

Franklin County Board of Developmental Disabilities



Annual Report 2021



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

Our Mission:

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The Franklin County Board of Developmental Disabilities provides services, supports and advocacy for people with developmental disabilities of all ages, from birth through the end of their lives. We offer resources to families, promote communitywide inclusion and carefully oversee public funding. Our reach and our work are vast:

We are an early childhood system, providing early identification, intervention and prevention services.

We are an education system, partnering with local school districts and providing special education programs, including a transition-focused school for older students.

We are a support system, providing case management and access to vocational habilitation, adult day programs, employment services and residential placement.

We are a 24/7 monitoring system, responsible for investigating allegations of abuse, neglect or other unusual incidents.

We are a family resource system, striving to give families the information and support they need to stay happy and healthy together.

We are a community partner, providing funding and working alongside more than 100 disability-services organizations to help meet the needs of Franklin County residents with developmental disabilities.



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A message from our board and superintendent

The coronavirus pandemic did not recede in 2021 as we all had hoped. But in our second year, we knew a lot more about how to live and work as safely as possible amid COVID-19.

Thanks to our dedicated employees, community partners and families, the Franklin County Board of Developmental Disabilities maintained operations without interruption. We are thankful for the support and guidance of Franklin County Commissioners Kevin Boyce, Erica Crawley and John O'Grady, who understand the importance of our services.

We're especially proud to have teamed up with state and local health officials to coordinate a massive outreach effort that helped thousands of people with disabilities and their support staff receive the COVID-19 vaccine. Though immunization is not fully effective in preventing infection, it has proved crucial to saving lives among the vulnerable population we serve.

Our Early Childhood and School-age programs stayed open for in-person instruction and our buses kept rolling. As one of our school nurses noted, young people with disabilities generally don't learn as well virtually. "And no one wants to live in a bubble," she said.

Adult employment, community, residential and home-based programs operated by partner agencies served as many people as they could while navigating not only a pandemic but also a serious, and ongoing, workforce shortage. The commitment shown by direct-support professionals in 2021 was nothing short of heroic. We're so grateful for their efforts to ensure that people with developmental disabilities have the support they need to thrive.

FCBDD continued to advocate for policies to increase wages for DSPs. We also launched a new "Connector" program to make it easier for families and providers to find each other.

As the pilot county for the new Ohio Individual Service Plan, Franklin was the first to begin rolling out the dramatically redesigned plan, which will standardize the ISP format across the state.

The guiding goal is to create a person-centered plan that focuses on strengths, abilities and dreams, not limitations. That has long been our commitment here at the Franklin County Board of Developmental Disabilities, where we help people of all ages live, learn and work in our community.



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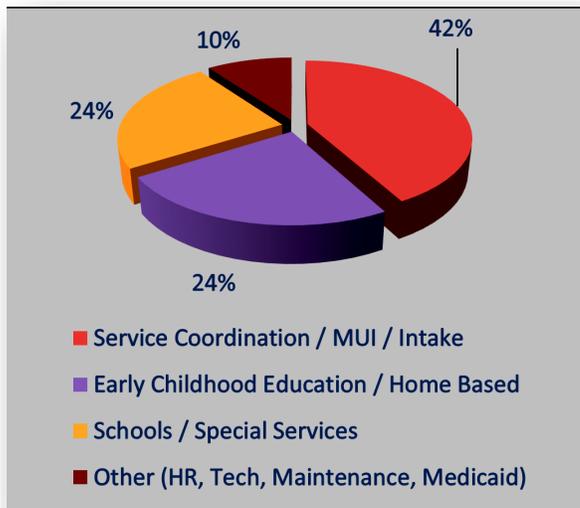


Jed Morison, FCBDD
Superintendent/CEO

Staff and Community Partners

Our staff

The Franklin County Board of Developmental Disabilities is a major employer in the community, with **650 staff members** in a variety of service areas. We are an equal opportunity employer and we honor our non-discrimination pledge. About **78% of our staff are women** and **18% are minorities**.



Our Community Partners



The Franklin County Board of Developmental Disabilities collaborates with many **public and private organizations** to deliver a broad array of services. We work with nonprofit agencies, major health-care systems, colleges and universities, area businesses and independent providers of disability services. In 2021, we contracted for nearly **\$56 million in services** from our community partners, including ARC Industries, Creative Housing, Easterseals, Goodwill Columbus, Hattie Larlham, I Am Boundless, the Ohio State University Nisonger Center and many more.

We also **advocated for direct-support professionals**, who provide care and support so that people with developmental disabilities can live as they choose.

There were more than **920 disability-services providers doing business in Franklin County** during 2021, with more than half of them independent workers. More than **300 are agency providers**.



Our agency marked plenty of milestones in 2021, from welcoming new board members and employees to launching new efforts to help families find support providers. We worked to promote life-saving vaccines, cheered our graduates, rolled out a bold new way to write service plans and so much more:



Long-time board member Renee Stein left in January due to term limits and was succeeded by **Samuel Davis**. Like Stein, Davis, – a father of two – fulfills a state requirement that developmental disabilities boards include a parent with at least one child eligible for services. Or, as Davis puts it: **“I live the life. This is the only board that I’ve pursued and tried to become a part of. It means that much.”**

In March, we marked one year of the coronavirus pandemic with a special edition of our *Dateline* newsletter that honored lives lost in the disabilities community and noted the extraordinary efforts by staff to maintain care and service. **“No one deserves to be alone, especially not during this time,”** said FCBDD Service Coordinator **Aileen Burnside**. **“I won’t allow it.”** Burnside was honored in 2021 by APSI (Advocacy & Protective Services, Inc.) for lifetime achievement in advocacy for people with developmental disabilities.

