

Fayette County Board of Developmental Disabilities 2016 Annual Report



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

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Welcome to the 2016 Annual Report,

March is DD Awareness month and I can think of no better way to celebrate than to share all of the exciting things we have accomplished this year for those we serve.

Our work at the Fayette County Board of DD is highly specialized, performed by creative, compassionate and dedicated employees for a population whose hidden talents are often unseen.

This report may surprise you. Did you know that 70% of the adults being served at Fayette Progressive Industries work at least part-time for 22 locations in the county! Did you know that 82 children under the age of 3 receive our early intervention services and 89 children attend our preschool program!

Did you know that our Service and Supports (SSA) department received the prestigious Coordinating Center of Excellence (CCOE) Award from Wright State University for the work being done for individuals with both a mental illness as well as a developmental disability.

All of this great work you will read about in this annual report would not be possible without the support of the tax payers of Fayette County. From all of us, to all of you, thank you!

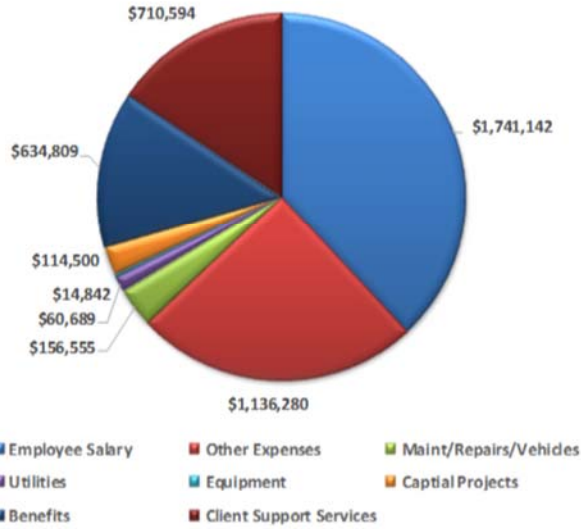


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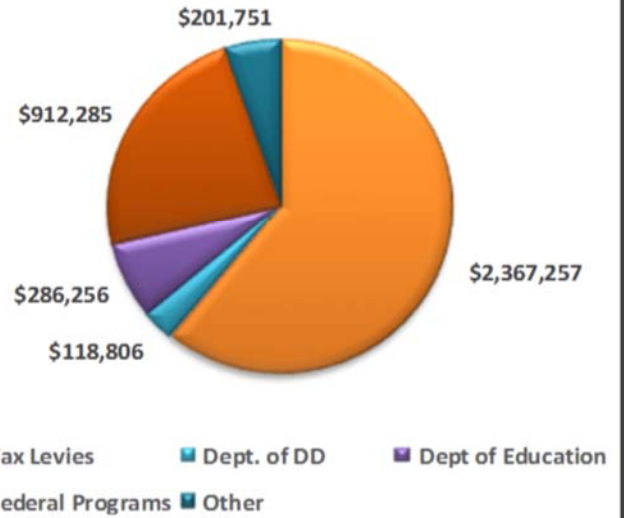
"I can do things you cannot, you can do things I cannot; together we can do great things." Mother Teresa

Fiscal Data

2016 Expenses



2016 Revenue



Special Olympics

The Fayette County Dragons participated in a variety of sports in 2016. Our athletes, comprised of adults and students, participated in Traditional Basketball, Unified Softball, Bowling, Track and Field, and Cheerleading. For the first time, we had enough athletes participating to have two basketball teams and two unified softball teams! Special Olympics con-



Some of our athletes were able to absorb football skills from the Ohio State University football players!

tinues to grow more and more year after year. We had a very successful fundraiser Basketball game against the coaches from both Trace and Court House. We had a 9/11 tribute softball dime a dog game against the local fire and police department, and held our first game against Highland county for a traveling trophy. The Adult Basketball team placed 4th in the state and our softball teams placed 1st in two out of the three tournaments this year. We look forward to another great year in 2017!



