



Board Meeting Highlights February 18th, 2026

Board Actions

- Approval of the minutes from January 21st, 2026
- Two resolutions were approved by the board, to authorize renewal/extension of 2 employee contracts
- Guest Presenter - John Trunk

Topics of discussion

Greene County Board of Developmental Disabilities

February 18, 2026 Board Report:

Division: Community Services

Director Reporting: Jeanne Turner

Updates:

Provider Supports

- In January we have had 3 new agencies wanting to serve folks here in Greene
- January 20th, we had our in-person independent provider meeting. Topic was on compliance. Cindy provided helpful tools, tips, and handouts. Facilitators: Cindy N and Susan C
- Trending: Have seen an increase in the billing claims assistance requests. Billing and payment reimbursement. A number of providers have reported a delay in reimbursement for services in the month of January.

Noteworthy Monthly Data/Numbers:

- **MUI:**
 - In the Month of January, there were 77 UIR's reviewed, 9 MUI's filed.
- **Providers on PAWs:**
 - January: Independent – 151; Agency (of all types of service) –82
- **Care Choice Service Requests Summary:**
 - As of the date of this report (2/11/26), there are 7 service requests currently posted:
 - 4 Homemaker Personal Care (HPC)
 - 2 Non-Medical Transportation (NMT)
 - 1 Residential Respite

Healthy Relationships Club attendance for January:

- 1/14 - 17 (4 were virtual)
- 1/28 -9 (All virtual)

**Sign-ups for HR Club total- 29 (16 -Greene; 6- Mont; 3- Clark; 1- Warren; 3 -not connected)

Program Information:

Jeff D, Training Coordinator

- Training Schedule continues in 2026
 - CPR/First Aid - Tuesdays and Thursdays
 - DSP DODD Curriculum training – Fridays
 - Group classes and off-site classes can be scheduled for agencies with advanced notice.

Transition Coordination/Coaching: Kathy K, Cindy S, Brenda M

January School #s- 150 students- Numbers are lower due to winter weather and high absenteeism in the schools (flu, etc.)

Josh W and Kathy attended the Special Needs Parent Support Group at Wright Patterson. This group at Wright Patt is a support system for military families with special needs children. The goal of this group is to help connect base families with support within the community. This is a new series the school liaison is hosting, and we were invited to talk about transition services and activities available for families. This is a new endeavor and participation was low, but we were able to make connections with base personnel working to help families with referral and linkage in their communities.

Greene County Board of Developmental Disabilities

February 18, 2026 Board Report:

Division: SSA

Director Reporting: Denise Summerville

Updates:

SSA Staffing

In January, Andrea Harker started her SSA position with Greene County DD. Andrea is excited to be a part of the Greene County team. Mary Campbell is providing mentorship to Andrea as she gets acquainted with her position. Julie Hoosier is transitioning over to an Employment Navigator/SSA.

We are starting to receive applications for the additional SSA position.

Noteworthy Monthly Data/Numbers:

Eligibility Referral and Linkage contacts: 53 contacts that include email requests, phone conversations and occasional in-person meetings with our Eligibility Team. We provide referral/linkage services to individuals/families regardless of their eligibility status.

Quarterly eligibility newsletter sent out to 75 referral sources made up of school contacts, hospital/social worker contacts, social services agencies.

New Applications for SSA services: 5

Program Information:

Respite Update:

- The management team of the SSA Division met with Right at Home, the agency responsible for staffing our respite home in Xenia, for future planning regarding the weekend respite program. During this meeting, we addressed documentation requirements, updated the referral process, clarified staffing expectations, and reviewed medication procedures. In collaboration with Right at Home, GCBDD is set to host a "Respite Showcase" in May, inviting families to visit the home, meet the agency, and learn more about what the respite program offers. More details to follow in the coming months.

Respite Growth:

- An agency in Fairborn, known as St. Christopher's, offers weekend services for individuals and families seeking respite. This service is available for individuals and families to utilize once a month!
- Additionally, Goodwill is in the process of establishing weekend options for eligible individuals and families. Although this initiative is not fully operational yet, it will serve as another valuable option for families in need of a break.

Special Events/Activities:

2 Special Speakers at SSA Meetings:

- Goodwill
- Helping Lives Agency

OACB Child & Transition Services Round Table:

- Monthly meeting to address various concerns related to youth transitions and the challenges faced by children requiring services
- Ohio Rise attended this meeting to discuss services they can offer

New “News”:

WEIGHTED CASELOADS:

The SSA Division is currently engaged in implementing a system that incorporates weighted caseloads. This initiative aims to ensure an equitable distribution of the workload across the division.

