes are driven by several factors. School districts are referring fewer students as they develop alternative programs in an

effort to maintain their students. We also see more and more parents who want a greater focus on transition, where we plan for the next phase of a students' life.

Finances are also a factor. Significant cuts, resulting from the recently passed State budget, require action now. "If we don't act now and plan for the long term, we will have a crisis in a few years that will require drastic cuts and layoffs."

Plans also call for more shared services with the school districts. The Board will request that school districts share in the "excess costs" for their students. Excess costs are those costs that exceed state reimbursement. School districts have been great partners in the past and continue to recognize that they are ultimately responsible for their students' education. Shared excess cost will begin in September, 2013.

As plans develop, additional alternatives will be considered. For example, FCBDD may offer to contract with school districts to have FCBDD staff serve as intervention specialists in their school buildings or some classes may be physically placed in school district buildings. Currently, Reynoldsburg and South-Western school districts provide classroom space and other supports to FCBDD classes placed in their school buildings.

Jack Brownley, Director of Schools and Special Programs, has been charged with the responsibility of making these changes. While full implementation will not be ready until 2013, student and staff changes have begun to allow time for FCBDD and school districts to make a smooth transition.

Staffing changes planned

Staffing changes are in process as the Board looks for ways to trim costs to meet long term budget targets.

Assuming the Board passes the replacement levy in November, it is clear that the Board must make these funds last through 2018. According to Superintendent Morison "this will require that we begin making staffing adjustments today."

One way this will be done is by allocating staff by department, rather than building. For example, in the past, each school or workshop filled staff positions if they were below their staffing ratios at their building. Now, staff and enrollment for **all** schools and **all** workshops will be evaluated when a staff vacancy occurs. If one building is below their allocated ratio and another is above the ratio, staff transfers will be made. Voluntary transfers will be preferred.

Buddy Walk

The 10th Annual Buddy Walk for Down Syndrome will be on September 18th at the Columbus Crew Stadium. For details, call the Down Syndrome Association of Central Ohio (DSACO) at 263-6020.



Direct Support Professionals event

The second Annual Direct Support Professionals recognition event will be held on September 15th from 10:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m. at Xenos, located at 1340 Community Park Drive in Columbus. For details, call 866-862-2322.

Good For You

Notable Achievements in the FCBDD Community

Dr. Joe Edwards, Director of Psychology, was recently recognized by Superintendent Jed Morison for his excellent service to the Board these past three years. Dr. Edwards resigned, effective July 31, 2011, to begin a consulting career.

Christine Brown, Self-Advocate, coordinated the July Central Ohio Self Determination Association meeting with State Director John Martin and Board Members Dean Fadel and Linda Craig in attendance. More attended this meeting than ever before, representing several central Ohio communities.

Congratulations to all the staff who have worked on the AIMS (Adult Information Management System) project. In August, members of the ARC Industries Board and FCBDD Staff celebrated completion of this system, which is now used daily to document habilitation and production information.

Congratulations to **Patrick Keenist** and **Andrea Drewyor**, recipients of the 2011 John Siebold Scholarship Awards. Patrick is the Psychology Assistant at ARC Industries North and Andrea is an Adapted Physical Education Instructor at West Central.



Leo Soboslai, kitchen supervisor for the Maynard Avenue United Methodist Church, congratulates **Steve Segal** for his 3rd year of volunteering at their Ohio State Fair dinner tent.

The **Columbus Board of Realtors Foundation** has awarded **Creative Housing** a \$5,000 grant for the purchase of high efficiency tank-less hot water heaters. The award will help supplement Creative Housing's Green Initiative Program. In the award, the Foundation Committee noted Creative Housing to be an "inspirational and forward thinking organization... we continue to be impressed by the work that Creative Housing does for developmentally disabled individuals in the Central Ohio community."

Career Milestones

35 years

**Mary Arthur
Debby Koons**

30 years

**Jeannie Brown
Homer Green
Lynn Watkins**

20 years

**Valerie Bowen
Mariann Brush
Laura Gambill
Greg Sorenson**

15 years

**Tammie Brindza
Todd Cheek
Kim O'Brien**

10 years

**Kimberly Ardit
Christopher Cooper
Suzanne Gates
Anita Milano-Gay
Marianne Patronite
Brian Turley
Johnnie Williams**

5 years

**Tiffany Banks
James Bay
Greig Brown
Diane Capretta
Penny Keyes**

Dateline apologizes to the following staff who reached milestones earlier this year and were not recognized. Congratulations to the following staff completing 15 years of service with FCBDD.

