



## Board Meeting Highlights September 18th, 2024

### Board Actions

- Approval of the minutes from August 21st, 2024
- A resolution was approved by the board to authorize transfer of appropriated funds to Age-Related Services (ARS) for the purchase of a new van for the agency.

### Public Comments

- Lades Family- discussion on respite options

### Topics of discussion



**GCBDD Board In-Service 2024**  
**Saturday, October 12, 2024**  
**9:00 am**

**\*\*LUNCH WILL BE PROVIDED**  
**\*\*\* THIS WILL TAKE THE PLACE OF THE REGULARLY**  
**SCHEDULED OCTOBER BOARD MEETING**



# Greene County Board of Developmental Disabilities

## September 18, 2024 Board Report:

**Division:** Finance and Administration

**Director Reporting:** Tom Schaeffer

### **Updates:**

2022 Audit  
OACB Conference

### **Noteworthy Monthly Data/Numbers:**

#### **Federal Revenue**

MAC	\$410,070
TCM	\$260,624
TITLE XX	\$34,969
COST REPORT SETTLEMENT	\$1,101,086
	<u>\$1,806,750</u>

### **Items Requiring Board Approval:**

Board Resolution (Yellow Springs Home Inc.)

### **Financials:**

Beginning Cash Balance 1-01-2024	\$25,944,242
YTD Revenue	\$15,548,531
YTD Expense	(\$11,673,219)
<b>Ending Cash Balance</b>	<b>\$29,819,554</b>
Budget Stabilization Fund	\$5,462,166
Medicaid Reserve Fund	\$372,463
	<b>\$35,654,183</b>

**Detailed Report Attached**

## Enrollment and Service Data

Program Areas	Enrolled On	Enrolled On
	7/31/2024	8/31/2024
Unduplicated Count Receiving Services	1197	1202
Early Childhood Eligibility Birth 0-3	26	28
0-3 early Childhood Enrollment	238	235
Play Project Enrolled	9	10
Board Eligibility	13	9
Service and Support	568	564
Recreation Events	8	8
Behavioral Support	33	32
Restrictive Measures	4	5
UIR Reviewed	156	143
MUI Investigated	32	26
Providers-Independent	142	144
Provider-Agencies	67	71
Waiver Recipients	393	394
Medicaid Waiver Services	317	382
Family Support Services Enrolled	86	91
Individuals Residing in Homecroft Homes	77	77

# Greene County Board of Developmental Disabilities

## September 18, 2024 Board Report:

**Division: Community Services**

**Director Reporting: Jeanne Turner**

### **Updates:**

- Provider Supports attended Fairborn HS Career Fair with Kathy and Josh on August 30th.
- RN is planning to speak at the next PSAC regarding her role with GCBDD, information regarding medication administration, health related activities, nursing delegation.

### **Station MD Update**

- With the rule for the new health care assessments delayed due to lack of Medicaid approval with last proposal, DODD has renewed their contract with Station MD for an additional year (through 6/30/25).
- The extension will continue coverage for participants that are currently enrolled (through pilot of past two years).
- Any individual that has utilized the service through the pilot at least 1x will automatically continue their enrollment. Also, any individuals who live in a congregate setting where a house mate has used the service at least 1x will also continue their enrolled status.
- DODD is hopeful that the proposed waiver service will clear Medicaid as part of this next round of amendment drafts, and be effective by the 6/30/25 pilot end date.

### **Waiver Amendment Draft Updates**

- IO, Self and Level 1 drafts posted for public comment
- Key Take-aways of proposed changes:
  - Non-medical Transportation (NMT)- added special per-trip payment rates when transporting an individual to or from competitive integrated employment. Aiming for effective date of 1/1/25.
  - Added Health Care Assessment as a new monthly subscription service. This is to add the telehealth service mentioned above, currently part of the extended pilot DODD has with StationMD.

### **Noteworthy Monthly Data/Numbers:**

- See included MUI Comparison Report for MUI break-down. MUI cases filed can have multiple MUI categories per case. 26 cases were filed and some had multiple categories per case. That is why the MUI's as noted in the Board data spreadsheet is different than the number reflected in the comparison report (32).