The process involves identifying more intense cases that demand focused attention. Examples include medical/nursing, behavioral/rights restrictions, law enforcement involvement, repeated MUIs, chronic staffing concerns, and similar issues, with a goal to reduce the sizes of these caseloads. Conversely, we will also consider increasing the caseload sizes for individuals who are relatively stable, such as those receiving locally funded services, Level One waivers, transportation, or solely adult day services, among other less demanding situations.

Our objective by using weighted caseloads is the County Board can tailor support to individual needs while maintaining manageable SSA workloads and responsibly planning for SSA staffing costs.

InterRAI update:

SSA management team virtually attended the Statewide SSA Directors meeting. One topic covered was updates on the InterRAI assessment training and sample. Assessors in cohorts 1 & 2 will be trained in April. Names of individuals chosen for the assessment sample will be coming out between now and April.

Greene County Board of Developmental Disabilities

February 18, 2026 Board Report:

Division: Early Intervention

Director Reporting: Jennifer Frey

Updates:

Department of Children and Youth:

Ohio Child Care Resource & Referral Association (OCCRRA):

Our Developmental Specialist Certifications have been moved to a new system with a new way of submitting and applying for credentials. Supervision has been keeping up with guidance and newly required trainings/training trackers to support staff.

Noteworthy Monthly Data/Numbers:

Our Active IFSP number for January 2026 was 208, and our teams completed 16 evaluations. We have had an influx of referrals this month, and some were rescheduled from last month so we anticipate our numbers to increase.

Greene County EI received 34 new referrals in January. 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 there is no one covering his involvement with our ADEP team, but our families can still access this testing through Dayton Children’s Autism Clinic. 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 7 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)
- Thursday, September 24th from 5-7pm (Lilo and Stitch)

Parent/Provider/Staff Feedback:

ECP Exit Surveys –January 2026 – Four Oaks received 4 responses.

Please see below parent comments from 1/1/26 – 1/31/26. 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?

- My daughter met all of her goals and caught up developmentally
- No longer qualifies for speech assistance

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

- Great collaboration with Nicole!
- Bridget was honestly amazing. She was a true blessing to our family. She always responded with any questions I had or recommendations. She was truly invested in helping Phia meet her fullest potential and beyond. Nicole was always upbeat and present during the visits. She was so good at sending out local events that pertained to my family. She is a natural advocate. She helped us get Phia’s braces covered, along with a pair of shoes that fit them. Bridget and Nicole are a great team. We are beyond thankful to have had them as our care team.
- The endless amount of support!

If Four Oaks could improve one thing, I recommend:

- NA
- Respondent skipped this question

Other comments

- Respondent skipped this question
- Thank you so much for your support throughout this season of life!
- Respondent skipped this question

Greene County Board of Developmental Disabilities

February 18, 2026 Board Report:

Division: Finance and Administration

Director Reporting: Tom Schaeffer

Updates:

Cost Report
Homecroft Audit

Noteworthy Monthly Data/Numbers:

Federal Revenue

MAC	
TCM	\$54,508
TITLE XX	
WAIVER RECONCILIATION	
COST REPORT SETTLEMENT	
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	\$54,508

Items Requiring Board Approval:

Celeste Johnson Contract Renewal
Douglas Henning Contract Renewal

Financials:

Beginning Cash Balance 1-1-2025	\$24,560,799
YTD Revenue	\$54,660
YTD Expense	(\$3,399,495)
Ending Cash Balance	\$21,215,963
Budget Stabilization Fund	\$5,462,166
Medicaid Reserve Fund	\$372,463
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Detailed Report Attached

Enrollment and Service Data

Program Areas	Enrolled On	Enrolled On
	12/31/2025	1/31/2026
Unduplicated Count Receiving Services	1324	1324
Early Childhood Eligibility Birth 0-3	22	16
0-3 early Childhood Enrollment	222	208
Play Project Enrolled	6	7
Board Eligibility	8	7
Service and Support	572	568
Recreation Events	262	50
Behavioral Support	24	24
Restrictive Measures	8	8
School Age Individuals	135	150
Unusual Incidents	85	77
Major Unusual Incidents	5	9
Providers-Independent	150	151
Provider-Agencies	83	82
Waiver Recipients	405	401
Medicaid Waiver Services	292	245
Family Support Services Enrolled	74	117
Individuals Residing in Homecroft Homes	73	73

Greene County Board of Developmental Disabilities

February Board Report:

