

Greene County Board of
Developmental Disabilities



Board Meeting Highlights May 21st, 2025

Board Actions

- Approval of the minutes from April 16, 2025.

Topics of discussion

Greene County Board of Developmental Disabilities

May 21, 2025 Board Report:

Division: SSA

Director Reporting: Denise Summerville

Updates: SSA Case Assignments

The month of April was dedicated to managing caseloads and recruiting a new SSA Manager. At present, there are two case loads who do not have an SSA: one resulting from an employee's departure and the other due to a leave of absence. Consequently, we have had to address a total of 50 cases that required coverage. The cases have been temporarily redistributed among the remaining members of the SSA team. The SSA division has been diligently working to ensure continuity of services for all individuals in the absence of a permanent SSA.

In addition to increasing the number of cases on our caseloads, we have encountered several noteworthy cases related to eligibility and crisis situations. One such case involved an individual whose parent passed away, leaving them alone in the home. Although this individual is capable of being alone for extended periods, the parent predominately handled daily living activities, including grocery shopping and financial management. The situation escalated when family discovered that the water supply to the home had been disconnected. Furthermore, extended family members suspect that mortgage payments have not been made, requiring immediate attention to find housing. There is also little knowledge regarding the individual's financial status and eligibility for things such as Medicaid and Social Security.

Another situation arose involving an individual from one of the Intermediate Care Facilities (ICFs) who required urgent assistance. The Greene County Board of Developmental Disabilities (GCBDD) was informed by the ICF about a resident who has been misled into believing they are in a relationship with a so-called 'famous person.' This individual expressed a desire to leave the ICF, asserting their 'right' to chase this dream. While the ICF is trying to address the situation with the individual, the individual has declared a preference for homelessness over remaining in the facility as they prepare to relocate to this new destination, where they intend to marry a well-known sports figure. The individual is convinced that the ICF is withholding funds that could be directed to this 'famous person.' Subsequently, the state was notified, and discussions were held with the individual, who now requests an exit waiver to reside in Greene County. The GCBDD will provide support to ensure the individual's safety while navigating their determination to move out of state to be with this celebrity.

Both cases mentioned above were assigned to SSAs who were already at or above capacity. SSAs have to devote significant attention to start address these emergent situations while continuing to manage daily documentation, monitoring, urgent situations, phone calls, and other responsibilities related to their current clients, families/guardians, and service providers.

Noteworthy Monthly Data/Numbers:

April TCM productivity: 52.5%

First Quarter TCM Productivity: 53.25%

Eligibility Referral and Linkage contacts: 49

Ohio Assessments for Immediate and Current Needs: 6

Program Information: Adaptive Equipment and Accessibility Modifications

GCBDD SSAs work with SWOCOG throughout the year to help individuals get specialized equipment through their insurance card and/or Medicaid waivers. Twenty items have been delivered and closed out, while 9 are still open and in process. Referrals for Environmental modification for accessibility needs for 2024 totaled 22, with 16 projects completed and 6 still underway and in process. Modifications include but are not limited to ceiling transfer lifts, wheelchair ramps, accessible shower installations. Adaptive equipment can include grab bars, bath lifts, electric transfer lifts and sensory equipment.

Please see the review table below for summary of 2024 referrals and attached pictures for examples of completed projects and/or adaptive equipment.

Home Modifications		Adaptive Equipment	
Open/In Process	Closed	Open/In Process	Closed
6	16	9	20
22		29	

Special Events/Activities:

Special guest Speakers at SSA team meetings:

- Goodwill regarding their adult day program
- SWOCOG regarding their newly developed respite options for kids and adults
- Small Group trainings; Renee Weaver from DODD came to present on the OISP and the Flow to get to the Services and Supports section of the plan

New “News”: We are excited to announce that Tricia Montanez has been promoted to Manager, Service & Support Administration division. Tricia has been a valuable part of our team since 2010!

Tricia earned her Bachelor of Science in Rehabilitation Services consistently from Wright State University. She started in our Adult Services division as an Employment Specialist. She was soon promoted to an Education and Training Specialist. Tricia then transferred to the Service & Support Administration division to fill the position of a Service & Support Administrator (SSA). When the option to be an SSA with an emphasis on employment navigation came up, her past experiences showed it was a perfect fit.

In 2022, Tricia completed the OACB Executive Development Program to learn more about the entirety of the DD system. She began in her new role as SSA Supervisor on May 3, 2024. She will be managing the Employment Navigation team along with some other SSAs in the department.

