



# Annual Report 2020

## Franklin County Board of Developmental Disabilities

***"Helping people to live, learn and  
work in our community"***

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### Franklin County Board of Developmental Disabilities

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*Early Childhood Education uses outdoor learning environment to expand space to maintain safe physical distance due to COVID-19 pandemic.*

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# A message from our Board and Superintendent



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President



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FCBDD  
Superintendent/CEO

**The 2020 year was one we will never forget at the Franklin County Board of Developmental Disabilities.**

**In March 2020, programs shifted to virtual services due to the world-wide coronavirus (COVID-19) pandemic. All Early Childhood and School in-person classes were cancelled until the Fall of 2020 and most staff were required to work from home.**

**Face coverings/masks, social distancing, hand-washing, and new sanitizing protocols were emphasized. Restaurants and many stores were closed, supplies were limited and in some cases rationed. Staff, students, families and providers became more proficient, using technology to connect with people on platforms like Zoom or WebEx.**

**Thanks to Franklin County Commissioners John O'Grady, Kevin Boyce and Marilyn Brown, meetings were held daily, seven days a week, with elected officials and agency directors to problem solve next steps. The Governor and Health Director conducted daily press conferences; Board meetings were held virtually. Life shifted for everyone in a moment and there was no playbook or coaches manual to fall back on when questions arose.**

**The year also included an increased focus on social justice. The Board approved a resolution declaring racism as a public health crisis and additional equity efforts were initiated.**

**Despite the pandemic and sudden shift in everyone's lives, services continued. Personal protective equipment (PPE) became a priority, with particular emphasis on finding face masks, which were in short supply. Staff continued to provide excellent services, including shifts in Individual Service Plans for people who no longer could attend day programs so more in-home services were required. Special virtual activities were planned for students in partnership with families and virtual graduation exercises were held for graduates of West Central School.**

**Providers throughout Franklin County continued to meet needs in people's homes or in reduced enrollment day programs. The Board of Developmental Disabilities was able to assist with more funding to providers due to the Enhanced Federal Medical Percentage (EFMAP).**

**While the pandemic continues in 2021, there is a feeling of optimism that there is a light at the end of the tunnel. Vaccines have been approved and many individuals with developmental disabilities have been given priority consideration thanks to Ohio Department of Developmental Disabilities Director Jeff Davis and Governor DeWine.**

**The Board members and staff of the Franklin County Board of Developmental Disabilities look forward to a good year in 2021 and will continue our commitment to help those with developmental disabilities to safely "live, learn and work in our community." We look forward to the new normal when the pandemic ends.**

# 2020

- ◆ Beth Savage elected as President of the Board; Marie Crawford, Vice President; and Michael Underwood, 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. Special thanks to efforts of Dr. Angela Ray, chair of campaign, and her department coordinators.

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

- ◆ William W. Wilkins joined the Board in January 2020.



- ◆ Sold Advance Avenue and Checkrein buildings.

- ◆ Board passed a resolution endorsing Franklin County Commissioners and Franklin County Public Health declaration that racism is a public health crisis.

- ◆ Superintendent Morison served as Chair of Disability Committee for 2020 Census with support from Amy Magginis, Executive Assistant and Community Census Committee.



*Early Childhood Education Outdoor Learning Space*

- ◆ Information Technology Department implemented or continued several initiatives to increase efficiency and improve communications and security.
- ◆ Ohio Medicaid announced OhioRISE (Resilience through Integrated Systems and Excellence) for multi-system youth.



- ◆ ViaQuest finalized development of services for multi-system youth.



- ◆ 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).

- ◆ ARC Industries shifted from large congregate settings in workshops to smaller group service in PODS or individualized support services, including supported employment for many.



- ◆ Service Coordination provided leadership by establishing town hall meetings to open discussions on racism.

- ◆ Equity Committee, co-chaired by Gwynn Kinsel (left) and Becky Love (right), established to focus on reducing any forms of discrimination.





- ◆ Board member Renée Stein completed term as Board member after 12 years of leadership.



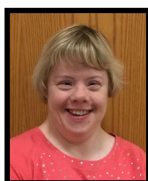
- ◆ Fiscal Department completed cost reports and issued bids and contracts for numerous projects and met budget requirements.

- ◆ Maintained agreements with all 16 Franklin County school districts to serve students referred.

