

Greene County Board of  
Developmental Disabilities



Board Meeting Highlights March 20, 2024

Board Actions

- Approval of the minutes from Feb 21, 2024

**Topics of discussion**

# Greene County Board of Developmental Disabilities

## March 2024 Board Report:

**Division:** SSA

**Division Director Reporting:** Denise Summerville

### **Updates:**

#### **SSA SNAPSHOT:**

**Crisis Management:** The SSAs juggle a variety of tasks in their day to day work. One of those tasks is crisis management. At times we have serious issues that needed to be fixed yesterday. This month, there were three such cases requiring immediate crisis management and placement.

First individual was arrested and placed in custody of the Greene County jail. This individual has been in and out of legal trouble for many years. During this past arrest, the individual's 24-hour provider gave notice that they could no longer provide services to them due to the health and safety of the others in the home. Within a short amount of time, the SSA contacted the Developmental Center, where they had been multiple times prior, and secured placement for when they were released from jail. SSA is currently working on a long-term placement for them with more of the supports that they need. The individual is due to visit with the agency at the beginning/middle of the month of March.

Second individual was not currently receiving GCBDD services; our involvement began due to the individual being placed in the custody of the Greene County jail. They were unable to return to the family home due to the severity of the aggression towards family members. We did not know this individual nor have a working plan on them. We assigned an SSA and the SSA is currently working through a plan for more permanent placement. The individual was involved with the court system and was mandated to a Developmental Center for stabilization. Greene County Board of DD is responsible for finding a permanent placement for them throughout the state of Ohio.

The third individual had been successfully living in an ICF in another county for years. Parent contacted our Eligibility Coordinator after the individual received a 30-day notice from the ICF stating they were no longer willing/able to serve this individual. Ohio Department of DD informed us that they had asked to be relocated to Greene County. We immediately assigned an SSA to work on finding placement for them. We were given 15 days to find a place and the SSA was able to secure a stable and appropriate placement closer to the family.

The SSAs have a very heavy work load keeping up with deadlines, paperwork, changes in rules, changes in services, productivity, etc. When these more intense situations occur, they require immediate focused attention. The SSAs always jump in and do the best they can to remedy these extreme situations. Thanks to **Rachel Ruland, Cortney Murphy and Brittany Long** for handling the above cases with knowledge and kindness to both the families as well as all involved agencies.

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

February Productivity: 57.5%

Eligibility referral and linkage contacts: 58

**Program Information:**

Extraordinary Care/Parents as Paid Caregivers

DODD rule changes effective January 1, 2024 allow for a family member to be paid to take care of their minor child. We have created a local process that allows us to document completion of the required elements in the rule. SSAs complete the steps associated with conducting a provider search. Our Eligibility Coordinators complete the actual extraordinary care instrument (ECI) to show the specialized need. If the ECI shows that an individual meets the criteria, we have two SSAs that are taking those children and parents on their caseloads. We are anticipating by only having 2 SSAs to work with these types of cases, it will ensure consistency and that the specialized monitoring is completed timely.

Current status of Parents as Paid Caregivers:

- We have one family who is eligible for this and is getting certified to provide services
- One family that is in process of determining eligibility for Extraordinary Care

**New "News":** Stillwater Contract- we finally received a contract for locally funded respite services from Stillwater!

**Parent/Provider/Staff Feedback:** Please see attached "Survey Results 4<sup>th</sup> quarter 2023"

# SURVEY RESULTS

4<sup>th</sup> Quarter 2023

| QUESTION  | YES, STRONGLY AGREE | YES, I AGREE | I AM UNDECIDED | NO, I DISAGREE | NO, I STRONGLY DISAGREE |
|---|---------------------|--------------|----------------|----------------|-------------------------|
| You recently had a meeting with your ISP team. Do you feel the team meeting went well and were you happy with the results of the meeting?   | 17                  | 3            | 1              |                |                         |
| Did the SSA touch base with you prior to the meeting, to talk about what you may want to work on for the upcoming year?   | 17                  | 3            | 1              |                |                         |
| During the meeting, did you feel the SSA listened to your input and assisted you and the team with putting things in the plan that you felt were important?                                   | 15                  | 6            |                |                |                         |
| Is SSA responsive? <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Does SSA returns your calls within 1-3 business days?</li> <li>Does SSA respond to your emails within 1-3 business days?</li> </ul> | 15                  | 5            | 1              |                |                         |