Division: Community Relations

Director Reporting: Delana Zapata

Updates:

- New Board Member Jenna Stites, PhD
- DD Awareness is the month of March (book donations continue)
- Statewide DD Awareness & Advocacy Day, and local watch party

Noteworthy Monthly Data/Numbers:

Facebook Page Reach:

Views: 9275

Engagement: 483

New Followers: 5

Advocacy and Resource Coordination Report

February 2026 Meeting

- Requests for Resource Support
January:
 - Requests included helping an individual who lives with their family that was displaced due to a fire. Family was provided temporary housing via the landlord. Support included coordinating efforts with a local fish pantry to provide food and household items. Also worked on coordinating efforts to acquire support for some of their items to be moved. Provided Family with information on Greene Met Housing Assistance and offered to help work through and complete the application with the family.
 - The other situation is newer and involves helping an individual who needs some assistance with household goods, and some furniture as he is looking to move into his own place soon. He will not be moving out until March so this will be an on-going support.
 - Also, had a few other individuals assisted in January. One involved assisting with a Greene Met Housing Assistance Voucher an individual recently got approved for. Provided the team with a list of housing options to investigate. The other involved partnering with a Gospel Mission in Dayton to secure household goods (Kitchen items) for an individual who recently moved into an apartment.

- (On-Going) Continuing to explore / expand the network of community resources to aid families / individuals who need additional resources and supports. Continue to reach out to various agencies to continue building a network of available resources. Also attended 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) We continue working on collaborating with various churches in Greene County in efforts to assist in serving and supporting those individuals in the Disability Community. This will be an ongoing project; we have had several meetings with churches and pastors to see how the churches can assist in supporting the individuals we serve through various resources. We attended the MAX (Ministry Association of Xenia) Meetings to build a strong network of support for our individuals / families in need. We also attended the Fairborn Ministry Association Meeting to share information and build a network of resources and support for the individuals we serve.
- The Blue Envelope Program has been implemented in Greene County, and we have been working to collaborate / partner with the various law enforcement agencies on this. This is something we started in 2025! Blue Envelopes are available at the Greene County Board of DD Main Office.

GreeneMont Aktion Club

- We are partnering with the Kiwanis Organization, who are sponsoring a new club for Adults with Disabilities called the Aktion Club. This club functions as a club in which we elect officers, do acts of service in the community, and do activities.
- We recently held our club meeting in January in which we shared information on the election of officers for the club and completed a service project in putting together ornaments to send to a nursing home.
- The Club will continue to meet the 1st Tuesday of each month, (weather permitting).
- Sharing some information regarding our One Bistro Service Event that happened on 1/21/2026. Some of our folks from the AKtion Club along with some parents, guardians, providers, and community members worked together to serve a community meal at One Bistro. It was an amazing experience not only for our folks

but also for the community. Margie, who is the Director for One Bistro, said our group did an amazing job.



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. We held our January Meeting in which we did an advocacy on being safe online / internet safety. We had an IT Specialist come in and provide feedback to the group and the individuals asked questions and provided feedback.

Special Events/Activities:

Community Outreach

1/5/2026	Diner's Club (On Par)	All Hands In	30+
1/29/2026	Karaoke (Virtual)	All Hands In	20+

Why so few All Hands In events for January?

- It's actually for an awesome reason. We had so many other opportunities in the community!
- Josh Carson hosted the Aktion Club, The Voices, and a serving opportunity at One Bistro
- Our Book Clubs met 4 times!!
- Dungeons and Dragons met twice.

- The Healthy Relationship Club met twice
- We didn't host Coffee Talk because it fell on New Year's Day.
- So, in total, our participants had 13 opportunities to get out in January!

Upcoming and Emerging Opportunities

- The All Hands In crew met with Fairborn Parks and Recreation and plan to host future events starting in March (Adaptive Egg Hunt)
- The All Hands In crew is partnering with a Cedarville Student to host the 1st Annual Greene County Tea Party in March.
- A new partnership is developing with the Brick Shop to host LEGO-based events.
- For 2026 we will be hosting a minimum of one event per month that is specifically designed for elementary age families.

Not just fun and games

- All of our All Hands In events provided opportunities to work on personal goals for the people we serve (social skills, independence, transportation, money management, etc.)
- We are beginning to look more closely at how our events "live in the space between" the OISP and the work the providers do.
- Our goal is to become even more intentional about how our events and community-based opportunities can help our participants grow and increase their independence.