- ◆ Transportation Department maintained good safety record and shifted to provide alternative services due to COVID-19.

- ◆ Maintained excellent school-age educational services at West Central School and at collaborative sites in the Reynoldsburg and South-Western school districts.

- ◆ Jennifer Cunningham continued to serve on Ohio Treasurer's STABLE Account Advisory Board.



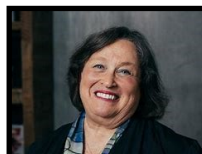
- ◆ In partnership with Creative Housing, secured capital housing funds from the Ohio Department of Developmental Disabilities for people supported by Medicaid waivers.
- ◆ Early Childhood Education Department maintained 5-star rating (highest rating) for 'Step Up to Quality' from Ohio Department of Education.



- ◆ Jean Williams, former Board member and strong parent advocate, passed away in April, 2020.



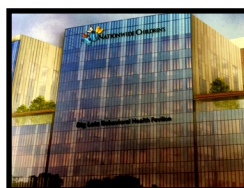
- ◆ Margie Pizzuti, President and CEO of Goodwill Columbus, announced retirement.



- ◆ Service Coordination Department completed waiting list project, completing assessments for over 10,000 individuals.

- ◆ Psychology staff provided direct assessments, therapy, consultations and trauma-informed timelines to almost 400 individuals.

- ◆ Nationwide Children's Hospital dedicated Behavioral Health Pavilion.

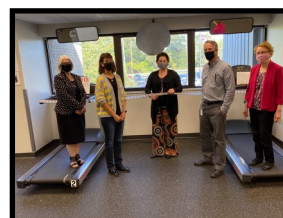


- ◆ Rita Price, former Columbus Dispatch reporter, hired as Communications Coordinator, effective in January, 2021.



- ◆ Dot Yeager, Chief Business Officer and Jennifer Schueneman, Controller, provided leadership to maintain financial stability, consistent with plan to stay off the ballot until 2028.

- ◆ Wellness Center for staff dedicated, thanks to donation of exercise equipment from United Healthcare.



- ◆ Self-Advocate Advisory Council and Family Support meetings continue virtually with Superintendent.

- ◆ Kerstin Sjoberg named Director of Disability Rights Ohio to replace retired Michael Kirkman.



- ◆ Continued trauma informed care training for staff and others.

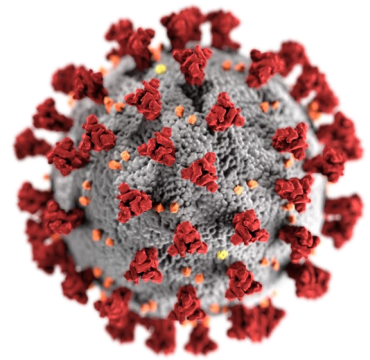
- ◆ Franklin County Special Olympics participated in Polar Plunge, raising more funds than any other organization.



- ◆ Jack Brownley, Director of Schools and Special Services, elected President of the Ohio Coalition for the Education of Children with Disabilities.

# COVID-19

*In 2020, the coronavirus/ COVID-19 pandemic began, impacting lives and services significantly for people throughout the world. The Franklin County Board of Developmental Disabilities, like others, had to re-prioritize and change the way services were delivered, with a focus on safety of individuals, family members, providers and staff. While the pandemic did not end in 2020, 2021 began with vaccines and a hope that the pandemic will end this year. Listed below are just some of the impacts due to the pandemic in 2020.*



Coronavirus/COVID-19 pandemic required a change to virtual services, rather than in-person services in March 2020 with most staff working remotely from home and with all staff focused on the safety of individuals served and fellow staff.

West Central implemented virtual graduation exercises, complete with personalized video, yard signs and television coverage.

Franklin County Special Olympics shifted to virtual services due to COVID-19 pandemic, including publication of "Boredom Buster" packets for athletes and coordination of a drive-thru banquet, to replace the annual sports banquet.



Columbus Center for Human Services established an emergency respite service for COVID-19 patients.



Ohio Department of Developmental Disabilities supported efforts to secure personal protective equipment, including an allocation of 80,000 facemasks for distribution to providers in Franklin County.

Preschools shifted to hybrid model when in-person services resumed, where half of students attend every week to maintain social/physical distancing.