|   |   |
|---|---|
| What is the best thing about your SSA?  | <p>Amanda:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Always pleasant to talk to</li> <li>Very helpful</li> <li>Really listened to what I want to do and tires to help</li> <li>Tries to help me with whatever my goals are</li> <li>She's awesome</li> <li>I know she cares for me and wants me to do good</li> <li>Very lucky to have her as our SSA</li> </ul> <p>Brittany:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>She is great</li> <li>She has a heart for her clients and is always sweet and caring</li> </ul> <p>Cheyann:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Good at handling difficult cases</li> <li>Good advocate</li> </ul> <p>Cortney:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>She understands me</li> <li>Communication and helpfulness</li> <li>Is very helpful</li> <li>Cortney is fabulous</li> </ul> <p>Janna:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Consistently good</li> </ul> <p>Julia:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>She is nice and always makes me feel comfortable to talk to</li> <li>Very knowledgeable</li> </ul> <p>Rachel:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Is quick to respond to any questions</li> <li>Listens well and is easy to get along with</li> <li>Very enjoyable to work with</li> </ul> <p>Tricia:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Dialog with Tricia is always good and she is always available for input</li> </ul> |
| Is there anything his/her SSA could be doing better for you or your individual? | Nothing noted   |

# Greene County Board of Developmental Disabilities

## March 20, 2024 Board Report:

**Division:** Finance and Administration

**Director Reporting:** Tom Schaeffer

### **Updates:**

Yellow Springs Home Inc.

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

#### **Federal Revenue**

|                        |                 |
|------------------------|-----------------|
| MAC                    | \$0             |
| TCM                    | \$85,723        |
| TITLE XX               | \$9,429         |
| COST REPORT SETTLEMENT | \$0             |
|                        | <u>\$95,152</u> |

### **Program Information:**

Account Code Breakdown

### **Financials:**

|                                  |                     |
|----------------------------------|---------------------|
| Beginning Cash Balance 1-01-2024 | \$25,944,242        |
| YTD Revenue                      | \$96,578            |
| YTD Expense                      | (\$2,562,363)       |
| <b>Ending Cash Balance</b>       | <b>\$23,478,457</b> |
| Budget Stabilization Fund        | \$5,462,166         |
| Medicaid Reserve Fund            | \$372,463           |
|                                  | <b>\$29,313,086</b> |

**Detailed Report Attached**

## Enrollment and Service Data

| Program Areas                           | Enrolled On | Enrolled On |
|---|-------------|-------------|
|   | 1/31/2024   | 2/29/2024   |
| Unduplicated Count Receiving Services   | 1199        | 1202        |
| Early Childhood Eligibility Birth 0-3   | 24          | 23          |
| 0-3 early Childhood Enrollment          | 257         | 255         |
| Play Project Enrolled                   | 8           | 8           |
| Board Eligibility                       | 8           | 11          |
| Service and Support                     | 557         | 559         |
| Recreation Events                       | 6           | 6           |
| School Age Individuals                  | 178         | 98          |
| Behavioral Support                      | 30          | 32          |
| Restrictive Measures                    | 3           | 3           |
| Unusual Incident Reports Reviewed       | 136         | 131         |
| Major Unusual Incidents Filed           | 14          | 11          |
| Providers-Independent                   | 140         | 142         |
| Provider-Agencies                       | 63          | 68          |
| Waiver Recipients                       | 393         | 394         |
| Medicaid Waiver Services                | 330         | 339         |
| Family Support Services Enrolled        | 143         | 119         |
| Individuals Residing in Homecroft Homes | 78          | 78          |

