

Greene County Board of
Developmental Disabilities



Board Meeting Highlights April 15th, 2026

Board Actions

- Approval of the minutes from March 18th, 2026
- Two resolutions were approved by the board: (1) Employee contract, (2) Honoring the outstanding board service of Paul Quolke.
- Board Motion to approve 2026 Board Policies

Topics of discussion

Greene County Board of Developmental Disabilities

April 15, 2026 Board Report:

Division: Early Intervention

Director Reporting: Jennifer Frey

Updates:

Early Intervention staff will be participating in a **Staff Safety Training** alongside Public Health Service Coordination on May 13th at the Media Room on Ledbetter Rd. in Xenia. Police Officer Zinc will be running the training.

The Department of Children and Youth and OCCRRRA (The Ohio Child Care Resource and Referral Association) have developed a Continuing Professional Development (CPD) Tracker to assist EI professionals with tracking their professional development and expediting application processing. Starting March 2026, completion of this tool will be required for individuals renewing a five-year EISC, EISC Supervisor, and DS certification. Our EI staff spent April Staff meeting reviewing this tool, as well as other critical information related to the new process for the Developmental Specialist certification process and application.

Noteworthy Monthly Data/Numbers:

Our Active IFSP number for March 2026 was 218 which is a slight increase from last month, and our teams completed 15 evaluations. We have had yet another high referral month, so we anticipate our numbers to increase heading into May.

Greene County EI received 38 new referrals in March. The highest referral sources were parents, then physicians, followed by other various sources such as hospital child find specialists, Children Services, etc.

Program Information:

Our Autism Diagnostic Education Program (ADEP) Team has no current evaluations scheduled as our medical partner is taking a few months off work. At this time, families can still access this testing through Dayton Children's Autism Clinic. We are expecting an update from our medical partner very soon. Our ADEP Team includes Raleita Furlow, MEd (DS and ADEP Coordinator), Gina Tulamarie, MA, CCC/SLP, Anne Marie Cardilino, MS, CCC/SLP, Jennifer Montague, MS (DS and PLAY Consultant), and Robin Stewart (DS and PLAY Consultant). Our medical partner is Dr. Boreman, MD, FAAP, Medical Director of the Autism Center and Developmental-Behavioral Pediatrician at Dayton Children's Hospital.

P.L.A.Y. Project (Play and Language for Autistic Youngsters Project) – parent implemented, intensive early intervention program for young children with autism that is evidence-based.

Our P.L.A.Y. Team includes Jennifer Montague (PLAY Coordinator, DS, and PLAY Consultant), Beth Brennaman (DS and PLAY Consultant), and Tina Snyder (OT and PLAY Consultant).

***The team is currently serving 6 families whose children in the program are all between the ages of 3 – 5.

Special Events/Activities:

Greene County Board of Developmental Disabilities are continuing to partner with Greene County Parks & Trails for monthly events in 2026! Early Intervention’s events are part of the series of collaborated events called “Toad-ally Together” are tentatively scheduled for next year. These events are meant to bring kids and families of all abilities *together*. We are looking forward to another year of partnering with GCPT and providing these fun and inclusive activities!

- Friday, May 29th from 10am- 12pm (Incredibles/Superhero theme)
Planning will begin this month!
- Thursday, September 24th from 5-7pm (Lilo and Stitch)



Parent/Provider/Staff Feedback:

ECP Exit Surveys –March 2026 – Four Oaks received 3 responses.

Please see below parent comments from 3/1/26 – 3/31/26. All other questions were answered with a “strongly agree” or respondent skipped question because it didn’t apply.

If you are leaving the program prior to your child's 3rd birthday, what is the reason?

- N/A
- Respondent skipped this question
- Respondent skipped this question

What I appreciated most about Four Oaks was.....