Columbus Public Health and Franklin County Public Health Commissioners and staff provided excellent leadership in response to COVID-19 pandemic.



**Joe Mazzola,**  
Commissioner of  
Franklin County  
Public Health



**Dr. Mysheika Roberts,**  
Commissioner of  
Columbus Public  
Health



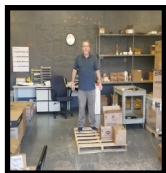
Franklin County Commissioners hosted daily meetings, beginning 7 days per week, to coordinate communications and county services due to COVID-19.



Annual Community Star Awards ceremony cancelled in 2020 due to COVID-19 pandemic.



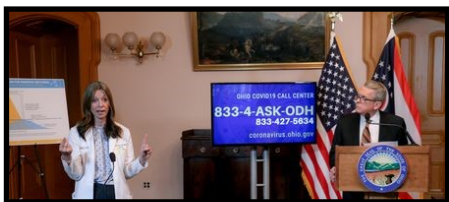
Amish family made and delivered several thousand adult and children's cloth masks.



Keith Ogle maintained storage and distribution center for masks, gloves, sanitizer and other protective equipment.

Franklin County Board provides additional funding to support providers during COVID-19 pandemic, utilizing funds saved due to EFMAP (Enhanced Federal Medical Assistance Percentage).

Governor DeWine and Dr. Amy Acton, Director of Ohio Department of Health, hosted daily and later weekly press conferences on COVID-19 pandemic.



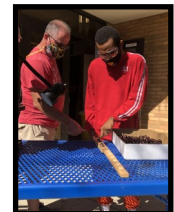
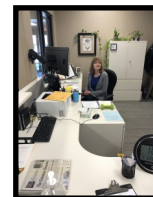
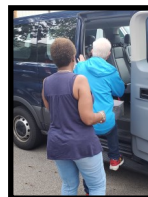
Larry Macintosh, Director of Administrative Services, and Joni Sparks, Assistant, provide leadership with vaccines, resources/information, special contracts and partnerships with providers to adapt to COVID-19 pandemic.

Technology Department provided outstanding support to staff and families with additional laptops and virtual technology options, including WebEx and Zoom, to allow for enhanced communication during COVID-19 pandemic.



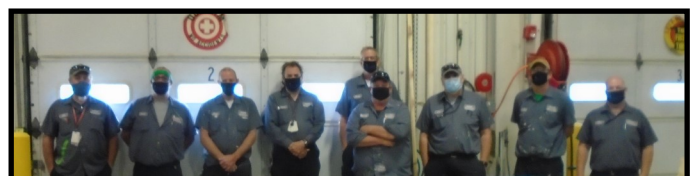
Ohio Department of Education provided grant to allow purchase of additional computers or technology to help families communicate during pandemic.

Staff responded professionally and creatively to COVID-19 pandemic, with acquisition of personal protective equipment (PPE), development of sanitization and safety protocols, vaccine distribution, social/physical distancing, provider support, return to in-person services, revision of Individual Service Plans, signage, installation of plexiglass barriers and more.



Jack Brownley served as liaison to Emergency Management Agency during pandemic and with Transportation Department collaborated to provide assistance with delivery of protective equipment for COVID-19.

Maintenance Department continued to provide excellent services, including response to Pandemic with building sanitization and safety provisions, design and installation of plexiglass barriers, wall thermometers, etc.



# Review of Services

## 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 22.

## Services for Adults

Services for adults include vocational training, habilitation services, supported employment and services for senior citizens who have developmental disabilities. These services are provided in partnership with adult providers in the community.

## 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. Residential/housing services are also provided in partnership with providers throughout the community.



## Interagency Collaboration

The Board values its relationship with many organizations in the community.