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Division: Early Intervention

Director Reporting: Jennifer Frey

Updates:

Our Early Intervention State Consultant, Whitney McHue will be conducting a combined in-person training for our EI Team and the Public Health Service Coordinators next month. We will be utilizing the Media Room on Ledbetter Road. The training will cover how to create high quality outcomes with the family in addition to other important topics related to service delivery and IFSP development.

Please see attached:

Department of Children & Youth Fast Facts

- DCY shares the importance of Early Intervention

Greene County Family Connects Flyer

- Greene County is now providing an in-home visit from a Public Health Nurse at no cost to any family with a newborn in the first few weeks of life

ASQ Flyer/Sparkler App

- The Sparkler App includes the Ages & Stages questionnaire. We are starting to receive referrals through this source

Noteworthy Monthly Data/Numbers:

Our Active IFSP number for April 2025 was 239, and our teams completed 36 evaluations. Our teams continue to complete high numbers of evaluations and visits throughout each month.

Greene County EI received 39 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 evaluations scheduled for May, June, and July. Our ADEP Team includes Raleita Furrow, 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 9 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 2025. Early Intervention's events called "Toad-ally Together" are scheduled for June 27th and August 8th this year. These events are meant to bring kids and families of all abilities together. We are already looking forward to another year of partnering with GCPT and providing these fun and inclusive activities.

https://greenecountyoh.myrec.com/info/activities/program_details.aspx?ProgramID=30030

We have meetings set up to start planning the first event on June 27th. This Luau themed event will bring the fun of the beach to Russ Nature Reserve. Greene County Parks and Trails is also working to secure a live Princess Moana to interact with the kids.



Exciting News!

GCP&T was invited to the Commissioner's Meeting on May 15th to speak about the awards they received at OPRA this year. Toad-ally Together won second place in the adaptive category. Jennifer Frey (GCBDD Early Intervention Programs Director) and Josh Welhener (GCBDD Community Outreach Coordinator) were invited to join Melanie Holycross (GCPT) as she spoke about the all-inclusive events.

Parent/Provider/Staff Feedback:

ECP Exit Surveys –April 2025 – Four Oaks received 5 responses.

Please see below parent comments from 4/1/25 – 4/30/25. All other questions were answered with a "strongly agree" or respondent skipped question because it didn't apply.

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

- Kindness and their desire to help
- Kora (DS) and Anne Marie (SLP) were awesome. They listened to me and always had solutions to my questions. They were so helpful to my son. I'm very sad to be transitioning. I wish we could have worked with them longer.
- That they brought items with them to engage with my son.
- I appreciate that they cared about my child's growth as I do. They were kind and my child looked forward to them coming.

- I love how personable the therapists were. The flexibility was also great! Since I have a medically complex kiddo, I really appreciated everyone's diligence in being healthy when attending an in person visit.

If Four Oaks could improve one thing, I recommend:

- I wish we could have spent more time working with them.
- Having a note system that parents can access to be reminded of their recommendations.
- The only "issue" we had was losing Pam (PT) partway through my son's time. We missed the PT during the transition, however it worked out fine in our case.

Other comments

- We loved having Julie Snider (DS) come and help us. She was very engaged with our son and always treated him warmly. Thank you!



Fast Facts

Why Developmental Screening and Early Intervention are Critical

- ★ **80%** of a child's brain develops between **birth and age 3**.
- ★ **90%** of a child's brain develops **before age 5**.
- ★ **Between 16-18%** of children have **developmental delays or disabilities**.
- ★ **1 in 36** children has **autism spectrum disorder**.

7.5 months is the average age at which families report concerns about their child.

1 in 3 infants and toddlers who received **early intervention services** did not later present with a disability or require special education in preschool.

93% of families receiving early intervention services for their child report that the services are either good or excellent, according to a study published by the American Academy of Pediatrics.

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Studies have shown that children who receive early intervention for developmental delays are more likely to:

- Graduate from high school
- Hold jobs
- Live independently
- Avoid teen pregnancy, delinquency, and violent crime

Identifying and addressing **social-emotional problems** early **reduces** the need for **special education**.

All infants and young children should be **screened as part of their ongoing health care** to ensure they are meeting developmental milestones. The American Academy of Pediatrics (AAP) recommends screening using standardized, validated tools like the Ages & Stages Questionnaire.