# Greene County Board of Developmental Disabilities

## March 20, 2024 Board Report:

### **Division:**

Community Services

### **Director Reporting:**

Jeanne Turner

#### **Updates:**

#### **Station MD Pilot Update from Toward Independence Team**

Provider Meeting 2/1/24

Cassie Lucas – TII Director of Nursing

Mary Allen – TII Director of QA & Solutions Management

Chris Davies – TII Program Coordinator

Joe Harmon – TII CEO; [joseph-harmon@ti-inc.org](mailto:joseph-harmon@ti-inc.org)

- StationMD is a telehealth provider specifically for people with I/DD. Learn more at <https://stationmd.com/>
- DODD's pilot program page: <https://dodd.ohio.gov/about-us/communication/DODD-Kits/kit-StationMD>. We hope to hear more in the coming months about the project renewing in 2024!
- See attached flyer
- Toward Independence is in their second year of participating in the DODD pilot collaboration with Station MD, and continue to see great outcomes for the individuals they support and their teams!

Some of TII's Testimony:

- A telehealth visit from home, instead of an ER or Urgent Care visit, alleviates a lot of stress and anxiety both for individuals and their DSPs
- Cost benefits in a group setting as well when you don't have to find staffing coverage
- Has been a big help with medication refills in time crunches
- Don't have to be around other sick people in an ER/Urgent Care and risk exposure
- A nice tool for DSPs to support them in determining what follow-up is needed, especially overnight staff
- Higher risk folks can also receive routine, scheduled evaluations through Station MD for increased monitoring/support
- The Station MD folks already have the individuals' records in their system, so really quick and easy to address the current concern
- Ease of use is amazing! Over zoom, so can even participate on a smart phone. Multiple participants can be invited to participate in an appointment.
- Will communicate with other primary roles – primary care, parents/guardian, etc.
- Accesses TII's Quick MAR system for seamless communication with pharmacy/PCP/team

**Greene Provider Compliance Support Activities**

- Cindy Nava, Benefits and Compliance Coordinator, continues to complete regularly scheduled provider compliance reviews as assigned by DODD Office of Compliance. These regularly scheduled reviews assigned are typically independent provider reviews for Ohio Shared Living and HPC services. Cindy is trained alongside of DODD reviewers, by DODD Review Managers, who also provide oversight and guidance.
- Susan Collar, Provider Development Coordinator, completes a Board required orientation with all newly certified independent providers, which includes review of provider compliance requirements, including creating and implementing service documentation, incident reporting, training, how to bill/billing expectations, etc.
- Cindy reaches out to all providers scheduled for a compliance review (DODD reviewer or Cindy assigned), to offer assistance with understanding compliance expectations and preparing for reviews. She also frequently responds to compliance related questions from providers as they arise, and trains on specific compliance areas where developments have occurred (so far in 2024 - documentation development with OISP, med admin, personal funds etc.).
- Melissa Green, QA RN, assists providers with understanding their health-related services requirements, related to specific individuals being served.
- Jeff Diamond, Training Coordinator, also reviews required compliance components in his/DODD's annual DSP trainings (Incident reporting, individual rights, behavior support)
- Cindy completes annual personal funds reviews for all payee/waiver providers to help support both provider and Board compliance in this area of growing scrutiny.
- Cindy also completes our local provider special reviews, which are initiated most often through SSA service monitoring findings, and uncovered evidence of compliance concerns related to health and safety, and/or rights implications to individuals served. DODD's Office of Compliance provides structure and oversight to this process, as well as any potential legal sanctions steps that may be initiated. Cindy currently has one special review that she is wrapping up related to behavior supports/documentation requirements, and one fraud referral in the initial evidence gathering phase. Fraud referrals are generally required anytime there is evidence of a provider billing for services they did not provide. These situations are not always found to be fraudulent, however it is up to DODD's legal team and the Attorney General's (AG) office ultimately to make the determination. The Fraud investigative process can take upwards of two years to complete, with cases only being reviewed by DODD/AG for investigation every other month.