Below is a list of some of these organizations:

Action for Children	Franklin County Board of Alcohol, Drug and Mental Health Services (ADAMH)	Heinzerling Memorial Foundation
Add (Association for the Developmentally Disabled)	Franklin County Children's Cabinet	Help Me Grow
ARC Industries, Inc. and adult providers	Franklin County Children Services	Heritage Day Health Centers
Boundless, Inc.	Franklin County Department of Job and Family Services	Jewish Community Center
Childhood League	Franklin County Family and Children's First Council	Life Town/ OSU Chabad House
Children's Center for Developmental Enrichment (Oakstone Academy)	Franklin County Guardianship Services Board	Nationwide Children's Hospital
Columbus Metropolitan Library	Franklin County School Districts	Nisonger Center - O.S.U.
Columbus City Schools	Franklin Management Resources, Inc.	O.S.U. College of Education
Creative Housing, Inc.	Furniture Bank of Central Ohio	Supported Living Providers
Easter Seals of Central & Southeast Ohio, Inc.	Goodwill Columbus	The Learning Spectrum
Epilepsy Foundation	Headstart	YMCA

For more details on the services provided by the Board,  
go to the Board's website at:

[www.fcbdd.org](http://www.fcbdd.org)



# Franklin County Board of Developmental Disabilities

## Financial data for the year ended December 31, 2020

### Receipts:

#### Local:

Tax levy	\$175,691,974
Active treatment	1,068,373
Student services	1,795,385
Sale of real property	1,415,211
Sale of personal property	93,914
Insurance reimbursements	6,440
Grants, gifts and donations	27,617
Other, including rental of real estate	1,462,853

#### State:

Ohio Department of Taxation:	
Other tax based reimbursements	18,048,057
Ohio Department of Education:	
Preschool	1,355,751
School-Age	2,775,188
Transportation	288,231
Ohio Department of Developmental Disabilities:	
Other	15,075
DODD Reconciliation - DSP Match	5,136,388
Reconciliation of prior year match	5,546,130

#### Federal:

Adult day supports	2,836,693
Targeted case management	7,899,144
Title XX	773,212
Department of Education	319,642
Medicaid administrative claiming	1,971,996
School lunch	<u>15,512</u>

#### Total receipts

**\$228,542,786**

### Disbursements:

Personal services	\$ 39,236,947
Fringe benefits	21,580,564
Social Services	135,230,245
Services and materials	11,854,813
Capital outlay	<u>242,128</u>

#### Total disbursements

**\$ 208,144,697**

Consistent with the Board's long term commitment to the community, receipts and expenditures  
are balanced with the Board's Medicaid Stability Fund.

# 2020 Board Members

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## 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 95 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 79.9% of the staff are females and 15.5% are minorities. The Board employed over 640 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.



*David Ott, FCBDD Human Resources Director and 2019 Combined Charitable Campaign Chair receives recognition for agency success in campaign.*



*West Central uses outdoor space for specialized therapy.*



*Special Olympics creates FAN Nights to continue services throughout the pandemic.*

# Directory

## 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

**Rita Price**  
Communications Coordinator

**Jennifer Schueneman,**  
Controller

**Travis Sherick,**  
Director of Information Technology

**Dot Yeager,**  
Chief Business Officer



Anne Russell (left) and Charisse Crump (right), represented FCBDD at the Black History celebration at the Court House.

## 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**



West Central staff and students utilized outdoor space to safely practice yoga.



Early Childhood Education programs used outdoor learning environments to maximize space for greater social/physical distance.

## 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**

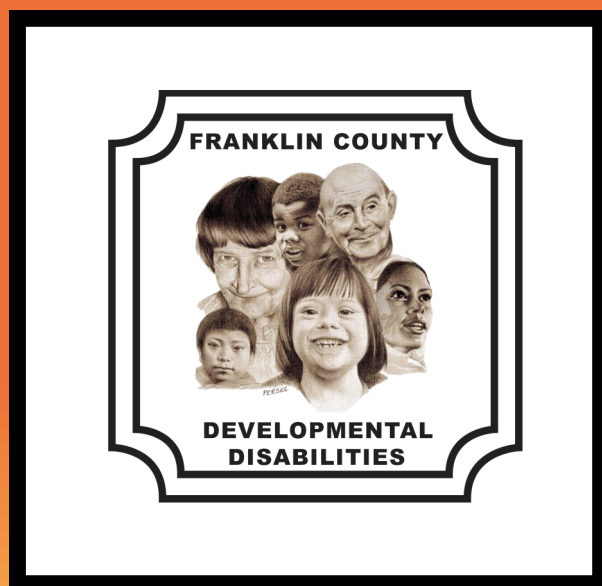


Special Olympics outdoor banquet team: Megan Bender, Ryan Phillips, Andrea Stonebraker, Tim Brock, and Mike Butchko.

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