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- Baby health check
- Infant feeding and fussiness
- Bathing, diapering and swaddling
- Safe sleep

Help for mom

- Mom's health check
- Breastfeeding support
- Family planning advice
- Post-partum depression screening

Help for family

- Scheduling doctor's appointments
- Understanding child care options
- Early literacy information
- Community connections

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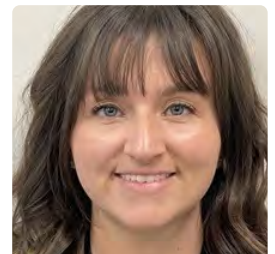
Team



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Stephanie Sanders, BSN, RN
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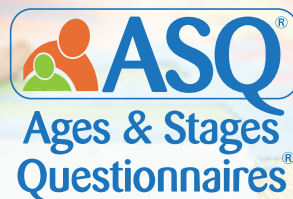


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WITH THE



Help Me Grow offers the **Ages & Stages Questionnaire (ASQ) Online** screening to help parents understand how their child is developing and learn whether there are any concerns. This developmental screening is **free, short, and easy to complete**. You will only need 10-15 minutes.

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May 21 , 2025 Board Report:

Division: Finance and Administration

Director Reporting: Tom Schaeffer

Updates:

Echoing Adult Changing Table
Right Stuff
Change in Cellar Plan

Noteworthy Monthly Data/Numbers:

Federal Revenue

MAC	\$158,031
TCM	\$348,158
TITLE XX	\$16,709
WAIVER RECONCILIATION	\$1,169,050
COST REPORT SETTLEMENT	
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	\$1,691,949

Financials:

Beginning Cash Balance 1-1-2025	\$25,619,436
YTD Revenue	\$9,770,999
YTD Expense	(\$6,789,348)
Ending Cash Balance	\$28,601,087
Budget Stabilization Fund	\$5,462,166
Medicaid Reserve Fund	\$372,463
	\$34,435,716

Detailed Report Attached



Enrollment and Service Data

Program Areas	Enrolled On	Enrolled On
	3/31/2025	4/30/2025
Unduplicated Count Receiving Services	1262	1291
Early Childhood Eligibility Birth 0-3	32	36
0-3 early Childhood Enrollment	234	239
Play Project Enrolled	9	9
Board Eligibility	10	15
Service and Support	546	544
Recreation Events	183	298
Behavioral Support	35	33
Restrictive Measures	6	7
School Age Individuals	204	185
Unusual Incidents	109	162
Major Unusual Incidents	20	15
Providers-Independent	144	145
Provider-Agencies	73	73
Waiver Recipients	397	396
Medicaid Waiver Services	485	374
Family Support Services Enrolled	99	136
Individuals Residing in Homecroft Homes	78	77

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May 21 , 2025 Board Report:

Division: *Community Services*

Director Reporting: *Jeanne Turner*

Noteworthy Monthly Data/Numbers:

- ***See attached MUI Data***
- **Providers on PAWs:**
 - April: Independent – 145; Agency (of all types of service) –73
- **Provider Supports Updates**
Care Choice Service Requests Summary
- As of the date of this report (5/14), there are 3 service requests currently posted:
 - 2 Homemaker Personal Care (HPC)
 - IO/Mornings and weekends
 - IO/Unset schedule
 - 1 Non-Medical Transportation
 - Board Funded/3 days weekly to and from job

Program Information:

Transition:

- Transition team is wrapping up all their work with the schools for the 24/25 school year. Kathy is still attending IEPs through mid-June.
- The Healthy Relationship Team is working on scheduling dates with Towards Independence for classes for their individuals served, as well as training for their staff. The team will also be looking at scheduling classes and meetings for interested parents this summer, and individual meetings of interest for individuals that we serve.
- The team is working cooperatively with All Hands In and Josh C. to put together a Provider and Agency Fair. We will spend this summer

preparing/organizing for this to take place in the fall at a location to be determined.

- The team continues to work on coordinating Summer Programming/Camp with parents, individuals and providers to include making sure all paperwork is complete and provided to the individuals selected provider and maintaining communication with providers regarding funding, transportation questions etc. for both Transition Summer Programming and Summer Camp.
- Beavercreek High School and the Greene County Career Center have finished working at the Hampton Inn for the 24/25 school year. The hotel will let us partner with them again next year to provide work skills training for our transition age youth.
- Yellow Springs High School transition students have also finished their 24/25 school year at Tom's Market.
- We are looking forward to the 25/26 school year and working with our partners to open up new opportunities and hopefully some new locations for our transition students to have more areas of interest to choose from.