- Their knowledge, their helpfulness, their flexibility and their kindness.
- Respondent skipped this question
- Respondent skipped this question

If Four Oaks could improve one thing, I recommend:

- Respondent skipped this question
- Respondent skipped this question
- Respondent skipped this question

Other comments

- Respondent skipped this question
- Respondent skipped this question
- Respondent skipped this question

Greene County Board of Developmental Disabilities

April 15, 2026 Board Report:

Division: Finance and Administration

Director Reporting: Tom Schaeffer

Updates:

Superintendent Search Surveys

Noteworthy Monthly Data/Numbers:

Federal Revenue

MAC	\$4,441
TCM	\$212,025
TITLE XX	\$27,754
WAIVER RECONCILIATION	
COST REPORT SETTLEMENT	
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	\$244,221

Items Requiring Board Approval:

Employee Three Year Contract (Tricia Montanez)

Financials:

Beginning Cash Balance 1-1-2026	\$24,560,799
YTD Revenue	\$7,523,285
YTD Expense	(\$5,475,115)
Ending Cash Balance	\$26,608,968
Budget Stabilization Fund	\$5,462,166
Medicaid Reserve Fund	\$372,463
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	\$32,443,597

Detailed Report Attached

Enrollment and Service Data

Program Areas	Enrolled On	Enrolled On
	2/28/2026	3/31/2026
Unduplicated Count Receiving Services	1325	1313
Early Childhood Eligibility Birth 0-3	33	15
0-3 early Childhood Enrollment	212	218
Play Project Enrolled	6	6
Board Eligibility	11	7
Service and Support	569	563
Recreation Events	250	245
Behavioral Support	28	32
Restrictive Measures	8	8
School Age Individuals	170	173
Unusual Incidents	153	146
Major Unusual Incidents	1	11
Providers-Independent	147	141
Provider-Agencies	78	78
Waiver Recipients	402	401
Medicaid Waiver Services	269	584
Family Support Services Enrolled	72	50
Individuals Residing in Homecroft Homes	73	73

Greene County Board of Developmental Disabilities

April 15, 2026 Board Report:

Division: Community Services

Director Reporting: Jeanne Turner

Updates:

Brenda Mueller, Transition Coach, is retiring this month. April 30th will be her last day with GCBDD. We wish her well and thank her for her 17 years of service.

Healthy Relationships Club-For March 11th- attendance 10 (1 was virtual; March 25th – attendance 10 in person. Next month (April) we are meeting in the community to help with socialization. April 8th at On Par in Beaver creek.

Noteworthy Monthly Data/Numbers:

Provider Supports Data Reporting

- **MUI:**
 - In the Month of March, there were 146 UIR's reviewed, 3 UIR Consultations, 0 not served, and 11 MUIs filed.
- **Providers on PAWs:**
 - March: Independent – 141; Agency (of all types of service) –78
- **Care Choice Service Requests Summary:**
 - As of the date of this report (4/10/26), there are 10 service requests currently posted:
 - 5 Homemaker Personal Care (HPC)
 - 5 Non-Medical Transportation (NMT)

Program Information:

Transition Coach and students last day in the community at employment sites:

- Beaver creek – TBA
- Bellbrook – April 17th
- GCCC- Finished not able to come out to work site anymore. Last day was March 31st

- GCCC Pathways- April 27th
- Yellow Springs- April 28th

- Students from Greene County schools have been reading to first graders in the district. These books were purchased by GCBDD for March DD Awareness month. The Transition Team is assisting the students with the readings. Because of spring breaks the readings will go on in April. We have one scheduled in Fairborn on 4/8.

Special Events/Activities:

The Greene County Career Center has offered using their school for our 2nd Annual Greene County Community Resource and Transition Expo on October 2nd. We will start meeting and will be getting the “Save the Date” out in May.

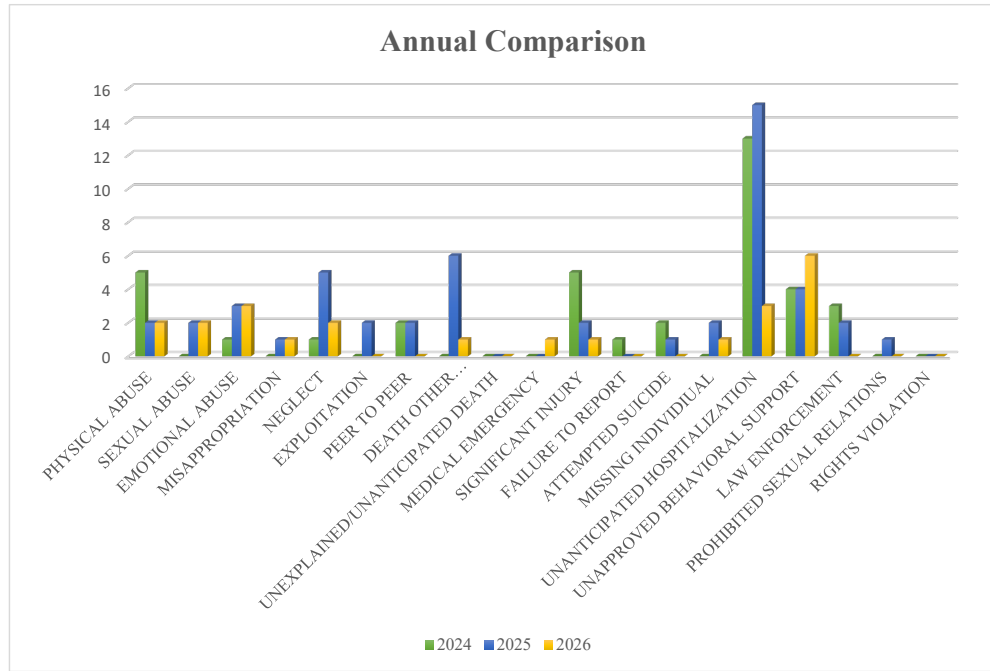
New “News”:

March Provider Meetings

- At our March Agency Provider Meeting, Heather Shannon, Magistrate with the Montgomery County Probate Court presented on guardianship roles.
- At our March Independent Meeting, Tiffany Fields with our Medicaid Services Department presented on how to access PAWs and billing reports in DODD’s new Tableau database.

April 2026 Board Meeting (March data)

CATEGORY	2024	2025	2026
PHYSICAL ABUSE	5	2	2
SEXUAL ABUSE	0	2	2
EMOTIONAL ABUSE	1	3	3
MISAPPROPRIATION	0	1	1
NEGLECT	1	5	2
EXPLOITATION	0	2	0
PEER TO PEER	2	2	0
DEATH OTHER UNEXPLAINED/UNANTICIPATED	0	6	1
UNEXPLAINED/UNANTICIPATED DEATH	0	0	0
MEDICAL EMERGENCY	0	0	1
SIGNIFICANT INJURY	5	2	1
FAILURE TO REPORT	1	0	0
ATTEMPTED SUICIDE	2	1	0
MISSING INDIVIDUAL	0	2	1
UNANTICIPATED HOSPITALIZATION	13	15	3
UNAPPROVED BEHAVIORAL SUPPORT	4	4	6
LAW ENFORCEMENT	3	2	0
PROHIBITED SEXUAL RELATIONS	0	1	0
RIGHTS VIOLATION	0	0	0
TOTAL	37	50	23



One individual can have multiple categories in one MUI case.

CATEGORY	JAN	FEB	MAR	APR	MAY	JUNE	JULY	AUG	SEPT	OCT	NOV	DEC	TOTAL
PHYSICAL ABUSE	2	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	2
SEXUAL ABUSE	1	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	2
EMOTIONAL ABUSE	2	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	3
MISAPPROPRIATION	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1
NEGLECT	1	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	2
EXPLOITATION	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
PEER TO PEER	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
DEATH OTHER UNEXPLAINED/UNANTICIPATED	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1
UNEXPLAINED/UNANTICIPATED DEATH	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
MEDICAL EMERGENCY	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1
SIGNIFICANT INJURY	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1
FAILURE TO REPORT	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
ATTEMPTED SUICIDE	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
MISSING INDIVIDUAL	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1
UNANTICIPATED HOSPITALIZATION	1	0	2	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	3
UNAPPROVED BEHAVIORAL SUPPORT	0	1	5	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	6
LAW ENFORCEMENT	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
PROHIBITED SEXUAL RELATIONS	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
RIGHTS VIOLATION	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
TOTAL	11	1	11	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	9	23

Greene County Board of Developmental Disabilities

April 15, 2026, Board Report:

Division: SSA

Director Reporting: Denise Summerville

Updates:

HIRING UPDATES: There are new names and faces in the SSA Division! Karen Hamilton started on March 16, 2026 filling the additional SSA position. Karen comes to GCBDD with two years' SSA experience with Clark County DD and many years of experience in mental health and vocational rehabilitation. Caitlyn Bratton's last day with the board was March 24, 2026 and we have hired Rebekah Doak. She will be able to start working on April 20, 2026.

We are currently conducting interviews to fill an upcoming vacancy in May and we now have another vacancy to fill due to movement of SSA staff to another division. Sean Wakefield has chosen to move to the transition team. Sean has performed exceptionally well in Employment Navigation, and his absence will be felt in the SSA Division. We do wish him the best and glad he is still with the agency.