***Program Information:***

- We are moved into Towards Independence. We are located in the basement of the building.
  - 13 students, comprised of Bellbrook, Xenia, Beavercreek, Homeschool, and Ohio Connections are participating in the Building Bridges program. This is an internship through TAC Industries and SOCHE (Strategic Ohio Council for Higher Education). All these students are paid interns through SOCHE. They work on variety of contracts including most recently



helping assemble straps for cargo nets for the Airforce. **(pictures included)**

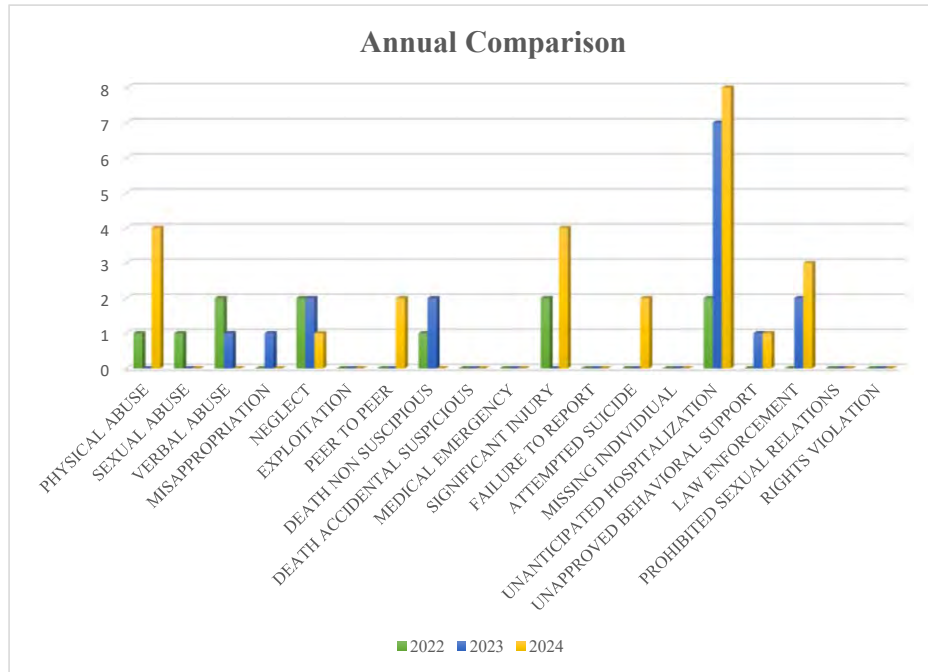
- 71 additional students from Bellbrook, Xenia, Yellow Springs, and Beavercreek rotate Monday-Thursday to TI. Scott Family McDonalds and Day of Caring provide hands-on work for the students so they can build transition skills including work skills, independence, communication, and socialization. The teachers find this off campus experience valuable for them to reinforce these skills with their students.
- We work with the Greene County Career X and Cedarville students every other Monday on employability and transition skills.
- On February 27, Kathy Kleiser and Allison Boot presented a workshop on Self-Advocacy and My IEP to Bellbrook High School students.
- Beginning in March, the Healthy Relationships and Sexuality Team will be teaching Healthy Relationships at the Workplace to the SoIn Project SEARCH interns. The plan is to teach 4 consecutive Wednesdays.

**New "News":**

- Day of Caring is Partnering with Greene Cats and Shannon Webster for a Community Outreach Initiative. Last month our student volunteers made 100 hygiene kits that will be distributed by Greene Cats drivers. We will also be making hygiene kits that will be handed out by the Greene County C.O.'s to inmates upon their release.

