

## Legislative Advocacy Day Successful

The Legislative Advocacy Day, held on March 31, 2023 was a huge success thanks to the efforts of Christine Brown and the Self-Advocate Advisory Council of the Franklin County Board of Developmental Disabilities (FCBDD). Four State Senators, four Ohio House State Representatives, the Director of the Ohio Department of Developmental Disabilities, FCBDD Board members and the heads of several state associations joined over 150 individuals to listen to suggestions from people with developmental disabilities, family members and staff.

Topics discussed included wages for Direct Service Professionals (DSPs), Medicaid Buy-In, barriers to marriage for people with disabilities, need for adult changing tables in public places, transportation and much more. Special thanks to ARC Industries and the Ohio Self Determination Association (OSDA) for co-sponsoring the event with FCBDD and a very special thanks to the staff at Bixby Center for hosting. It was a fitting way to end DD Awareness Month!

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