Early in the year, staff in the Service Coordination and Administrative and Support Services departments at FCBDD partnered with Franklin County Public Health, Columbus Public Health and Nationwide Children’s Hospital to coordinate COVID-19 vaccine clinics in for thousands of people with disabilities and their support staff. We’re proud that our state and local health officials made the disability community a priority.



West Central School and Transition Services celebrated the **Class of 2021** with a hybrid event in May that featured a professionally-recorded graduation ceremony, photos, yard signs and keepsake video. The gym wasn’t full, but each student had the chance to cross the stage in front of a few family members.



Our **Equity Committee** offered training to staff and maintained an informative presence on the intranet as we worked to raise diversity and equity awareness. In addition to developing a diversity library, the **Early Childhood Education** program has embraced a philosophy of becoming comfortable with uncomfortable conversations.

To help providers maintain services, FCBDD delivered one-time pandemic relief payments to assist with workforce shortages, personal-protective equipment and other needs. Thanks to increased federal funding for Medicaid services, more than \$5 million in pandemic relief funds have been issued so far.



FCBDD employees showed their generosity to community members in need by raising more than \$57,000 for the Franklin County Combined Charitable Campaign. Once again, FCBDD led all county agencies in the annual fundraising event that ended in November.



The new **“Connector”** program kicked off in June to help link people in need of services with available agency and independent providers. To participate, families and providers each submit profiles that are maintained by FCBDD.

FCBDD became the first in the state to begin using the new Ohio Individual Service Plan for people whose plans had start dates in the autumn or later. By late 2023, all 88 counties are expected to have shifted to the OhioISP.



2021

Review of Services

Support for children and adults of all ages



In 2021, the Franklin County Board of Developmental Disabilities served an average of **11,887** children and adults each day. Over the course of the year, including people who disenroll or who receive services through our community partnerships, that number tops **20,000** individuals and family members. The youngest are **infants** and the oldest are **senior citizens**.

Birth-2	6%
3-5	13%
6-21	37%
22-30	14%
31-40	11%
41-50	7%
51-64	8%
65+	4%

Enrollment by type of service

People received support in multiple ways, from the early-intervention services delivered to our youngest children to employment support for adults. Individuals are counted in each area in which they receive services. The unduplicated total on Dec. 31, 2021, was **12,328**.



Services for children	Services for adults (facility)	Employment supports	Transportation services	Service coordination	Family supports
2,303	2,601	1,269	1,945	8,624	1,211



Medicaid home and community-based services

Medicaid waivers allow people with developmental disabilities to receive services and support in their homes and communities instead of residential care facilities. The federal government pays the largest share of waiver costs, with local and state agencies providing match funds. During the 2021 state fiscal year, the Franklin County Board of Developmental Disabilities had **5,691** people enrolled in the waiver program. **Franklin County residents** received **\$335 million** in services at a cost of just **\$72 million** to Franklin County property taxpayers.

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Financial data for the year ended December 31, 2021

Receipts:

Levy and Other Local:

Tax levy	\$177,983,980
Active Treatment	766,506
Student services	1,344,554
Sale of personal property	26,935
Insurance reimbursements	8,040
Grants, gifts and donations	5,219
Other, including rental of real estate	1,401,989
Other tax based reimbursements:	
Ohio Department of Taxation	17,693,666

State: Ohio Department of Education:

Preschool	1,840,054
School-Age	2,392,364
Transportation	435,821

Ohio Department of Developmental Disabilities:

Other	40,044
DODD Reconciliation - DSP Match	2,288,234
Day Services Reconciliation	27,290,236
Reconciliation of prior year match	6,662,611

Federal:

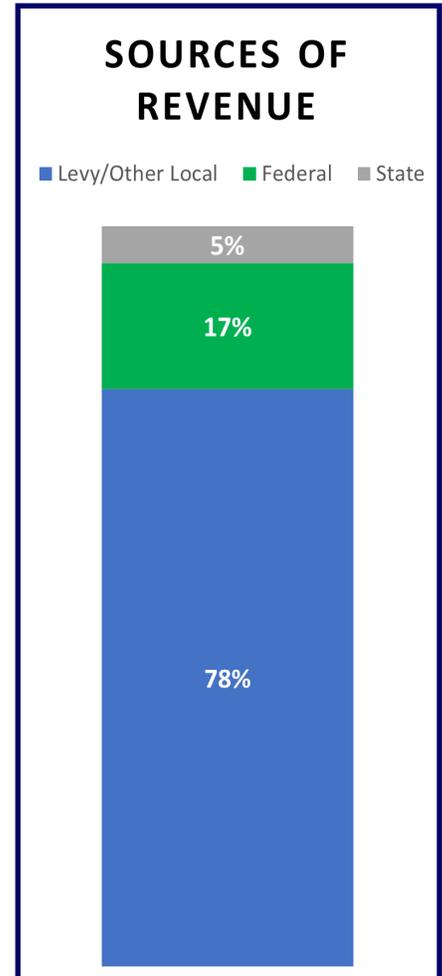
Adult day supports	1,731,634
Targeted Case Management	9,586,647
Title XX	773,296
Department of Education	286,775
Department of Education COVID grants	119,550
Medicaid Administrative Claiming	2,221,858
School lunch	29,706

Total receipts \$254,929,719

Disbursements:

Personal services	\$ 39,053,283
Fringe benefits	20,575,010
Social Services	155,633,465
Services and materials	10,757,996
Capital outlay	110,670

Total disbursements \$ 226,130,424



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

Directory

Administration and other Departments

Administration

2879 Johnstown Road
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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

Services for Children

Early Childhood Education and Family Center

2879 Johnstown Road
Columbus, Ohio 43219
(614) 475-0564
Director - **Rebecca Love**

Home Based Services

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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

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Director - **Dr. Angela Ray**



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