Annual Report 2019

Franklin County Board of Developmental Disabilities

"Helping people to live, learn and work in our community"
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The Early Childhood Learning Community (ECLC) hosts ‘An evening with the Arts.’
Clearly, 2019, included one of the most significant changes in the history of the Franklin County Board of Developmental Disabilities.  It was the year that Adult Services operations transitioned to ARC Industries to comply with Ohio’s mandate to have 'conflict-free case management.' This transition became effective in January, 2019 and took place with no layoffs and no reduction in services thanks to the efforts of the Board and ARC Industries. The Board will continue to partner with ARC Industries and continues its support of all Medicaid funded home and community based services in Franklin County.

Services were provided or supported for over 20,000 children and adults in Franklin County. Close to 6000 individuals have Medicaid 'Waivers,' which provide funding for services in their home or community.

Quality early intervention, preschool and school services continued, with emphasis on individualized, person centered services.

The Service Coordination Department implemented a new state waiting list rule, which more accurately identifies and responds to those with the most pressing needs. In response to a state accreditation review, 30 additional Service Coordinator positions were filled to lower staff caseloads for more responsive services.

The Board maintained the discipline to provide services within budget and consistent with the levy commitment to stay off the ballot for any additional levy funds until 2028. By 2028, the Board will have provided services without any increase in levy collections for a total of 15 years.

The Board’s success would not be possible without the support of Franklin County Commissioners Kevin Boyce, Marilyn Brown and John O’Grady. Their encouragement and recognition of the value of these services result in quality services being provided in a cost-effective manner.

The 2020 year will include continued collaboration with valued community partner agencies and Providers as we work together to “help people to live, learn and work in our community.” Thanks to the residents of Franklin County, we can be very proud of how those who have developmental disabilities are supported. We continue to recognize that all people, regardless of ability, are valued and are contributing members of our communities.
John Bickley re-elected as President of the Board; Beth Savage, Vice President; and Marie Crawford, Secretary.

Staff continued to demonstrate leadership in the county with contributions to Combined Charities, Blood Drives, and Operation Feed. Staff contributions to Combined Charities led all other county government agencies, thanks to efforts of David Ott, Chair of Campaign, and his Department Coordinators.

Met or exceeded goals as outlined in the Board's Managing for Results Strategic Business Plan and fulfilled budget / levy commitments.

Probate Judge Montgomery appointed William Wilkins to the Board to be effective in January 2020 and re-appointed Beth Savage to another term on the Board.

Information Technology Department implemented or continued several initiatives to increase efficiency and improve communications and security.

Critty Buenconsejo appointed President of Creative Housing, Inc., replacing Patrick Rafter, who retired in January 2019.

Continued to support Franklin County Guardianship Services Board and provided required training for several hundred guardians.

Maintained / administered almost 6,000 Medicaid Waivers for individuals.

County Boards of Developmental Disabilities, in collaboration with the Ohio Department of Developmental Disabilities, Governor DeWine and the Ohio Legislature, supported wage increase for Direct Service Professionals (DSPs).

2019 Community Star Awards recognized fourteen outstanding individuals and organizations, including:

Kevin True, Adult Participant/Self-Advocate; Brandon Walker, Young Adult; Douglas & Phyllis Smith, Parent/Family Member; Cary Johnston - Shopworks Theater Company, Adult Services Staff; Patti Sanie-Banrey & Lion, School Staff; Park West & Rebecca Sharp, Executive Director - Provider Organization; Jean Gordon, Extraordinary Partner; George Barnette, Transportation Staff; Rozalyn Trego, Early Childhood Staff; Carmen Rhodes, Residential Staff; Anthony Hartley - ARC Industries, Management Staff; Cindy Moore, Support Services; Carey Humphreys, Service Coordination Staff; and Kroger, Employer.
• Board member Dean Fadel completed term as Board member after 13 years of leadership.

• Special Olympics programs supported over 300 Special Olympians at local and state events.

• Fiscal Department completed Cost Reports and issued bids and contracts for numerous projects and met budget requirements.

• Annual Self-Advocate Conference held, thanks to leadership of ARC Directors Linda Monroe and Karen Mills and Self-Advocate Advisory Council.

• Finished development of Technology Lab at West Central School to educate and encourage more use of Remote Supports and other technology to enhance safety and independence.

• Hired an additional 30 Service Coordinators to reduce ratios for Service Coordinators and enhance service delivery.

• Jeff Davis, appointed Director of the Ohio Department of Developmental Disabilities by Governor Mike DeWine, replacing John Martin.

• Continued trauma informed care training for staff and others.

• Maintained agreements with all 16 Franklin County School Districts to serve students referred.

• Transportation Department maintained good safety record and finalized transition for adults to vans, rather than school buses.

• Morgan Stanley/ Smith Barney again hosted annual golf fundraiser with all proceeds benefiting the FCBDD Special Olympics Program.

• Supported Project STIR (Steps Toward Independence and Responsibility) training in response to Self-Advocate Advisory Council.