DEVELOPMENTAL CENTER: GCBDD SSA Team is pleased to announce that we have been able to successfully find a place in the community for an individual who has been in a Developmental Center for almost 10 years. This individual moved out in March. We received a letter from DODD stating, "Cortney Murphy was instrumental in this process. We at SODC sing her praises." Cortney is an SSA on the Behavior Team and does tremendous work for everyone on her case load.

Noteworthy Monthly Data/Numbers:

Eligibility Referral and Linkage: 61

Applications for SSA services: 5

Program Information:

InterRAI:

The Ohio Department of Developmental Disabilities is sending letters about the new InterRAI assessment tool to all individuals receiving waivers and their families. This assessment will replace two assessments currently in use: the **Ohio Developmental Disabilities Profile** (ODDP...which determines the funding range for waiver-funded services) and the **Acuity Assessment Instrument** (AAI...which evaluates the level of support a person requires for mobility, participation in activities, and communication with others. This assessment is generally conducted when an individual begins attending adult day programs).

Greene County has 8 individuals who will participate in the initial round of InterRAI assessments. The Department of Developmental Disabilities (DODD) will prioritize all Individual Options (IO) waivers, including those in congregate settings and Shared Living arrangements. Per DODD, there will be no changes to funding until the summer of 2027. By the end of 2028, all waivers, including SELF and Level 1 waivers, will be incorporated into the InterRAI assessment.

GCBDD has partnered with our local Council of Government (Southwest Ohio Council of Government) to carry out these assessments. Currently, they have three reviewers in training to conduct these evaluations. The assessors will examine the OISPs before the meeting with the individual and their family. An SSA may be present if the individual or family requests it. The InterRAI assessment is to be done with the individual and the person who is most familiar with them.

The InterRAI initiative aims to develop a more effective tool for evaluating needs. Families and stakeholders have expressed a desire for improvements to the existing assessments. This initiative seeks to modernize waivers in Ohio. For more information, [Waiver Modernization | Department of Developmental Disabilities](#)

Special Events/Activities:

Employment Navigation staff participated in the 2nd meeting of the DODD Business Engagement group to discuss what business engagement looks like in the participating counties. Counties also discussed the various jobs in each region. The next meeting is scheduled for May 5th.

Members of the Nursing team attended 2 evening sessions about Home care nursing March 11 and March 25, 2026 hosted by the Ohio Nursing Collaborative and Ohio Family to Family.

New "News": Yellow Springs Home Inc. lifted the age restriction on their dedicated DD unit at The Cascades. The SSA team met in March to discuss individuals who may be interested in moving into this apartment with a roommate. The SSA's of those individuals identified are in the process of coordinating with their teams to see if this will be suitable living arrangement.



Subject: New Assessment for People Using Individual Options, Level One, and Self-Empowered Life Funding Waivers

Dear [Name],

The Ohio Department of Developmental Disabilities (DODD) wants to share important news about new assessment tools called interRAI ID and interRAI ChYMH DD.

Starting **May 1, 2026**, DODD will use interRAI tools for people who are on the **Individual Options (IO), Level One**, and **Self-Empowered Life Funding (SELF)** waivers.

This new assessment will help DODD make sure people with developmental disabilities get the right support. **Your waiver eligibility will not change because of the interRAI.**

The interRAI tools will **replace the Ohio Developmental Disabilities Profile (ODDP)** and the **Acuity Assessment Instrument (AAI)**.

How Ohio will use the interRAI

1. To help set new support levels for people on waivers.
2. To help County Board Service and Support Administrators (SSAs) with person-centered planning.
3. To help set payment rates for providers based on a person's needs for some services on the IO, Level One, and SELF waivers.

Why is DODD using a new tool?

Families and other stakeholders told us they want a tool that does a better job of showing what people need.

What is a needs-based assessment tool and why does it help?

A needs-based assessment tool gathers information about the supports a person needs to live safely at home or in the community. It usually asks about things like:

- Daily living skills
- Physical and behavioral health
- Communication



For the IO waiver in Ohio, the current tool—the **Ohio Developmental Disabilities Profile (ODDP)**—helps decide someone’s individual budget for services. The interRAI tools will take on this role beginning in July 2027.

interRAI Assessment Rollout and Timing:

When you receive your first assessment depends on:

- The services you receive.
- Which waiver you are on.