## March 2024 Board Meeting (February data)

| CATEGORY                      | 2022      | 2023      | 2024      |
|-------------------------------|-----------|-----------|-----------|
| PHYSICAL ABUSE                | 1         | 0         | 4         |
| SEXUAL ABUSE                  | 1         | 0         | 0         |
| VERBAL ABUSE                  | 2         | 1         | 0         |
| MISAPPROPRIATION              | 0         | 1         | 0         |
| NEGLECT                       | 2         | 2         | 1         |
| EXPLOITATION                  | 0         | 0         | 0         |
| PEER TO PEER                  | 0         | 0         | 2         |
| DEATH NON SUSCIPIOUS          | 1         | 2         | 0         |
| DEATH ACCIDENTAL SUSPICIOUS   | 0         | 0         | 0         |
| MEDICAL EMERGENCY             | 0         | 0         | 0         |
| SIGNIFICANT INJURY            | 2         | 0         | 4         |
| FAILURE TO REPORT             | 0         | 0         | 0         |
| ATTEMPTED SUICIDE             | 0         | 0         | 2         |
| MISSING INDIVIDUAL            | 0         | 0         | 0         |
| UNANTICIPATED HOSPITALIZATION | 2         | 7         | 8         |
| UNAPPROVED BEHAVIORAL SUPPORT | 0         | 1         | 1         |
| LAW ENFORCEMENT               | 0         | 2         | 3         |
| PROHIBITED SEXUAL RELATIONS   | 0         | 0         | 0         |
| RIGHTS VIOLATION              | 0         | 0         | 0         |
| <b>TOTAL</b>                  | <b>11</b> | <b>16</b> | <b>25</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         | 0        | 0        | 0        | 0        | 0        | 0        | 0        | 0        | 0        | 0        | 4         |
| SEXUAL ABUSE                  | 0         | 0         | 0        | 0        | 0        | 0        | 0        | 0        | 0        | 0        | 0        | 0        | 0         |
| VERBAL ABUSE                  | 0         | 0         | 0        | 0        | 0        | 0        | 0        | 0        | 0        | 0        | 0        | 0        | 0         |
| MISAPPROPRIATION              | 0         | 0         | 0        | 0        | 0        | 0        | 0        | 0        | 0        | 0        | 0        | 0        | 0         |
| NEGLECT                       | 0         | 1         | 0        | 0        | 0        | 0        | 0        | 0        | 0        | 0        | 0        | 0        | 1         |
| EXPLOITATION                  | 0         | 0         | 0        | 0        | 0        | 0        | 0        | 0        | 0        | 0        | 0        | 0        | 0         |
| PEER TO PEER                  | 1         | 1         | 0        | 0        | 0        | 0        | 0        | 0        | 0        | 0        | 0        | 0        | 2         |
| DEATH NON SUSCIPIOUS          | 0         | 0         | 0        | 0        | 0        | 0        | 0        | 0        | 0        | 0        | 0        | 0        | 0         |
| DEATH ACCIDENTAL SUSPICIOUS   | 0         | 0         | 0        | 0        | 0        | 0        | 0        | 0        | 0        | 0        | 0        | 0        | 0         |
| MEDICAL EMERGENCY             | 0         | 0         | 0        | 0        | 0        | 0        | 0        | 0        | 0        | 0        | 0        | 0        | 0         |
| SIGNIFICANT INJURY            | 3         | 1         | 0        | 0        | 0        | 0        | 0        | 0        | 0        | 0        | 0        | 0        | 4         |
| FAILURE TO REPORT             | 0         | 0         | 0        | 0        | 0        | 0        | 0        | 0        | 0        | 0        | 0        | 0        | 0         |
| ATTEMPTED SUICIDE             | 2         | 0         | 0        | 0        | 0        | 0        | 0        | 0        | 0        | 0        | 0        | 0        | 2         |
| MISSING INDIVIDUAL            | 0         | 0         | 0        | 0        | 0        | 0        | 0        | 0        | 0        | 0        | 0        | 0        | 0         |
| UNANTICIPATED HOSPITALIZATION | 5         | 3         | 0        | 0        | 0        | 0        | 0        | 0        | 0        | 0        | 0        | 0        | 8         |
| UNAPPROVED BEHAVIORAL SUPPORT | 1         | 0         | 0        | 0        | 0        | 0        | 0        | 0        | 0        | 0        | 0        | 0        | 1         |
| LAW ENFORCEMENT               | 0         | 3         | 0        | 0        | 0        | 0        | 0        | 0        | 0        | 0        | 0        | 0        | 3         |
| 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         |
| <b>TOTAL</b>                  | <b>14</b> | <b>11</b> | <b>0</b> | <b>0</b> | <b>0</b> | <b>0</b> | <b>0</b> | <b>0</b> | <b>0</b> | <b>0</b> | <b>0</b> | <b>9</b> | <b>25</b> |



