

Fayette County Board of Developmental Disabilities 2012 Annual Report



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Our Mission: “We offer quality programs and coordinate available services so that individuals we serve may realize their dreams and actively contribute to their community.”

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Open Letter to Fayette County Citizens,

I am pleased to introduce the Annual Report for 2012. This year was especially significant for a variety of reasons. First, it is the 45th Anniversary of the Fayette County Board of Developmental Disabilities, which started as a school for 8 children at the First Presbyterian Church on Market Street. Since that time, The Board has grown to serve over 250 children and adults. You the tax-payers, have been extremely supportive of programs and services which have changed dramatically over the years; as we learned more about individual abilities versus their disabilities. We also learned that when people are given the correct kind of support and opportunities, they can be productive contributors to the community and help stimulate the economy.

Secondly, voters overwhelmingly approved a replacement levy with a requested reduction from 2 mills to 1.5 mills. The Board continues to be good stewards of public dollars and is continually looking for ways to save money. For example, sharing services between the Highland County and Fayette County Boards of Developmental Disabilities resulted in a net cost savings of approximately \$70,000. However, sharing services is not the only way the Board looks to save money. Specifically, Fayette County was selected to participate in the Tele-Psychiatry pilot project funded by a grant through the Wright State University. The project is designed to assist individuals with mental health issues to access psychiatric services through the use of technology resulting in significant savings for the County Board.

2012 was a fantastic year for the Fayette County Board of DD – staff continued to provide outstanding services to people, manage costs, and ultimately help people become “The Best Version of Themselves.”

Sincerely,

Fred L. Williams, Superintendent

Early Childhood Services

Early Intervention services are for children with at least one delay from birth to 3 years old. We have both center and home-based intervention services. Children receive home-based services an average of once a month and come to the center for programming one half day a week. This includes our children who are medically fragile and in need of service. Fayette County Early Intervention works collaboratively with Help Me Grow to ensure that all children receive timely and thorough assessments and service. In 2012, Early Intervention served 42 children.



The Preschool continues to use the Creative Curriculum which conforms to the Ohio Early Learning Content Standards. This year we began preparing for the new birth – third grade standards and the new Step Up To Quality licensure process which will go into effect in 2015. We continue to work with Miami Trace, Washington



Court House, and the Ohio Department of Education in providing assessment and documentation of children’s progress. Fayette County is working collaboratively to ensure that all early initiative programs are in compliance with the new Early Content Standards.

Preschool continues to offer half day programming in order to serve more children and we are bursting at the seams! In 2012-13, we served a total of 96 children; 48 children with disabilities and 48 preschool pals. In May 2013 we held a preschool graduation and graduated 33 children from our program.

In 2012, a grant was written and obtained from United Way. This money enabled us to purchase IPADS for use in our classrooms. We worked with the technology department of Hopewell Center to ensure that the IPADS have the apps in place that will best serve the needs of our children.

Service and Support Administration

The Service and Support

Administration department provides service coordination to eligible persons 3 years of age and older and served nearly 150 people in 2012. We continued our commitment of ensuring that people receive services that enhance their quality of lives while promoting individual choice. This is accomplished through services that we provide that include but are not limited to assessment, services planning, referral,



linkage, and monitored services. Through Service and Support Administration, we connect people to services offered by the Fayette County Board of DD and other agencies and services. We are also responsible for Intake and Eligibility.

This year we continued to enroll persons attending day programming with the County Board or with private providers on Level 1 Waivers, to reduce costs for the County Board. Some of these Level 1 Waivers allowed for needed services to be provided in a person's home and community. Additional Individual Options Waivers were added to respond to health and safety needs for children and adults. In 2012, the Self-Empowered Life Funding (SELF) Waiver was also added. This waiver allows a person to be more involved in the self-direction of their services. Also in 2012, we were notified that the Transitions Developmental Disability (TDD) Waiver would be moved to the DD system. This went into effect January 1, 2013, with a total of 6 people for Fayette County. The Service and Support Administrators administered 97 total waivers.

The Service and Support Administration also assists with the coordination of Residential Services. In Fayette County, Waiver funding can assist with staff supports in a person's family home or in their own home. The County Board partners with Fayette Metropolitan Housing Authority to purchase homes. The Housing Authority currently owns 10 homes.