Assessments will start in 2026 and go through 2028.

- Your SSA will notify you or your guardian.
- Your interRAI assessor will contact about 30 days before your assessment time to set up a date.
- You do not need to do anything to prepare.

What You Need to Know Now:

- **Your eligibility is not changing**
 - Waiver eligibility will still be decided by the Level of Care (LOC) assessment.
 - The person-centered planning process and the OhioISP are not changing.
- **Your services and funding stay the same for now**
 - You will keep your current services and funding levels (based on ODDP/AAI) until July of 2027.
 - New interRAI support levels are planned to start in July of 2027, after approval by the federal government.

For More Information:

- Email redesign@dodd.ohio.gov with questions.
- Visit the DODD interRAI website to learn more about interRAI and its tools.
 - https://dodd.ohio.gov/about-us/Waiver_Redesign/Waiver+Modernization/interrai-assessment/assessment



This change will take time and teamwork. The goal is to improve how Ohio understands each person’s needs across waiver programs. Thank you for your patience and understanding.

Greene County Board of Developmental Disabilities

April Board Report:

Division: Community Relations

Director Reporting: Delana Zapata

Updates:

- All Hands In's 1st annual Tea Party was a huge success
- Statewide Public Relations meeting provided information on new OOD Mobile Unit: <https://ood.ohio.gov/about-us/programs-and-partnerships/mobile-services-unit/about-msu>
- 1st Grade book readings

Noteworthy Monthly Data/Numbers:

Facebook Page Reach:

Views: 15,682

Engagement: 1,020

New Followers: 18

Advocacy and Resource Coordination Report

- **Requests for Resource Support**

Continuing to address resource support requests that are completed by GCBDD staff on behalf of families. Three requests for resource support were submitted in March. These included assistance with locating resources for furniture items, resources to assist with rent and utility help, and helping a family complete a Greene Met Application.

- (On-Going) Continuing to explore / expand the network of community resources to aid families / individuals who need additional resources and supports. I continue to reach out to various agencies to continue building a network of available resources. I also attend a Greene County linkage meeting once every 3 months to keep up to date on the resources that are available. Coordinate with Carrie K (eligibility) who keeps a database of resources available in the community. In efforts to add additional resource material for families, individuals, and providers to take home, we have included in the lobby a resource center that provides information on events and community resources.

- (On-going) **The Blue Envelope Program**: continues to be available for families in Greene County



Pickup Locations

Greene County Board of DD Main Office
245 N. Valley Road
Xenia, OH 45385

Greene County Sheriff's Office – Lobby
2295 Greene Way Blvd
Xenia, Ohio 45385

Beavercreek Township Public Safety Substation
2195 Dayton Xenia Road
Beavercreek, Ohio 45434

- Upcoming: May 2026, CIT Training which is training for Law Enforcement through the mental health recovery board of Clark, Greene, and Madison Counties. The presentation will center on working with individuals with Autism when it relates to law enforcement / 1st responder encounters. I will be sharing some information on the blue envelope program and also on communication.

Greene Mont Aktion Club

- The Club will continue to meet the 1st Tuesday of each month, (weather permitting).
- Upcoming Events: April 7th – Feed the Creek Event – will be helping to put together food bags for families in need.
- We Have Become Chartered Celebration scheduled for the May Meeting.



The Voices and Voices Matter Advocacy Group

This is a joint advocacy group between Greene and Montgomery County. The group meets once a month where we work on advocacy related items and topics. The group meets the 1st Thursday of each month at the Kettering Rec Center.

Upcoming Events:

April – 4 paws for ability meeting with the advocates.