Coaches/Dragons Basketball game

Adult Services

Fayette Progressive Industries (FPI) provided programming to 103 adults in 2016. 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 22 locations within the county. Fayette County continued 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. Assessment sites for the Summer Youth program were The Club at Quail Run, Signature Health Care, Frisch's, Doug Marine Motors, Burger King, Court House Manor, Life Pregnancy Center, and Grace Daycare.



The Club at Quail Run was one business who provided Summer Work experience in 2016



Tim received the Homer Award while employed at Home Depot in 2016

The Fayette County Advocacy group continued to meet monthly to help individuals gain skills, the confidence to speak up for themselves, develop into leaders, and become more actively involved in their community. FACT attended a regional, (14 counties) monthly advocacy meeting learning self-defense, first-aid, and how to handle an active shooter situation. In 2016, the group attended the DD Awareness and Advocacy Day to share "Their Story" and express concerns over certain bills that were to be passed, with their respective legislators. The group left feeling more empowered due to the opportunity to share "their story". Some of the group attended the Synergy Conference in Columbus Ohio, gaining knowledge and experiences that will help empower the advocates to speak out for themselves. The "Oh What A Night" Gala at the State House, sponsored by Best Buddies, was attended by Fayette County Advocates. They met other advocates from across the state, made new friends and danced the night away.

The Next Chapter Book Club started in November of 2016.

The book club was held once a month at the Carnegie Public Library. The group started with 4 members and two facilitators.

The Community First division held a Spring and Fall SALT (School to Adult Life Transition) informational series. These series addressed questions and concerns to help educate students and their families when transitioning from school to adult life. Trainings offered included Guardianship Wills and Trusts, an overview of DD and Opportunities for Ohioans with Disabilities services, navigating Social Security, and the STABLE account.



Clarence volunteering at The Well

Operations



The Transportation department includes 3 full-time drivers with 2 bus captains, 1 part-time driver and 1 sub driver.

This team has 11 routes daily and 44 routes weekly. This year, the driving team transported 72 children to and from Preschool and Early Intervention programming. Our buses went the distance driving a total of 39,726 miles and using approximately 4,931 gallons of fuel. To maintain safe buses, the drivers conduct a daily inspection and report any defects found to the supervisor for repair.

Each year the State Highway Patrol conducts a surprise spot inspection and announces final inspection where we receive a new state sticker.

The transportation staff prepare snacks for all of the preschool classes and lunches for the full-day class on a daily basis. The staff also plan the lunch and snack menus which abide by ODE rules. The staff is getting creative in finding substitutions for foods that the preschool children may be allergic to, such as substitutions for eggs and peanut butter. We have started using pureed fruits for the egg substitutions and sunflower butter in place of peanut butter. This not only gives piece of mind to parents of children with food allergies, but is also healthier. The Operations department has taken on total responsibility of janitorial maintenance and cleaning of the Starting Gate. There is a staff that maintains all cleaning and safety in our building after hours. Monthly exterminations and quarterly inspections are also scheduled and performed.



The Operations Team: Seated: Betsy Miller; Sandy Kelley, Operations Director; Alice Berryman
Standing: Kelly Campbell, Sue Kunie, Matt Bryant, Ronnie Morris, Bill Haines



The Early Intervention classroom after the remodel complete with windows for the students to see the outside world.

The maintenance team freshened-up all the preschool class rooms with paint for anticipation of the first day of school in the fall. The floors were cleaned and buffed to shine, the storage building was given a fresh coat of paint, and the roof top was painted with a coat of armor proxy. An area of 938 square feet was gutted and remodeled for the purpose of an Early Intervention classroom. The structural work was contracted-out and the painting was completed in-house by maintenance.