As of August, for 2024:

- 109 First Aid/CPR certificates which is roughly equivalent to the pace from last year

### ***Program Information:***

Great news—It was mentioned a year ago in a Core Group mtg with the Nisonger Center about the concern for the well-being of providers/caregivers who are asked to repeat trauma incidents during visits for individuals. This history is needed, but Cindy N (Compliance Coordinator) would like to see a new process in place that would respect those that are needing to provide this information on behalf of the person. From her personal perspective this can be very difficult and one can go on auto pilot to get through it. This initiative has been approved!!! Nisonger is now working with our group to come up with a way to gather information in a different manner and offer care/support and resources to caregivers/providers who are placed in this position. This is the FIRST of its kind, and they are excited to get this rolling. There is one other state (not sure which one) that is rumored to see this need. Nisonger is connecting with a rep to share Cindy's idea and see what theirs is. We may be able to join efforts. Once completed this will be state wide, and medical teams will be trained

### ***Voices of Greene***

- The team welcomed 2 new members from Beavercreek.
- The group will check their schedule availability for self -advocacy presentations to the SALT regional group of students who are transitioning from school age services to adult/work.
- Chief Jeff Fiorita discussed scheduling a tour and safety awareness visit to the Beavercreek Police Station. We are targeting a visit in October.
- Jenny J. Discussed planning for the annual Christmas Party, and suggested we add a retirement party for Chief Jeff from the Beavercreek Police Department.
- We are in discussion with Greene County Career Center about doing a presentation, we have not heard back from them on a date and time.
- Discussed topics for the annual 5 days of Advocacy presentations in December.
- The Team completed a service project with their Optimist club advisors for a local nursing home at our Sept. meeting. Sue A. passed out Greenmont Optimist T-Shirts at that meeting.

### **Transition Coordination:**

- We have started our school schedule. We are seeing over 150 students over a 2-week period (every other week.)

### **Weeks 1 & 3 of the month**

Monday- Career X Greene County Career Center

Tuesday- Warner Middle School, Xenia

Wednesday- Xenia High School

Thursday- Fairborn High School

### **Weeks 2 & 4 of the month**

Monday- use as a make-up

Tuesday- Bellbrook

Wednesday- Yellow Springs, Project SEARCH (Healthy Relationships at the Workplace, Project Life (Healthy Relationships at the Workplace).

Thursday- Beavercreek High School

- We are still working with Scott Family McDonalds. They are providing Door Dash bags and condiment bags for the students to work on to build their work skills. Transition delivers to the schools and when completed return them to McDonalds. The teachers really like having authentic work for the students to do. They do miss bringing their students out (4 Oaks/ TI) because it emulated real work leaving the school.
- Healthy Relationships Team is holding a Provider/Staff training hosted at I Am Boundless (see flyer) on September 30th.
- Healthy Relationships Team is working with All Hands In and Montgomery County Board of DD to host a Speed Friending Event. The individuals wanting to attend the event in November, must attend the Healthy Relationship classes held once per week beginning in October.
- Yellow Springs students made 100 hygiene kits last week to be delivered to Wright State students. We are also working with Feed the Creek Pantry to distribute toothpaste and toothbrushes this month to Beavercreek students throughout the district.

### ***Parent/Provider/Staff Feedback:***

#### **DSP Appreciation**

- This week is DSP Appreciation Week, September 8-14<sup>th</sup>! Independent thank you/gift cards and Agency grant checks were distributed to all of our active providers. We received the following response this week:

*All,*

*I wanted to take the time to say thank you, for the recent "mini-grant" you approved for providers in Greene County. I realize this is something "extra" that the Greene County team does because of the heartfelt appreciation you have for our hardworking DSPs. This funding will be used this week during DSP appreciation week to give an extra thank-you to our teams!*