15 years

**Tracey Crawford
Scot Gassen
Diane Kaiser
Eric Vazquez
Patricia Wells
Letitia White**

Correction

Dateline apologies go out to **Adrienne Steece** for the misspelling of her name in the last issue. Congratulations again to **Adrienne** for the excellent work record at **The Ohio State University Hospital**.

PAR/ OSDA

Professionals, Advocates, Resources (PAR) and Ohio Self-Determination Association (OSDA) will join together in coordinating a conference on October 5-7 in Dublin, Ohio. For details, call 937-776-0502 or 614-679-0194.

The green spot by Jaime Graham

ARC Industries South remains committed to continue our green efforts. In 2010 ARC South recycled over 41,000 pounds of materials. It is our goal to increase and maintain the number of materials recycled for 2011.

ARC South is working closely with the ESD second shift janitorial crew to effectively reduce the energy used while they perform their nightly cleaning duties. The night crew leader has implemented a conservation plan to turn off specific electrical breakers throughout the shift as the crew finishes different parts of the building. This will cut energy output by up to 50% during the evening hours.

ARC South continues to bring recycling and green tips to the forefront for all employees in the facility through an in-house newsletter called *Shop Talk*, signage displayed around the building reminding others to recycle and plant meeting discussions on conservation. Habilitation activities are created by reusing cardboard and paper supplies. For example, our annual Fourth of July parade featured several floats made with repurposed materials. It goes to show that being green is both practical and fun!

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Information about the Franklin County Board of Developmental Disabilities

is always available on the internet at:

www.fcbdd.org

ADD Central opens

ADD, a local non profit that supports people with developmental disabilities, has opened ADD Central to expand supports and services to individuals.

The 42,000 square foot building is located at 350 East Wilson Bridge Road in Worthington.

Facilities include an Art Studio, Computer Lab, accessible teaching kitchen, nature themed 'green' room and garden, exercise room, lounge, café, fully accessible restrooms and more.

ADD has closed their building on West 3rd Avenue and merged the 'Addvantage Center' and 'Buckeye Connections' programs. Beginning in July, ADD adult day programming is referred to as 'AddVentures'!

To learn more about ADD, contact Megan Feeny at 614-607-7818.



Cathy Murray, receptionist at Add Central, invites you into the new building.

September, 2011 Calendar

- 1 Self-Advocate Advisory Council, 2879 Johnstown Rd., 10 a.m.
- 5 Labor Day
- 6 New Staff Orientation, 2879 Johnstown Rd., 9 a.m.
- 13 Franklin County Residential Services Board of Trustees meeting, 1021 Checkrein Ave., 11 a.m.
- 14 Goodwill Columbus Extraordinary People luncheon at Easton Hilton, 12 p.m.
- 15 Direct Support Professionals recognition event, Xenos, 1340 Community Park Drive, 10 a.m. to 3 p.m.
- 18 Buddy Walk, Columbus Crew Stadium
- 21 Family Support (formerly Parent League) meeting, 2879 Johnstown Rd., 9:30 a.m. Meeting is open to all family members.
- 22 FCBDD Finance and Human Resources Committees meeting, 2879 Johnstown Rd., 4 p.m.
- 22 FCBDD Board meeting, 2879 Johnstown Rd., 5 p.m.
- 26 ARC Industries Board of Trustees meeting, Fawcett Center, 11:30 a.m.

Community Star Awards Banquet



Wednesday, October 5, 2011

Villa Milano – 1630 Schrock Road

Social Hour (Cash Bar) – 5:30 – 6:30 p.m.

Lasagna Dinner & Awards Presentation – 6:30 – 8:30 p.m.

\$40.00 / Person • \$320.00 / Table of Eight

Join us for an opportunity to recognize some outstanding people who contribute to our community. Celebrate their achievements and visit with friends.