May –Beavercreek Township Fire Department will be coming to the meeting to present to the advocates on the importance of fire safety. Advocates will have the opportunity to provide feedback and ask questions. We will also be scheduling a tour of the fire department

Special Events/Activities:

Community Outreach

3/2/2026	Diner's Club (On Par)	All Hands In	100+
3/4/2026	Advocacy Watch Party	All Hands In	25+
3/5/2026	Coffee Talk	All Hands In	25+
3/19/2026	Karaoke (McDonalds)	All Hands In	70+
3/21/2026	Tea Party	All Hands In	25+
3/29/2026	Ice Skating	All Hands In	20+

Upcoming Events and other news:

1. All Hands In is now partnering with the Miami, Montgomery, and Clark County Boards of DD to host collaborative events.
2. The 5th Annual Challenging Perceptions Adaptive Trail Race is scheduled for Saturday June 6th, from 9am-11. Please click on the following link to sign up and for more information>

<https://runsignup.com/Race/OH/Beavercreek/ORRRCChallengingPerceptionsAdaptiveTrailRace>

New "News":

Special events promoted:

GCBDD Job postings

SALT Talks

Recreation: Spring Fling Dance

AHI Tea Party

GCBDD Healthy Relationships Club: Game Night

Towards Independence DD Awareness

GCBDD Summer Camp/Activity Funding

Fairborn Community Park Egg-xtra Special Adaptive Egg Hunt

AHI Newsletter

PSAC Meeting

AHI Ice Skating event

Greene CATS Public Transit Public Input Meeting

Voices Self Advocacy Meeting

GCBDD Healthy Relationships Club: On Par

Greene County Board of Developmental Disabilities

April 15, 2026 Board Report:

Superintendent's Report:

Noteworthy Monthly Data/Numbers:

Policy and Rules General Update

April 8, 2026

RULES

5123-4-02 Service and support administration

● Based on the five-year review, the rule is being revised to restructure paragraph (F) into multiple paragraphs; Clarify requirements for initial and ongoing assessments; Specify that the Individual Service Plan include at least one outcome important to the individual being served to be advanced or achieved within the next 12 months; Require that monitoring occur in settings where services are delivered; Align wording with newer rules.

Public Comment Period for DODD Rule (Comments due 4/13)

5123-2-10 Use of audio or video devices in residential settings

● Rule is being proposed to set forth general parameters regarding use of audio or video devices as well as requirements and procedures to be followed when an audio or video device is being considered or used in an individual's residence. The rule is intended to protect the rights of individuals receiving services while ensuring their health and welfare.

Public Comment Period for ODEW Rules (Comments due 4/19)

ODEW has opened a series of rules for five-year rule review related to pupil transportation for schools. Changes identified in the rules package include, but are not limited to: 3301-83-06 Personnel Qualifications.

● Rule is being amended to add qualifications for a transportation provider that contracts with a school or school district. Specifies that a minimum two years of driving experience for school bus or motor van drivers be experience in the United States. 3301-83-12 Safety Procedures

● Rule is being amended to specify the procedures a bus driver must follow while operating a school bus or motor van. 3301-83-19 Authorized vehicles for transportation of pupils to and from school and school-related events

● Rule is being amended to specify vehicles that have a sign on the back of the vehicle marked “This vehicle stops at all railroad crossings” . It includes other minor changes to the signage and safety equipment required for an authorized vehicle. The rule also sets guidance around buses utilized by the Ohio Deaf and Blind Education Services

Other rules included in the package:

3301-83-01 Calculation of pupil transportation operation payments, 3301-83-08 Pupil transportation management policies, 3301-83-10 Personnel training program, 3301-83-11 School bus and motor van inspections, 3301-83-17 Authorized and unauthorized passengers, 3301-83-20 General rules

Public Comment Period for ODCY Rules (Comments due 5/6)

5180-1-05 Five-year review of Early Intervention Developmental Specialist Certification Rule is being renumbered and amended to streamline certification pathways by reducing one year certification from two tracks to one and five-year certification from three tracks to two. The rule removes all references to EI supervisor certification, as this certification is no longer applicable, ensuring the rule reflects current practice, requires the completion of coursework in all six identified content areas for five-year certification, adjusts the evidence-based practice coaching timeframe from a minimum of twelve months beginning within six months of hire to a minimum of nine months beginning within three months of hire, and removes provisions related to administrative review, background checks, and annual training that are addressed elsewhere in the Revised Code.

Rules Under Discussion

Medication Administration Rules

DODD is amending the rules in Chapter 5123-6 of the Administrative Code in accordance with House Bill 96 of the 136th General Assembly. OACB submitted comments to OAC 5123-6-03 regarding the proposed process when a medication error is identified hearing.

Peer Group 6

DODD is establishing Peer Group 6 to eventually replace the Intensive Behavioral Support Rate Add-On (IBSRAO) described in OAC 5123-7-28. DODD believes that the increased funding may incentivize more Intermediate Care Facilities for Individuals with Intellectual Disabilities (ICFIID) to serve these youth. The goal of establishing a new peer group is to ensure providers are being compared to similar providers so that actual costs are reimbursed appropriately. The next step of the rulemaking process will be for DODD to original file the rule which will initiate the last public hearing.