# StationMD

The Telehealth Solution Serving  
Individuals With Intellectual and  
Developmental Disabilities

## What Is StationMD?

StationMD was founded by ER doctors who recognized a need for better quality care for individuals with intellectual and developmental disabilities (I/DD). Our team of board certified doctors deliver superior medical care to people with I/DD in their home settings through easy to use telehealth technology: a tablet, high-definition camera, and Bluetooth stethoscope. Our physicians all have a special commitment to caring for people with I/DD and have dedicated training in this area.

## What This Means For You And Your Loved Ones?

We understand that the “trauma of transfer” and exposure to infection aside, the ER can be particularly frightening and disorienting. A daily routine of meals, activities, sleeping, and medications is disrupted as well.

Now, with StationMD your loved one has quick and easy access to a highly specialized doctor from the comfort of their home setting 24 hours a day. The doctor will be able to communicate with the individual, caregiver, any additional family members, and other pertinent physicians caring for your loved one all at the same time. If a visit to the ER is needed, the StationMD doctor will call the ER to provide the medical history and reason for the visit (i.e. x-ray only) to help expedite the visit as much as possible.

## How It Works? A simple phone call starts the process



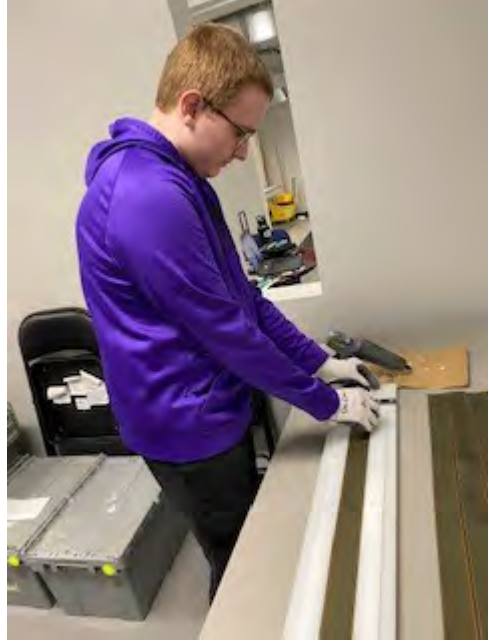
## Want More Information?

Feel free to call or email us with any questions about the service. You can also visit our website at [StationMD.com](http://StationMD.com).

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# Greene County Board of Developmental Disabilities

## March 20, 2024 Board Report:

**Division:** Early Intervention

**Director Reporting:** Jennifer Frey

### **Updates:**

In a recent Early Intervention Update from the Department of Children and Youth, the resource below was shared. It is a great testament to the services Early Intervention provides and the importance of acting early.

#### **Stepping Stones Video Series Announcement**

In this seven-part video series, families of children with disabilities share their experiences of being involved in Ohio Early Intervention. These families detail their perspectives on making the most of the Early Intervention journey and the different reasons to participate in EI. You can access this video series here:

<https://ohioearlyintervention.org/stepping-stones>

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

**Our Active IFSP number for February 2024 was 255, and our teams completed 23 evaluations.**

**Greene County EI received 28 new referrals in February.** As in previous 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 were given the opportunity to join the ESC Infant Mental Health Team this month for a training called “An Introduction to Fetal Alcohol Spectrum Disorders (FASD)”.** Some of our staff are also able to attend the secondary training a week later called **Parents and Children Together: PACT Curriculum for FASD.** This training is being delivered by Dr. Gokce Ergun, Ph.D., clinical psychologist. The trainings will focus on the impact of prenatal alcohol exposure, treatment, red flags, and implications across the life span.