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May Board Report:

Division: Community Relations

Director Reporting: Delana Zapata

Updates:

- Team met with Greene Co. Library to collaborate future training/incorporation
- DSP recognition: K'jah White
- Full Council meeting
- Open House - EchoingU

Noteworthy Monthly Data/Numbers:

Facebook Page Reach:

Views: 10,945

Post Reach: 2,547

Content Interaction: 450

New Followers: 21

Program Information:

NEW Advocacy and Resource Coordination (Josh Carson)

- Received a total of 11 total requests for advocacy and resource support (See Chart Below) To reiterate, this is an extension of each of the departments, so when needed, departments can request resource/advocacy support by submitting the request form.

	February	March	April
Number of Requests	3	7	1

Range of Ages	
0-18	1
19-30	3
31-40	3
41-50	2
51-60	0
61+	2

Request Snapshot –*snapshot of a request and what that would look like in JC's role.*

“Once such request came In April, when I was contacted by an Individuals SSA regarding a need for clothing, and kitchen / dining supplies. This individual had to discard most of these items and did not have the funds to replace them. I was able to

find an organization that was able to assist with replacing the kitchen / dining supplies. I am currently working with this individual's SSA to secure additional clothing and other needs."

- Continuing to explore / expand the network of community resources to aid families / individuals who need additional resources and supports. Josh has reached out to various agencies and has been able to set up visits and been able to learn more about what they are able to provide. Josh also been attending Greene County Linkage Meetings to continue to learn more about what resources are available around the area.
- Will continue to work on updating the GCBDD Website Family and Individual Support Tab to include resources / support information for individuals / families to access.
- Attended 1st Voices of Greene County Monthly Meeting in April to introduce himself to the group, as Josh will be working with the group as part of self-advocacy.
- Working on a project called Love in Action. This will be acts of service that will be open opportunities to serve. We will be Starting in June and will be partnering with various local organizations to accomplish this. We are looking to do this once a month to start. In June we will be serving at Bridges of Hope in Xenia where we will be helping to do various tasks around the center and perhaps help serve a meal. We are still working on putting together the schedule for the rest of 2025. We are looking forward to partnering with these different agencies to accomplish this.

Special Events/Activities:

Community Outreach

4/1/2025	The Artist Collective	All Hands In	7
4/2/2025	Dungeons and Dragons	All Hands In	5
4/3/2025	Coffee Talk	All Hands In	15
4/10/2025	Tubers	All Hands In	11
4/16/2025	Dungeons and Dragons	All Hands In	5
4/21/2025	Nerd Nation	All Hands In	8
4/23/2025	Diner's Club	All Hands In	60+
4/26/2025	Celebrate Trails Day	All Hands In	14
4/29/2025	FAST Meeting	Al Hands In	7
4/30/2025	Dungeons and Dragons	All Hands In	6

Community Outreach and Beyond

1. The parents that participate in the FAST meeting decided they wanted to meet monthly instead of quarterly so that will begin in May.
2. Josh W participated in the Summit Academy Murder Mystery night and shared information with families about All Hands In and the GCBDD.
3. Josh W has also been working with Precious Ones Day Care to develop a program so they can provide services to families served by the GCBDD. The board will be supporting the hiring of staff though wage subsidies and training provided by Jeff Diamond

Future Events

1. The Community Outreach Team will be partnering with the Transition team this summer to plan and host a Greene County Resource fair for Greene County Families. The fair will take place sometime in the fall. Stay tuned.
2. The 4th Annual Challenging Perceptions Adaptive Trail Race is scheduled for Saturday June 7th from 8am-12pm at Russ Nature Reserve. Please join us! Scan the QR code to register!



New "News":

Special events promoted:

AHI RSVP page and links
SALT
Fishing Has No Boundaries Central Ohio Chapter
AHI Diners Club
AHI Celebrate Trails Day bike ride/walk
FAST meeting
Luanne's Retirement
DSP Recognition
AHI Newsletter (May)
Toad-ally Together
AHI YouTuber
EchoingU Grand Opening (new location)
Board Meeting public notice

***The next regular GCBDD Board meeting is scheduled for
June 18th, at noon, at Valley Rd with Virtual option.***

***Note: All reports above, are merely a summary of the board meeting and reports
submitted.***