• Early Childhood Education Department maintained 5-star rating (highest rating) for ‘Step Up to Quality’ from Ohio Department of Education.

• In partnership with Creative Housing, secured capital housing funds from the Ohio Department of Developmental Disabilities for people supported by Medicaid Waivers.

• Project Life, specialized class in collaboration with South-Western City Schools, established to encourage internships and transition to adulthood.

• Conducted HIPAA Privacy Audit.

• Marcy Samuel, Director of Program Operations retired after an exceptional career. (Marcy’s position was not filled to increase efficiency and help to stabilize long term funding.)
**Mission Statement**

The mission of the Franklin County Board of Developmental Disabilities is to provide programs, services, and supports to eligible children, adults, and their families so individuals with developmental disabilities can live, learn, and work in our community. Simply put, the Board is ‘**helping people to live, learn and work in our community**’.

**Services for Children**

Services for children include early childhood intervention and educational programs, home based services, school and special services for children ranging in age from birth to age twenty-two.

**Services for Adults**

Services for adults include vocational training, habilitation services, supported employment and services for senior citizens who have developmental disabilities.

**Specialized Services**

Specialized services include service coordination, supported living, family resources, psychological and behavioral services, transportation, recreation, Special Olympics and specialized therapeutic services for individuals of all ages who have developmental disabilities.

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**Interagency Collaboration**

The Board values its relationship with many organizations in the community. Below is a list of some of these organizations:

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<td>Franklin County Guardianship Services Board</td>
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For more details on the services provided by the Board, go to the Board’s website at: www.fcbdd.org
Consistent with the Board’s long term commitment to the community, receipts and expenditures are balanced with the Board’s Medicaid Stability Fund.
2019 Board Members

Franklin County Board of Developmental Disabilities

John Bickley, President
Beth Savage, Vice President
Marie Crawford, Secretary
Linda Craig
Dean Fadel
Renée Stein
Michael Underwood

Statistics

Enrollees:

At any one time, the Board supports over 11,000 children and adults who have developmental disabilities and their families. The youngest participant in programs was referred at birth and the most senior participant was 94 years old. Throughout the entire year, when including individuals who disenrolled from services or who are served through partnerships, over 20,000 individuals and family members are served.

Staff:

Staff statistics indicate that 79.4% of the staff are females and 16.4% are minorities. The Board employed over 650 full and part-time staff members, the majority of whom provided direct services or support to children and adults on a daily basis. Staff must be appropriately licensed or certified by the Ohio Department of Education, the Ohio Department of Developmental Disabilities, or the appropriate licensure authority.

Non-Discrimination Pledge:

The FCBDD does not discriminate in employment or services on the basis of race, color, creed, sex, national origin, age or disability.
Administration and other Departments

Administration
2879 Johnstown Road
Columbus, Ohio 43219
(614) 475-6440

Jed Morison,
Superintendent/CEO

Jack Brownley,
Director of Schools and Special Services

Gwynn Kinsel,
Legal Counsel

Larry Macintosh,
Director of Administrative Support Services

David Ott,
Director of Human Resources

Jennifer Schueneman,
Controller

Travis Sherick,
Director of Information Technology

Dot Yeager,
Chief Business Officer

Services for Children

Early Childhood Education and Family Center
2879 Johnstown Road
Columbus, Ohio 43219
(614) 475-0564
Director - Rebecca Love

Home Based Services
2879 Johnstown Road
Columbus, Ohio 43219
(614) 475-0564
Director – Rebecca Love

Early Childhood Learning Community
4141 Rudy Road
Columbus, Ohio 43214
(614) 451-6418
Director - Rebecca Love

West Central School
1481 W. Town Street
Columbus, Ohio 43223
(614) 276-8231
Principal – Dr. Maryalice Turner

Other / Special Services

Transportation Department
2879 Johnstown Road
Columbus, Ohio 43219
(614) 475-5910
Director of Transportation Operations - Bill Ryan
Compound Supervisor - James Leonard
Information Specialist/ Routing Manager - Brian Parks

Service Coordination
1600 Watermark Drive
Columbus, Ohio 43215
(614) 464-2743
Director – Lee Childs
Assistant Directors - Lindsay Holt, Mark Johnson, Jeff Pattison

Intake Services & MUI Department
1650 Watermark Drive
Columbus, Ohio 43215
(614) 464-2743
Intake Coordinator – Dotti Ellingsworth
MUI Coordinator – Chuck Davis

Special Olympics & Community Recreation Department
2879 Johnstown Road
Columbus, Ohio 43219
(614) 475-6440
Coordinator - Ryan Phillips

Psychology Department
2879 Johnstown Road
Columbus, Ohio 43219
(614) 475-6440
Director - Dr. Angela Ray

Quaran Gibbs, RA Horn Outstanding Student Achievement Award recipient.

Children and staff from ECEFC’s classroom 403 presented a generous contribution to Nationwide Children’s Hospital to help support children needing hospital services.
Thank you for your interest in the FCBDD 2019 Annual Report!
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