Adult Services

Fayette Progressive Industries

(FPI) provided programming to 97 adults and students in 2012. FPI also continued to expand opportunities for individuals to work at community sites within Fayette County. 70% of adult enrollees worked at least part-time or directly for 18 locations within the county. Fayette County also began participating in the Bridges to Transition program. This program is designed to allow students age 14-22 to participate in vocational opportunities and summer work experiences.



Double Play Sports continued to be a success. This business venture offers sporting goods and baseball/softball cages to the Fayette County community.

The workshop also continued to offer different habilitation activities. The Low Work Emphasis (LWE) and Seniors programs served 19 individuals. Programming focused on skill development, daily life skills, socialization, and recreation.

Individuals had opportunities to participate in several local and out of town activities. These



activities included a train ride on the Hockey Valley Scenic Railroad, LaComedia Dinner Theatre in Springboro, a Columbus Clippers baseball game, COSI, Dayton Air Force Museum, Columbus Zoo, Coney Island Amusement Park, the Newport Aquarium and a riverboat trip in Newport, KY to name a few. Individuals also enjoyed eating at many restaurants throughout the area. Also in 2012, Fayette Progressive Industries partnered with the Fayette County YMCA to provide exercise classes as well as the OSU Extension Office to provide nutrition classes.

Adults have formed a self-advocacy group. This group's focus is to help individuals gain skills in order for them to speak up for themselves, become leaders, and become more actively involved in their community. This group attended the DD Awareness and Advocacy Day at the Ohio State House in Columbus. The group listened to speakers and met with representatives to discuss the importance self-advocacy.

Operations

The Transportation department transported 63 adults to adult day programming and 51 students to preschool classes for a total of 78,932 traveled miles. In addition, the transportation department logged 1,771 miles transporting individuals from Fayette Progressive School to field trips throughout the area as well as Special Olympic Athletes to event locations in Ohio. Special Trips included the Columbus Zoo, Lohstroh Pumpkin Farm, Le Ella Lanes, and Star Cinema in Hillsboro.



In 2012 the position of Bus Captain became a paid position for an adult individual trained to assist the bus driver while on route. In October, Bus Drivers and Bus Captains received emergency training from the local fire department. The training provided instruction on how to safely evacuate adults and children in wheelchairs from a bus in case of an emergency.



Special Olympics

The Dragons participated in a variety of sports in 2012. Our athletes comprised of adults and students participated in Traditional Basketball, Unified Volleyball, Unified Softball and Cheerleading. The Dragons had a very successful year bringing home State Championships in Unified Volleyball and Unified Softball. The Dragons Basketball team finished State Runner-Up. The Special Olympics program would not be a success without all of the volunteers and community support. Thank you Fayette County!



2012 Fiscal Data

Revenue

County Tax Levies	\$2,135,578
Department of DD	\$ 116,489
Department of Education	\$194, 029
Federal Programs	
Title XIX Target Case Mgmt	\$286, 510
Title XIX HCBS Waivers	\$455,385
Title XX Social Services (except transportation)	\$28,591
MAC(RMTS)	<u>\$91,494</u>
Total Federal Programs	\$861,980
Other Revenues	
Donations	\$1,750
Refunds	\$5,859
Other	<u>\$92,144</u>
Total Other Revenues	\$99,753
2012 TOTAL REVENUE	\$3,407,829

Expenses	
Salaries	\$1,497,307
Supplies	\$30,608
Other Expenses	\$102,863
Contract Services	\$157,983
Repairs/Maint – ECFC	\$17,633
Repairs/Maint – FPI	\$11,772
Travel	\$9,871
Equipment	\$24,850
Contingency	\$57,298
Help Me Grow	\$22,500
Capital Improvements	\$34,431
Bus/Van Repair & Maint	\$66,706
PERS	\$200,993
Medicare Tax	\$21,159
Workers Compensation	\$32,936
STRS	\$25,878
Health Insurance	\$477,763
Family Support Services	\$18,627
Expenses – Residential Services	\$253,028
Utilities	<u>\$57,724</u>
2012 TOTAL EXPENSES	\$3,121,299

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