Sponsored by:

ARC Industries, Inc.; Association for the Developmentally Disabled; Citizens Committee for Persons with Developmental Disabilities; Creative Housing; Franklin County Board of Developmental Disabilities; Franklin County Residential Services; Goodwill Columbus; Nisonger Center

Star Awards Banquet

Please R.S.V.P. by Friday, September 23, 2011

Name(s): _____ Address: _____

(Please Print)

City: _____ State: _____ Zip: _____ Phone: _____

- Enclosed is **\$40.00** per person to help support Citizens Committee for Persons with Developmental Disabilities.
- Enclosed is **\$320.00** for a table of **eight (8)** to help support Citizens Committee for Persons with Developmental Disabilities.
- I cannot attend, however, I have enclosed a donation for this event.

Make checks payable to: Citizens Committee for Persons with DD

**Send to: Community Star Awards
c/o Citizens Committee for Persons with DD
2344 E. Fifth Avenue, Columbus, OH 43219**

Replacement Levy (Issue #22) Fact Sheet

The Franklin County Board of Developmental Disabilities has a replacement levy on the November 8, 2011 ballot. This levy will benefit children and adults in Franklin County who have mental retardation or other developmental disabilities. This levy maintains the same millage. A 3.5 mill levy will replace a 3.5 mill ten year levy that expires in 2012.

The Levy will Maintain Basic Services

Money raised by the levy will help maintain the basic services required by a growing number of people in Franklin County. These services include operation of:

- Early childhood classes for children ages birth to 6 years.
- Support for children who have multiple disabilities, ages 6 to 21 years.
- Support for adults providing job training, jobs and living skills training.
- Home-based training services for children who are medically unable to attend programs.
- Supported living and service coordination services for individuals and their families.
- Services for senior citizens who have mental retardation or other developmental disabilities.

Demand for Services Continues

- The number of individuals receiving services continues to increase at a rate of 4-5 percent per year.
- Many parents, in their 70s or 80s, are still caring for their disabled adult child at home and need our support.
- The number of children and adults receiving services has increased due to:
 - ◊ Increased awareness on the part of doctors, who can refer children with mental retardation or other developmental disabilities at birth.
 - ◊ Better medical technology.
 - ◊ Increased efforts to find children and adults who will benefit from programs.
 - ◊ Change in eligibility standards.
 - ◊ Growth in our community.

Getting Results

- The Board provides services for over 16,000 children and adults, many of whom have both mental retardation and physical disabilities.
- The Board has secured more federal dollars than any other county, helping to stretch local tax dollars.
- With the help of early intervention and preschool services, 90 percent of the children leaving preschool are able to go to a regular school rather than a special school.
- The Board provides services directly and contracts with many county agencies (e.g., Goodwill, Easter Seals, Nationwide Children's Hospital, Childhood League, Special Olympics) to deliver services efficiently.
- The Board has fulfilled previous commitments.
- With the help of supportive employment and placement services, many adults with developmental disabilities become less dependent on tax supported services, by acquiring jobs in our community.

What is the Cost?

- This 3.5 mill levy will replace a 3.5 mill levy that expires in 2012. Even though the new voted millage will be the same as the current levy, it is projected that the updated effective rate will provide some additional funds to allow for continued delivery of basic quality services to the children and adults of our community who have developmental disabilities.
- If the market value of a home is the same as it was in 2001, this replacement levy will not increase taxes. If the current value is less than in 2001, there will be a decrease in taxes and if the current value is greater than in 2001, there will be an increase.
- It is estimated that the majority will see an increase: For an owner of a \$100,000 house, the estimated additional cost will be less than \$27.00 per year or approximately \$2.25 per month.

Who is The Franklin County Board of Developmental Disabilities?

- The Board was created by Ohio Law in 1967 to provide services to individuals with mental retardation or other developmental disabilities. The name of the Board was changed in law from the Board of Mental Retardation and Developmental Disabilities (MRDD) to the Board of Developmental Disabilities in 2009.
- It is composed of:
 - ◊ Five members appointed by the County Commissioners.
 - ◊ Two members appointed by the Probate Judge.
 - ◊ At least three members must be parents or family members of individuals receiving or eligible for the services provided by the Board. Board members receive no compensation and volunteer their services.