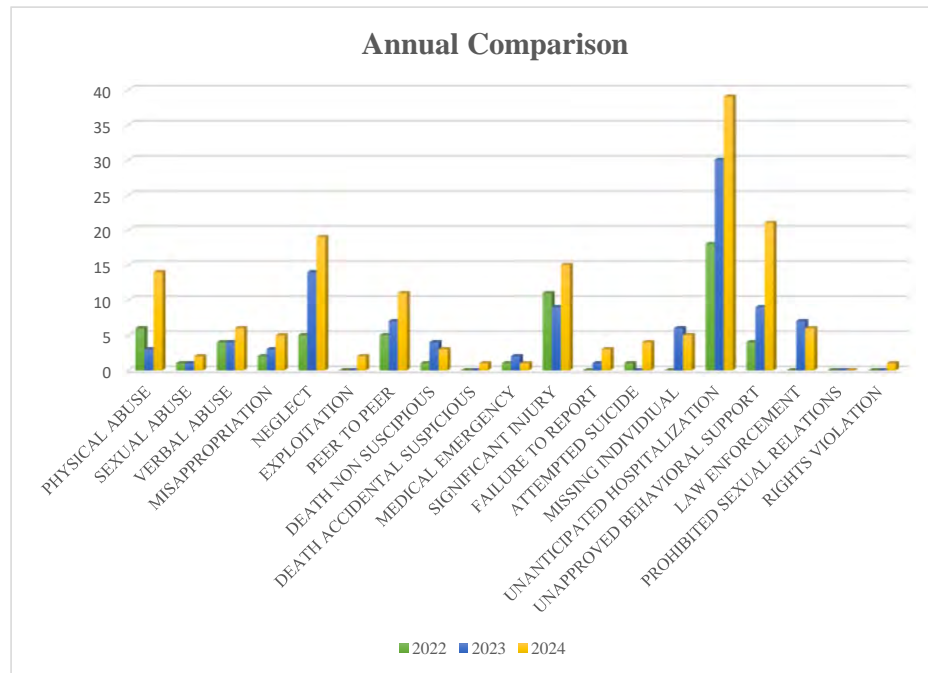
*I'm truly grateful to work in a county that supports throughout the entire year, whether it's showing up to our events, provider support calls, collaborating on ways to serve individuals in Greene County, a billing issue or anything else... I can always count on you all. Thank YOU again, most appreciated!*

*Joseph Harmon*

*CEO*

## September 2024

CATEGORY	2022	2023	2024
PHYSICAL ABUSE	6	3	14
SEXUAL ABUSE	1	1	2
VERBAL ABUSE	4	4	6
MISAPPROPRIATION	2	3	5
NEGLECT	5	14	19
EXPLOITATION	0	0	2
PEER TO PEER	5	7	11
DEATH NON SUSCIPIOUS	1	4	3
DEATH ACCIDENTAL SUSPICIOUS	0	0	1
MEDICAL EMERGENCY	1	2	1
SIGNIFICANT INJURY	11	9	15
FAILURE TO REPORT	0	1	3
ATTEMPTED SUICIDE	1	0	4
MISSING INDIVIDUAL	0	6	5
UNANTICIPATED HOSPITALIZATION	18	30	39
UNAPPROVED BEHAVIORAL SUPPORT	4	9	21
LAW ENFORCEMENT	0	7	6
PROHIBITED SEXUAL RELATIONS	0	0	0
RIGHTS VIOLATION	0	0	1
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>59</b>	<b>100</b>	<b>158</b>



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	2	3	0	0	3	1	3	0	0	0	0	14
SEXUAL ABUSE	0	0	0	0	0	1	1	0	0	0	0	0	2
VERBAL ABUSE	1	1	0	0	0	1	3	0	0	0	0	0	6
MISAPPROPRIATION	0	0	0	0	1	0	4	0	0	0	0	0	5
NEGLECT	0	2	1	2	6	2	5	1	0	0	0	0	19
EXPLOITATION	0	0	0	0	1	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	2
PEER TO PEER	1	2	0	1	1	1	4	1	0	0	0	0	11
DEATH NON SUSCIPIOUS	0	0	0	1	1	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	3
DEATH ACCIDENTAL SUSPICIOUS	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1
MEDICAL EMERGENCY	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1
SIGNIFICANT INJURY	3	1	1	1	0	1	5	3	0	0	0	0	15
FAILURE TO REPORT	0	0	1	0	0	1	1	0	0	0	0	0	3
ATTEMPTED SUICIDE	2	0	0	0	0	0	1	1	0	0	0	0	4
MISSING INDIVIDUAL	0	0	0	2	0	0	0	3	0	0	0	0	5
UNANTICIPATED HOSPITALIZATION	5	3	5	4	5	6	1	10	0	0	0	0	39
UNAPPROVED BEHAVIORAL SUPPORT	1	0	3	0	2	2	4	9	0	0	0	0	21
LAW ENFORCEMENT	0	3	0	1	0	2	0	0	0	0	0	0	6
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	1	0	0	0	0	1
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>15</b>	<b>14</b>	<b>14</b>	<b>14</b>	<b>17</b>	<b>20</b>	<b>32</b>	<b>32</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>158</b>