**We will also be attending an OACB training called “Impact of COVID-19 Trauma/Toxic Stress on Early Brain Development” being offered.** A short session was provided at the OACB Conference at the end of November, and we felt our staff will benefit from it greatly. Our whole team is registered to attend this virtual training on April 12<sup>th</sup>.

**Many staff are attending the Newborn Behavioral Observation Training being provided the first three Mondays in March.** The Newborn Behavioral Observations (NBO) system™ is an infant-focused, family centered, relationship-based tool, designed to sensitize parents to their baby's competencies and individuality, in order to foster positive parent-infant interactions and contribute to the

development of a positive parent-infant relationship from the very beginning (Nugent, Keefer, Minear, Johnson. and Blanchard, 2007).

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

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

Thank you to Julie Snider (DS), Kora Combs (DS), Andrea Geiger (EI Program Manager), and Linda Martin (OT) for helping with this collaboration and giving their expert input in the planning process for these new events for all abilities. Two dates were confirmed for the Toad-ally Together events for ages 2 and up taking place at the Russ Nature Reserve on Kemp Road in Beavercreek on Friday, June 21st from 10-12 and Friday, July 26th from 10-12. A flyer was made and shared in the EI Quarterly Newsletter. Closer to the events, we will be sure to share the flyer on Facebook. Registration will be available on GCPT website. Thank you also to Josh Welhener for connecting us so that this was all possible.

Our **Autism Diagnostic Education Program (ADEP) Team have evaluations set up in the months of March and then again in June.** 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. The ADOS's Regional Team Meeting is coming up in May and our team plans to attend.

**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:** Jennifer Montague (PLAY Coordinator, DS, and PLAY Consultant), Beth Brennaman (DS and PLAY Consultant), & Tina Snyder (OT and PLAY Consultant):

The team is available to take on new referrals; both on caseload and/or consults for other team members. They have been attending PLAY Collaboration Meetings the first Thursday of the month (if schedules allow) to collaborate with other PLAY Consultants across Ohio. They will also be attending the PLAY Advanced Training and Retreat in May with Dr. Rick Solomon (Founder of The PLAY Project autism early intervention program).

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

#### **PSP Meeting Staff Compliment:**

**SHOUT OUT:** Pam Hamer giving Kaitlyn (DS) and Bridget (PT) a BIG shout out. One of their highly involved little ones they have been working with finally gave a response to them during the visit.

**SHOUT OUT:** SC, Tara would like to note the hard work DS, Beth & SLP, Anne Marie have done w/ one of their kiddos. The coaching and support provided to the father has provided great results for the child and his family. At Tara's last visit she was blown away by the level of engagement and play between son and father.

**Shout Out:** I wanted to just give a special shout out to Kelly (SC), she is always so organized and on top of things with our families. She has such a warm and kind way also when doing any meetings or discussing things with them as well. I just love working with her and love our team. ~ Amber (DS)

**ECP Exit Surveys –February 2024 – Four Oaks received 7 responses.**

**Please see below parent comments from 2/1/24 – 2/29/24**

**Q11**

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

- N/a
- Child has met goals and is on track with her age group.

**Q12**

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

- Everything! It's hard to feel like you're failing as a mom and not able to help your child. This program has helped my son grow leaps and bounds in his speech. At the start of the program he was not speaking much, to now stating full sentences. Even when his speech was improving, Nicole helped me with ways to help navigate his impulse control and hyperactivity. I will be forever grateful to Help Me Grow as they didn't just help my son grow, they helped me grow as mother.
- Julie worked so well with my son. He looked forward to every time she came over.
- They were always helpful and encouraging.
- Ms. Julie was great to work with. She was very knowledgeable and gave us great ideas and tools to help our daughter reach her goals and be on track for her age group. We are very appreciative of all help we were provided. This is a great resource and would highly recommend Ms. Julie.
- Jenny's experience and kindness. She supported and guided us through a very difficult and confusing time. She helped us understand and support our child. Her guidance was invaluable.
- Outside of being awesome in helping my child grow, I also appreciated the flexibility and understanding as we were going through a rough patch and had difficulties with scheduling.
- Always willing to change directions if my child was not wanting to do what was planned.