New "News":



OACB Policy Brief

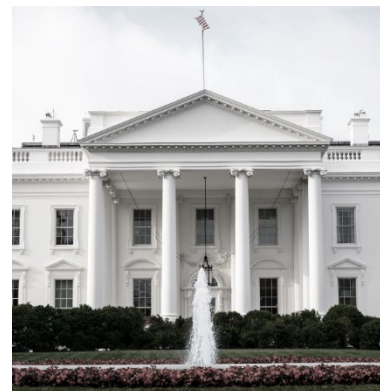
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President proposes federal FY 27 budget that includes mixed outcomes for DD services

The Trump administration released its proposed budget recommendations to Congress for federal fiscal year (FFY) 2027, which begins October 1. The proposal largely mirrors last year's plan, which included cuts to key developmental disabilities (DD) programs that were ultimately rejected by Congress.

Notable provisions include:

- 12.5% decrease (\$111.1 billion) in discretionary spending for the Department of Health and Human Services (HHS);
- Defunding HHS Community Services Block Grants;



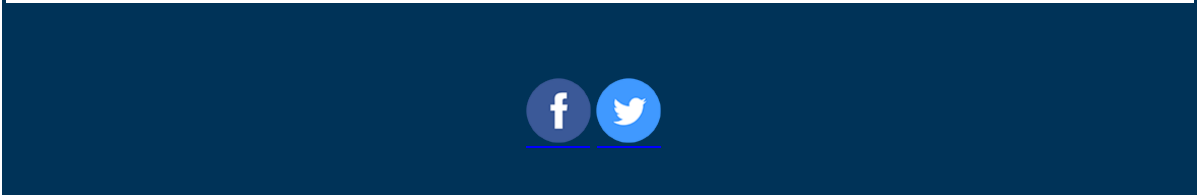
- Elimination of the Administration for Community Living, which funds state DD councils and University Centers for Excellence in Developmental Disabilities (UCEDDs);
- \$539 million increase in special education funding through the Individuals with Disabilities Act (IDEA) program; and
- \$30 million to support the newly-established National Fraud Division

While the proposal reflects the administration's priorities, Congress is responsible for final approval. Similar proposals last year were not included in the final FFY 2026 budget. Additional details and congressional hearings are expected in the coming weeks.

What does this mean for people with disabilities?

Several proposed cuts would impact services that people with disabilities and their families rely on every day. In Ohio, about 40,000 people are served through these programs, helping them live safely and independently in their communities.

County boards oppose these proposed cuts and any changes that would reduce the quality or availability of services. However, the budget is not final and may change throughout the federal process. OACB will continue to monitor developments and share updates and advocacy opportunities.



*Honoring the Outstanding Board Service of
Paul Quolke*

WHEREAS Paul has demonstrated unwavering commitment to the mission of the Board of Developmental Disabilities since being appointed by the Greene County Commissioner's on April 4, 2019; and

WHEREAS Paul has served selflessly with steadfastness, wisdom, integrity, and in a conscientious and dignified manner; and

WHEREAS throughout his service Paul has made significant contributions to the growth and success of individuals served particularly in areas such as community integration, financial stability, community employment and free choice of provider, to name a few; and

WHEREAS throughout his many years of service, Paul has served the families of Greene County with fairness, compassion, and tenacity, Paul has earned the respect and admiration of his peers, families, individuals served, and staff for his knowledge and personal attention to detail, and his service on the Board will be greatly missed by all; and

WHEREAS Paul ended his leadership as a board member on March 6, 2026, after 7 years of outstanding and commendable service to the Board and the citizens of Greene County Ohio:

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that we, the members of the Board, the superintendent, directors, and all the staff do hereby extend to Paul our sincere and grateful appreciation for his outstanding record of personal and

professional achievement and his dedicated commitment to the developmental disabilities field; our congratulations on his well-deserved recognition; and our best wishes to him and his family for comfort, dignity, strength, and God's blessings.

Adopted at Greene County, Ohio, this 18th day of March 2026, by the Greene County Board of Developmental Disabilities.

Elizabeth Eng

John LaRock

President

Superintendent