# **Sexuality Education for Individuals with Developmental Disabilities Provider/Staff Training\***

**When:** September 27, 2024 8:00 AM- 4:00 PM

**Where:** I Am Boundless, 700 West Liberty Lane; West Carrollton, OH 45449

**Facilitators:** Greene County Board of DD Healthy Relationship Team  
(Facilitators have been trained through Elevatus)

**\* DODD Annual 8-hour Training Requirement**

## **How to Communicate One on One with People with I/DD**

People with developmental disabilities are often left out of the conversation about sexuality, almost as if they are incapable of having thoughts, feelings, and needs. In reality, they, too, are sexual beings that need information and skills for making healthy decisions about sexuality. As someone who works with people with developmental disabilities, you may be the most likely person to discuss sexuality with them, or someone with a developmental disability may approach you with questions about sexuality. This workshop will help you become more comfortable talking about this sensitive topic by discussing what needs to be taught when and how to help people with developmental disabilities have safe and satisfying relationships.

Participants

- Gain knowledge about sexuality and specific issues for people with developmental disabilities
- Explore our own values and attitudes regarding sexuality and people with developmental disabilities
- Explore ways to communicate about sexuality with people with developmental disabilities and their parents/guardians.

## **Agenda 8:00-4:00**

Introduction/warm-up

What is Sexuality?

Messages about Sexuality

Sexual Development and Disability

Values and Attitudes

Working one-on-one Answering questions and Responding to Behaviors

Working with Parents/Guardians

Wrap-up and Evaluation

**For information contact: [Kathy Kleiser](mailto:kkleiser@greenedd.org)  
[937-371-0411](tel:937-371-0411); [kkleiser@greenedd.org](mailto:kkleiser@greenedd.org)**



# SPEED FRIENDING

## An event designed to support people in making new connections and meeting others.

Participants will attend **six 90-minute training sessions** to be held in person at the Kettering Recreation Complex over a period of six weeks (one each week).

These will lead up to a fun, in-person **Speed Friending event** on **Wednesday, November 13** from **5:30 p.m. to 7:30 p.m.**

In-person training sessions will be conducted by Elevatus certified trainers. The sessions will help people with developmental disabilities learn how to develop and navigate friendships. The trainings are easy to understand and involve activities to practice friending skills - including communication, relationship building and keeping yourself safe.

### Participants must:

- Fill out the interest form and return it to Amber Newman by Friday, September 20.
- Enroll and attend training sessions each week at the Kettering Recreation Complex, 2900 Glengarry Drive, Kettering, 45420. Training sessions will be held from 6:00 p.m. to 7:30 p.m.; please arrive by 5:45 p.m.
  - Class 1: Wednesday, October 2
  - Class 2: Wednesday, October 9
  - Class 3: Wednesday, October 16
  - Class 4: Wednesday, October 23
  - Class 5: Tuesday, October 29
  - Class 6: Tuesday, November 6
- Attend the in-person Speed Friending event on Wednesday, November 13, from 5:30 p.m. to 7:30 p.m. (You must attend all training sessions to participate in this event.)
- Have their own transportation to and from the activities.

**Please note:** Individuals needing assistance should come with a support person as direct care staff will not be provided. Support persons will be expected to wait away from the group until needed.

Questions? Contact Amber Newman at [anewman@mcbdds.org](mailto:anewman@mcbdds.org) or 937-776-0841.



# SPEED FRIENDING

## Interest Form

Please note: This is not a registration form but an interest form.

Please fill out and return to Amber Newman by Friday, September 20.

You will be notified by Monday, September 23 if you have been selected for Speed Friending. Space is limited to 20 participants.

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Phone number: \_\_\_\_\_

Email address: \_\_\_\_\_

Service & Support Administrator (SSA): \_\_\_\_\_

Name of support person: \_\_\_\_\_

Phone number of support person: \_\_\_\_\_

Email address of support person: \_\_\_\_\_

Have you participated in Elevatus training with GCBDD previously?