New "News":

Special events promoted:

Magistrate Heather Shannon promoted Aktion Club One Bistro Event
 Aktion Club One Bistro Event
 AHI Diners club collaboration with Clark county DD
 Functional Friends "A Night Under the Stars" event
 AHI Karaoke
 Ohio Professional Property Services LLC (thank you)
 GCBDD Healthy Relationships Club
 AKTION Club (Nov & Dec)
 AHI Newsletter
 PSAC Meeting
 Board Meeting public notice
 MLK Day



The Voices of Greene County and Voices Matter of Montgomery County Self-Advocacy Team



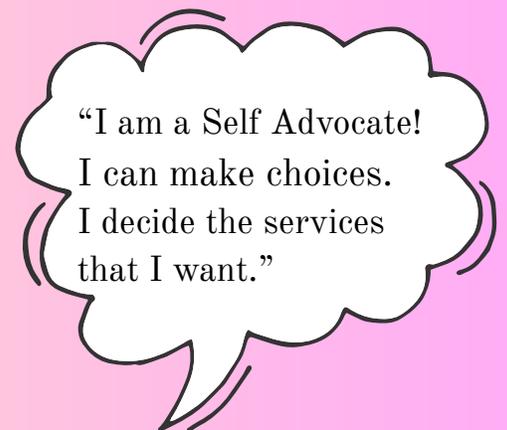
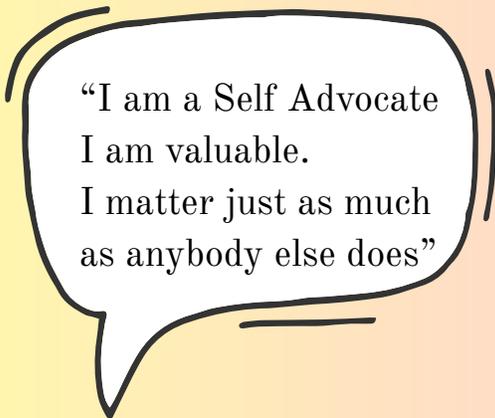
This is a great opportunity to make new and meaningful friendships with people from both Greene County and Montgomery County!

We meet **IN PERSON** on the first (1st) Thursday of each month
at 6:00pm at the Kettering Rec Center
(address: 2900 Glengarry Dr, Kettering, OH 45420).

Times, dates, and location may change so please call Josh Carson at
(937) 851-8603 before coming.

If you need personalized assistance, please bring a support person with you
to the meetings.

**Please contact Josh Carson for more information
email jcarson@greenedd.org or by phone at (937) 851-8603**



Greene County Board of
Developmental Disabilities



DD AWARENESS AND ADVOCACY DAY WATCH PARTY

JOIN US AS WE CELEBRATE DD
AWARENESS AND ADVOCACY
VIA A WATCH PARTY LIVE FROM
COLUMBUS. SNACKS PROVIDED

MARCH 4TH 10-11:30am

541 LEDBETTER RD
XENIA, OH 45385 (MEDIA ROOM)



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COME CELEBRATE DD
AWARENESS AND
ADVOCACY!

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AKtion Club

“A FUN AND EMPOWERING
CLUB FOR ADULTS WITH SPECIAL NEEDS”



February 3rd, 2026 6:00-7:30PM
GREENE COUNTY BOARD OF DEVELOPMENTAL DISABILITIES
245 VALLEY ROAD XENIA OH 45385

COME AND BE PART OF THE AKTION CLUB WHERE THIS MONTH
WE WILL BE ELECTING OFFICERS FOR THE 2026 YEAR AND DOING A
VALENTINES DAY THEMED ACTIVITY.

For more information or to let us know you're coming please call
Joshua Carson GCBDD Advocacy and Resource Coordinator at 937-851-8603 or
email me at jcarson@greenedd.org

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Greene County Board of Developmental Disabilities

February 18th Board Report:

Division: Administration

Superintendent Reporting: John LaRock

Updates: Copied from an ANCHOR presentation at the AI I/DD Leadership Summit

Augmented intelligence (AI) is transforming how intellectual and developmental disabilities (I/DD) organizations operate. From how they provide support, address challenges like staff shortages, streamline workflows and empower professionals, caregivers and the individuals supported—it is playing a growing role. At the I/DD Leadership Summit, Netsmart experts shared insights into how AI tools are already making an impact. Here are five key takeaways from the session on AI's benefits in advancing care.