Early Childhood Services

Early Intervention (EI) The early intervention team works with children and their families to enhance the child's development through everyday learning opportunities and routines. Early Intervention includes services and supports to infants and toddlers ages 0-3 who have a diagnosed medical condition or developmental delay. These services are provided in the child's natural environment and are centered on the interests, strengths, and priorities of the child and family. Children can be referred for services in a variety of ways and are assessed and evaluated for eligibility both to enter the program and as they transition into preschool. The board of DD works collaboratively with many agencies as well as both of the county school districts. The 82 children served in 2016 first were referred through Help Me Grow of our local Health Department. In 2016 the board employed an early intervention team consisting of a developmental specialist, nurse, a half-time occupational therapist, contracted physical therapist and a speech therapist to serve children and coach families; building confidence and competence is an ongoing goal. Weekly playgroups also add social interaction with peers and the team; and provide an opportunity to enjoy new activities in the center.

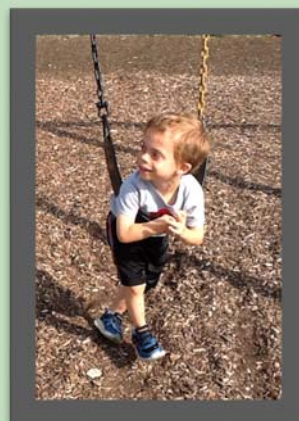


A child receiving therapy with Christy Parker, OT Specialist

The Preschool continues to use the Creative Curriculum which conforms to the Ohio Early Learning Content Standards. In 2014, we began preparing for the new Step Up To Quality licensure process which went into effect in 2015. We are currently still awaiting our initial visit for our Step Up to Quality rating. 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 Progressive School continues to work collaboratively to ensure that all early initiative programs are in compliance with the new Early Content Standards. The Preschool offers half day programming in three classrooms in order to serve more children. New this year was the addition of a new full-day classroom that serves as a bridge to prepare those getting ready for kindergarten. In the 2015-2016 school year, a total of 89 children were served; 55 children with disabilities and 34 preschool pals.



Last Day of School Picnic
June 2016



Field trip to Lohstroh's Pumpkin Farm
Oct. 2016

Service and Support Administration

Administration (SSA) department is the “case management” services provided to eligible people age 3 and older. These services include advocacy, information and referral, discovery and plan development, employment navigation, monitoring and crisis intervention. We continue to embrace initiatives of Employment First, Person Centered Practice, Trauma Informed Care and the Good Life Model. Our SSA’s maintain continual learning opportunities in these areas to assure those we serve achieve the best possible outcomes.



Tyler receives personal training from Marlin Ellis at the YMCA.

Through our responsibilities and philosophical commitments, we assist people to live their lives to gain personal success and satisfaction. This may include ensuring health and welfare, adjusting educational programs, gaining meaningful employment, or receiving supports from direct care staff to live and participate fully in their community. Most of the direct supports that people receive are funded through the Medicaid Waiver program is supported by local tax dollars. SSA’s oversee all aspects of these waivers to ensure compliance with federal and state guidelines. Due to diligent fiscal responsibility, all people on the service waiting list with priority needs were able to be enrolled in the Medicaid waiver program thus receiving services.

Additional services provided by SSA’s include, eligibility determination, an emergency on-call system, and incident reporting and investigations. SSA’s served 176 people for case management services, along with many additional individuals and families in Fayette County for information and referral needs.

For the 2nd year in a row, the Fayette County Board was selected by the Ohio Department of Developmental Disabilities to attend the 2nd Annual Gathering at the Grove, which is a learning retreat of like-minded people on Person-Centered Principles. The entire SSA Department attended, along with several other county boards, people who receive services, family members, providers, Ohio Department of Developmental Disabilities, and the Ohio Association of County Boards staff. This Gathering created opportunities for professional growth in areas such as, Person-Centered and Good Life Philosophies, Trauma Informed Care Practices, Employment, and Organizational Efforts for Improvements. Along with professional growth, the Gathering was an opportunity for team building and networking. We are also proud that Cheryl Binegar, SSA/Good Life Coordinator, presented along with the Ohio Department of Developmental Disabilities, on the topic of “A Person-Centered Approach to Risk,” and Mel Cockerill, Melissa Johnson and Renee Guess facilitated small group discussions on various topics.



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