Yes  No If yes, when? \_\_\_\_\_

Email completed registration forms to [anewman@mcbdds.org](mailto:anewman@mcbdds.org) or you can mail them to:

MCBDDS  
Amber Newman  
8114 N. Main St.  
Dayton, OH 45415



**Board of Developmental  
Disabilities Services**

# Greene County Board of Developmental Disabilities

## September 18, 2024 Board Report:

**Division:** Early Intervention

**Director Reporting:** Jennifer Frey

### **Updates:**

Our Early Intervention Program implemented all the new forms and procedures from the updated Rule changes on September 3rd with the guidance and approval of our Regional EI Program Consultant, Whitney McHue with the Ohio Department of Children and Youth (DCY).



Additionally, Ohio uses a rotating compliance monitoring schedule that ensures each county program is included in one of 3 analysis yearly. 45-day, Timely Receipt of Services, and Transition.

This year is Ohio's TRS (Timely Receipt of Services) Compliance Review. This will include our TRS visits that occur October – December 2024. TRS is any new service added to an IFSP and should be completed within 30 days.

### **Noteworthy Monthly Data/Numbers:**

**Our Active IFSP number for August 2024 was 235, and our teams completed 28 evaluations.** Our numbers were similar last month (238 active IFSP's and 26 evaluations).

**Greene County EI received 35 new referrals in August (35 in July as well).** After a small dip in referrals at the beginning of the year, they have remained elevated the past several months. The highest referral sources were parents, then physicians, followed by other various sources such as hospital child find specialists, Children Services, etc.

### **Program Information:**

**We are still searching for Physical Therapist to fill the open position on our EI Team.**

**I want to give a huge thank you to all the ladies listed below involved in ADEP and the PLAY Project. These programs go above and beyond their expected job duties and they are very valuable resources to the families we serve!**

Our **Autism Diagnostic Education Program (ADEP) Team** have evaluations set up in the months of **August and September**. 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).

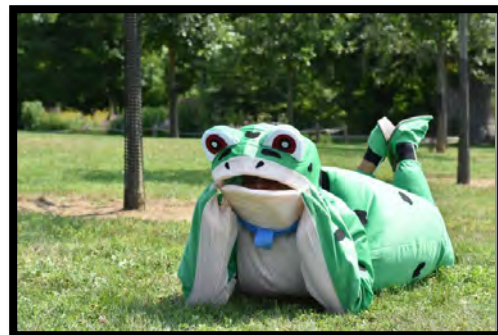
\*\*\*The team is continuing to serve 10 families, but has served 13 this year to date.

### ***Special Events/Activities:***

**Greene County Parks & Trails will be joining Greene County Board of Developmental Disabilities for New Events.**

**Our next Toad-ally Together** event for ages 2 and up will take place at the Russ Nature Reserve on Kemp Road in Beavercreek on Wednesday, September 25<sup>th</sup> from 5pm – 7pm and will be Dinosaur themed. We now also have 4 Paws for Ability joining the event! Thank you to Stephanie Martin (EI Program Executive Secretary), Julie Snider (DS), Kora Combs (DS), Andrea Geiger (EI Program Manager), Kaitlyn Gillum (DS), Linda Martin (OT), Nicole Martin (DS), and Josh Welhener (Community Outreach Coordinator) for helping with this collaboration and giving their expert input in the planning process for these new events for all abilities.

**\*\* Please see updated Flyer for September Dino Event**



**Parent/Provider/Staff Feedback:**

ECP Exit Surveys –August 2024 – Four Oaks received 4 responses.

**Please see below parent comments from 8/1/24 – 8/31/24. All other questions were answered with a “strongly agree”.**

**Q11**

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

- N/A
- We no longer have concerns about her gross motor development.
- Respondent skipped this question
- Respondent skipped this question

**Q12**

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

- The way they were so helpful with all my questions and patient with our son. He really looked forward to their visits.
- They listened to our concerns and made sure we felt validated and cared for.
- The flexibility and the encouragement that Miss Robin offered us and our son.
- How much Beth and everyone cared so much!

**Q13**

**If Four Oaks could improve one thing, I recommend:**

- Respondent skipped this question
- Respondent skipped this question
- There are a lot of different documents with different acronyms.
- Respondent skipped this question

**Q14**

**Other comments**

- We really loved working with Raleita and Anne Marie. Our son would always be so excited when they came walking in. They definitely made it fun for him even though he didn't talk as much.
- Respondent skipped this question
- My son still asks if Miss Robin is going to come and play again. We are very thankful for her sweet and easy going demeanor. She was always so friendly and she gave great reassurance to us as worried parents about how much our child had grown in his development between sessions.
- Respondent skipped this question



Toad-ally Together is a new program partnered by Greene County Parks & Trails and Greene County Board of Developmental Disabilities to bring kids and families of all abilities together to have fun in our backyard! Geared towards children ages 2 & up and of all abilities.