1. Alleviating Documentation Burdens

Clinical documentation has long been a pain point for I/DD professionals, but AI is stepping in to change that:

- **Streamlined Data Capture:** Tools like Bells AI enable faster and more accurate documentation by integrating voice-to-text capabilities, optical character recognition (OCR), and ambient listening to summarize sessions. These features save direct support professionals hours of manual work while ensuring high-quality records.
- **Language Support:** With support for 93+ languages, providers can document in their native language, reducing barriers for non-native English speakers while maintaining clinical accuracy.

By reducing documentation time, providers can focus more on delivering support rather than getting bogged down in administrative tasks.

2. Driving Better Outcomes with Quality Data

AI doesn't just capture data—it enhances its usefulness:

- **Improved Data Visibility:** AI tools help organizations analyze and utilize the vast amounts of data collected in electronic health

records (EHRs). This provides actionable insights, enabling more personalized care plans and better decision-making.

- **Clinical Coaching in Real-Time:** AI assists staff by offering real-time feedback, helping them use appropriate clinical language and maintain compliance.

The result is not only better documentation but also enhanced support and consistency across teams.

3. Empowering Staff with AI

AI tools are designed to work as a partner, not a replacement for people.

- **Enhancement, Not Replacement:** AI can't and won't replace providers. When you make AI meaningful, you're not just creating efficiency, you're transforming your organization. You enable what we call the AI Trifecta: empower staff, optimize processes, and simplify reimbursement. These improvements benefit clinical, financial and operational staff, plus impact caregivers and the individuals you support.
- **Skill Development:** AI provides training and coaching to caregivers, community members and close family in proximity to care, helping them learn best practices and apply them effectively in real-world scenarios.
- **Improved Collaboration:** Caregivers can access progress reports, behavior support plans and other resources through intuitive platforms, fostering stronger partnerships between families and professionals. These resources are essential for ensuring that those living with I/DD receive the necessary amount of attention from caregivers who, without such tools, might be preoccupied with filing claims or other administrative labor.

This empowerment builds trust and ensures that support is collaborative and holistic.

4. Adapting to Diverse Needs and Settings

Flexibility is key in I/DD care, and AI tools are rising to the challenge:

- **Device-Agnostic Design:** AI platforms work seamlessly across phones, tablets, laptops and desktops, ensuring that staff and caregivers can document and access information wherever they are.

- **Integrated Workflows:** Unlike standalone tools, our AI solutions are deeply integrated and embedded into existing platforms, minimizing disruptions and avoiding the need for redundant workflows.

This adaptability ensures that AI can meet the unique needs for I/DD organizations no matter where support is offered, whether onsite, in home and community-based services, schools—you name it.

5. Building Confidence in AI Adoption

While some may still believe that Introducing AI into workflows is intimidating, the right approach can make all the difference:

- **Onboarding Strategies:** Netsmart recommends treating AI adoption like onboarding a new team member. Organizations can designate “super users” to champion the technology and mentor others, creating a culture of excitement towards change management rather than resistance.
- **Trustworthy Partnerships:** With rapid advancements in AI, choosing a reliable partner is essential. Netsmart ensures that its solutions are compliant, user-friendly, continually updated to meet the evolving needs of the industry, and platform agnostic—even if you aren’t using a Netsmart EHR.

By fostering confidence and providing robust support, organizations can unlock the full potential of AI.

The Future of AI in I/DD Care

AI is not just a tool—it’s a transformative force reshaping how professionals and caregivers provide support. From simplifying documentation to empowering collaboration, the benefits are clear. As Chris Yakscoe, GM AI at Netsmart, noted during the summit, “AI isn’t here to replace anyone—it’s here to streamline workflows and provide incredible resources.”

The question is no longer whether to adopt AI but rather how to integrate it strategically. With the right tools and partners, I/DD organizations can

enhance care delivery, reduce burnout and focus on what truly matters: providing support so individuals can achieve their goals and live a fulfilled life with all the social, vocational and educational potential life has to offer.

Tricia Zerger is Senior Director of Human Services Strategy at Netsmart.

Special Events/Activities: Statewide County Board Levies

Brown: 1.5 mill New (10 years)

Butler: 2.0 mill New (Continuous)

Champaign: 1.5 mill New (5 years)

Clermont: 0.75 mill New (Continuous)

Defiance: 2.0 mill New (Continuous)

Delaware: 2.0 mill renewal plus .7 mill additional (5 years)

Logan: 2.75 mill New (5 years)

Lorain: 0.85 mill Additional (5 years)

Marion: 2.4 mill New (10 years)

Vinton: 3 mill Renewal (5 years)

Washington: 0.95 mill Additional (5 years)

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

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