Location:

Russ Nature Reserve  
2380 Kemp Road  
Beavercreek, OH 45431

We hope to see you all there!



Dino Exploration

NEW DATE!

Wednesday,

September 25th, 2024

5:00 PM—7:00 PM



**These are FREE events, registration requested but not required, walk-ins welcome.**

You will find information and registration on the Greene County Parks & Trails website.

**Search under “Youth Programming”, click on “Toad-ally Together”**

# Greene County Board of Developmental Disabilities

## September 18, 2024 Board Report:

**Division:** SSA

**Division Director Reporting:** Denise Summerville

### **Updates:**

**Child with intense needs** who came home last month is still at home. This child has had continued issues with the provider in the home. They have 2 staff in the home currently to assist with the needs of this individual. Recently, the agency gave notice that they are an “unwilling provider” for this child. The agency could not continue to staff 2 staff on a consistent basis. SSA, Amanda Mueller quickly assisted the family with a provider search to secure a new provider in an effort to minimize the time that the family was without support.

There is a possibility of a placement the family has been working on that could lead this child to be placed in a home in another state. The child has returned to school but can only tolerate 3 days/week due to their intense needs. The team is hopeful to continue to increase the days attending school.

**UPDATE ON EMPLOYMENT:** We are continuing to work on Paths to Employment to accurately reflect who is looking for work and who needs to know more about what a job looks like.

PATH	NUMBER OF INDIVIDUALS ON THIS PATH
1: Has a job/wants a new one	124
2: I want a job	20
3: I am not sure about work	111
4: I don't think I want to work	234

As you see by this report, we have done some significant changes with the way the Paths are defined. Those **actively looking** for a job, have all been moved to Path 2. This is a substantial drop from the 66 individuals who were on Path 2 back in June. If an individual is working with our Employment Navigators, they will be on Path 2. We are developing a plan for the Employment Navigators to increase their involvement with the large number of individuals on Path 3. Path 3 individuals are those who are curious about working but may need support/education, etc.... to get started.

Side note of appreciation to Shilo McDaniel, SSA Assistant who completed the tedious job of verifying the accuracy of the path to employment numbers!

**UPDATE ON ICF DISCHARGES:** SSAs made significant progress identifying potential placement/services for the two individuals who were discharged abruptly from Greene county ICF's. One of the individuals has been completing visits at an opening at one of the Homecroft homes and it is going well so far.



The other individual is living locally with a family member and is much happier at this time, per the individual's report! This individual is interested in finding a job and will be looking at various group employment sites to move forward. They eventually want to move into their own place.

Thanks to Cortney Murphy and Kelly Wead, SSAs who jumped in to assist with these immediate discharges and have done an amazing job to get them moving forward.

***Noteworthy Monthly Data/Numbers:***

TCM Productivity: 57.5%

Eligibility Referral and Linkage: 50

Ohio Assessment for Immediate and Current Needs: 5

***Program Information:***

**BRITTCO ACCESS**

We met with the Brittco team and will be working on moving forward with allowing access to providers to access the OISPs. This is in the beginning stages and we are working with GCBDD internal departments of Provider Support and Medicaid to get information into our database. Implementing this change should make it easier and more time efficient for the providers to pull their plans through the Brittco system.

**Accreditation**

DODD has scheduled our 2025 Accreditation visit for July 16-17, 2025. The Accreditation review tool has been revised and DODD has added OEDI/COEDI, Waiting List assessment, administrative resolution of complaints as areas they will be paying focused attention on during the review. They will also be reviewing the County Board's involvement with short term Developmental Centers admissions. Greene County currently has 5 individuals in various developmental centers across the state.

***New "News":***

Mary Kroger- our new SSA started Aug 12, and she continues to come back. She has been completing required trainings and shadowing various SSAs with meetings and monitoring visits. She will be sending out letters of introduction to individuals and families on her caseload later this month.

# Greene County Board of Developmental Disabilities

## September Board Report:

**Division:** Community Relations

**Director Reporting:** Delana Zapata

### **Updates:**

Direct Support Professional Recognition Week (Sun Sept 8 thru Sat Sept 14)

- Custom Cards made for all Independent Providers which included Amazon Gift Card and DSP Event support ID Card
- Grants given to Provider Agencies.
- Sharing event and local celebrations on Social Media

DSP recognitions this past month: Morgan Price (TI), Briana Proffitt (Empowered)

### **Noteworthy Monthly Data/Numbers:**

Facebook Page Reach:

Post Reach: 2161

Post Engagement: 830

New Followers: 20

### **Program Information:**

Attended Open House at **ACIL** (Access Center for Independent Living) <https://acils.com/>

“The Access Center for Independent Living is celebrating its 40th Anniversary!

Guests had the opportunity to tour the center, meet the staff & board of directors, and learn more about the Access Center’s services available to the community. The Disability Caravan also made a stop at the center for the open house.”

### **Special Events/Activities:**

#### Community Outreach

**8/7/24 Coffee Talk:** Coffee Talk had very low attendance due some sidewalk repairs that were underway in front of the building. We did not know this would be happening and could not alert participants. Several day programs tried to attend but could not get into the building. It was a little frustrating. Had we known we would have changed the date or location.

**8/7/24 and 8/21/24: Dungeons and Dragons:** The D&D crowd continues to meet and has become so independent I only help schedule when they meet. Sarah Krug (sister to a player) has stepped up to mentor the group and is doing a great job.

**8/13/24 Movie Night:** As usual Movie Night took place at the Holiday Inn in Fairborn. Around 50 people attended. This will be the last Movie Night for 2024 as we are trying to lower All Hands In expenses and renting the Holiday Inn is a little expensive.

**8/15/24 Towards Independence Golf Outing:** Initially we had two full teams (8 people) signed up but most of our participants had adverse events occur which prevented them from playing. Matt Dorn and Josh ended up being the only GCBDD representatives, but Matt did a great job of representing the disability community.

**8/27/24 Diner's Club:** Diner's Club was held at Giordano's in Beavercreek and around 60 people participated. Giordano's does a great job welcoming us and tries to be very inclusive.

**8/28/24: Exceptional Family Member Support Program (EFMP) Presentation:** Josh and Megan presented to the Wright Patterson Exceptional Family Member Support Program. Around 15 base personnel that work with families with special needs attended the presentation and many good connections were made.

Upcoming Events:

**9/17/24 Wandering Griffin Back to School Movie Trivia:** All Hands In will be meeting for dinner at the Wandering Griffin to host a "back to school" themed movie trivia event/fundraiser. All the funds raised will be donated to Greene Bucs.

**9/27/24: WPAFB EFMP Resource Fair:** Josh will be representing All Hands In at a table at the annual resource fair held by the WPAFB Expectational Family Member Program.

**10/1/24: MCBDD Resource Fair:** Josh will be representing All Hands In at a table at the annual resource fair held by the MCBDD.

**11/13/24 Speed Friending:** Beginning in October, All Hands In is partnering with the GCBDD and MCBDD healthy relationships teams to host a series of relationship classes that will culminate with a speed friending event on 11/13. The purpose of this event is to help the folks we serve develop better relationship skills and provide them with opportunities to exercise those skills at All Hands In events and throughout their interactions in the community.

**12/7/24 (possible): Adaptive Communication Holiday Party:** We are debating partnering with many local agencies to host an Adaptive Communication Holiday Party/Santa Event for all children in Greene County. This event will be unique because it will allow children with diverse communication needs to interact with Santa in the way that suits them best. The goal is to partner with all of the local school districts' speech and occupational therapists to make this truly inclusive. As a hook all participants will have a free Santa photo emailed to them.

**Recreation Events**

**Dayton Dragons game on 8/20.** Had 180 tickets. Lots of agencies were in attendance. The weather was great. A wonderful time was had by all!

**Bowling** is back! Beaver Vu on Fridays 9/20, 10/4, 10/18, 11/1, 11/15 at 5:30pm.

***New "News":***

**Special events promoted:**

El's job post/Hiring a Physical Therapist  
ACIL Open House Celebrating 40<sup>th</sup> Anniversary  
Greene Co Public Health: Mass food distribution event  
DSP recognitions  
Colab with GCP&T's Toad-ally Together Dino  
AHI – Diners Club  
PSAC Meeting  
ACIL Peer Mentor Project  
AHI Newsletter  
AHI Movie Trivia Night  
Relationship training & Speed Friending  
Recreational Bowling

# Greene County Board of Developmental Disabilities

## September 18, 2024 Board Report:

**Division: Administration**

**Superintendent Reporting:**

### **Updates:**

**Budget Discussions:** The DD Budget Coalition recently convened and began discussions on areas of priority for the next state budget and who should be a part of the discussions. Three primary areas were agreed upon as priorities in this initial conversation. 1. Rate increase: consider an increase mechanism tied to rate increases with factors to be determined.

2. **Access rule:** how will it be applied fairly. Each association will have their own additional priority areas, but these are mutual, shared priorities. Information from the provider survey on the first provider/DSP rate increase should be available by the end of the year. Additional areas of consideration for county boards are there will be no ARPA dollars and potential for capital dollars in the next capital cycle.

The following topics were discussed at the Superintendents summer conference:

**Department of Children & Youth:** OACB has developed a great relationship with the DCY leadership team. There is a firm belief an opportunity exists to request budget allocations through DCY and a meeting on August 19th is scheduled with OACB for further discussions with a follow up meeting in September. Budget and feedback considerations should be facilitated through regional representatives. Any new initiatives and budget requests need to be data driven and provided.

**Early Intervention:** The question has been posed of when does Early Intervention become a Medicaid funded service. If EI was Medicaid funded, Conflict Free Case Management would become a factor, and a decision would need to be made on either case management (ie: service coordination) or service provider. While this is not time sensitive, it should be an area of increased conversation.

**Ohio Rise:** Various statewide meetings have been occurring with other state organizations to strategize on short- and long-term goals on how to improve the OR program. The advisory group which initially worked to develop the program underwent a change to become a working group.

***Noteworthy Monthly Data/Numbers:***

Parents as Providers Data Collection: To date, 156 extraordinary care instruments have been completed, 142 met criteria, 120 were authorized, and 3 were authorized for over 40 hours per week during the first 6 months. Data is available and will continue to be collected by OACB. In Greene County there has been 2 approvals of parents as providers.

***New "News":***

Paul's current term as a Board member expires December 31, 2024. He has graciously indicated he would like to be appointed by the Commissioner's to a second 4-year term. His application has been submitted to the Commissioner's. The statute requires the Commissioners make the appointment no later than the last day of November, to be effective at the organizational meeting in January.

Also, Melinda's current term also expires December 31, 2024. Melinda has served as a Board member since January 1, 2013 and is term limited and not eligible for re-appointment according to the Ohio revised code for two years.

In October of 2023 section 5126.021 of the ORC was amended in regards to Board appointments and now states that County Commissioner's must make at least one appointment of an individual eligible for services from the Board of DD. While this language does not become effective until July 1, 2025 Melinda's completion of her allowable terms of office presents an opportunity for the Commissioner's to comply with the spirit of the law in naming her replacement.

To that end we will be submitting Dylan Michael Boot application for a prospective Board member who meets the new qualifications for appointment to the Board. As an introduction I have included his comments to The Commissioner's application:

***I've been servant and advocate my entire life. I was born with moderate Cerebral Palsy, which affected my body and speech but did not affect my mind. From an early age, I knew families. The goal of the expo is to connect people with disabilities with the services and organizations that can assist in increasing their independence and connect them to the communities they live in.***

***My volunteer life has also been extremely disability-centric. While earning my Master's, I served on the board of directors for Disability Rights California, a high-profile nonprofit law firm with an annual budget of over \$12 million.***

***In Illinois, I was a member of the local Transition Planning Council, serving as Chair for FY 2018. The TPC was an inter-agency collaboration with the mandate of improving the transition out of high school for students with disabilities residing in the county that we served.***

***I whole-heartedly believe that I have much to bring to the GCDD Board. While I have not lived in Ohio long, I am quickly familiarizing myself with the laws and policies unique to Ohio and I can draw from the experience of living in four other states.***

***People describe me as an intelligent individual, a great leader, and a powerful advocate. I would greatly appreciate the opportunity to continue my journey as a disability advocate by serving on the GCDD Board, spearheading Greene County's efforts to improve the lives of its citizens with developmental disabilities, that I wanted to assist and advocate for people with disabilities who could not advocate for themselves.***

***The next regular GCBDD Board meeting is scheduled for November 20th at noon, at Valley Rd with Virtual option.***

***(October's meeting will be included in the Board member In service)***

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