**Q14**

**Other comments**

- N/a
- We love Jenny!!
- Thanks for being great
- Robin is great! We enjoy having her once a month and lucky enough to continue on with my youngest!



# Greene County Board of Developmental Disabilities

## March Board Report:

**Division:** Community Relations

**Director Reporting:** Delana Zapata

### **Updates:**

#### **Miami Valley Regional Planning Commission Request Survey Update:**

Survey is now available and has been shared on our social media platforms.

#### *“Greater Region Mobility Survey:*

*Help get the word out! Please take and share this survey with the people you serve, your neighbors, friends, and family. Even if you don’t currently use transportation services, we still want to hear from you! We will use this information to identify gaps in current transportation services and set priorities for improvements. You and your agency continue to be vital partners in the work we do. It is our hope that you will help us get as many surveys completed as possible.” - Miami Valley Regional Planning Commission*

#### **Universal Changing Table Update:**

Meeting with YMCA, with Changing Spaces Ohio’s Jennifer Corcoran, to support and give any needed guidance regarding install Universal Changing Table.

Ms. Corcoran is also willing to meet with Owens Place install as well.

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

Facebook Page Reach:

Post Reach: 1857

Post Engagement: 352

New Followers: 7

### **Program Information:**

Attended OACB Community Relations monthly statewide call. Current initiatives introduced:

Ohio Accessible Initiative – O.O.D.

P.I.O. (Public Information Officer) Toolkit

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

### **Community Outreach (Josh Welhener)**

#### **February Events:**

**Dungeons & Dragons 2/7 and 2/21:** The crew continues to grow in both numbers and independence. A participant's sister has agreed to schedule the room usage. This is encouraging because the group is moving in a direction that will soon require no support. A member of the group is interested in planning an anime/cosplay event so we are helping her plan that through All Hands In for some time in the near future.

**Coffee Talk 2/8:** Coffee Talk is a new event that takes place in the Towards Independence lobby. The purpose of the event is to provide day programs with a community-based activity that encourages communication and relationship development. Attendance was low and only a few folks from TI attended. This will change though as word of the event spreads.

**Movie Night 2/14:** Movie night continues to be a fan favorite. Attendance is growing every month. Particularly amongst our group homes. The theatre seats 90 people, but since it is terraced we can only seat people in wheelchairs at the top level. We were at 100% wheel chair capacity and might have to find a new venue if our attendance continues to grow. Total attendees were somewhere in the 60-70 range.

**Nerf Night 2/20:** Nerf Night was again a huge success. Approximately 30 students from the Bellbrook High School National Honor Society volunteered to help and play with the kids. We had around 40 families attend so the 4-Oaks gymnasium was packed! The March Nerf Night will be held in a local church that offered its gymnasium. This is not permanent though and we still need to find a large space to use for future events.

**Karaoke 2/22:** Karaoke is by far, the most positive and fun event we are currently hosting. We encourage everyone to come to TJ Chumps and check it out. Many of the folks we serve are coming out of their shells and singing. Several parents have told us about how amazed they are by the growth they are seeing in their children. Many of whom are adults. 72 people attended and we are anticipating this number to continue to grow.

**Diner's Club 2/28:** Attendance at Diner's Club continues to grow every month. February's was held at McKenzie River and we reserved space for 50 people. Much to our surprise and delight, 68 people showed up! In March we are headed to Giordano's in Beavercreek.

#### **Upcoming Events:**

- **Autism Walk:** All Hands In will have a table at the WPAFB Autism Walk on April 1<sup>st</sup> to share information with base families about GCBDD services and All Hands In activities.
- **Greene County Parks and Trails:** Beginning in May, we will officially begin partnering with Greene County Parks and Trails to host adaptive and inclusive events that are open to the entire community. These include Nerf Night (5/7), Toad-illy Together (6/21 & 7/27), and Bubble Dance Party (7/19).

- 3<sup>rd</sup> Annual Challenging Perceptions Adaptive Trail Race planning is underway. The event will take place on Saturday June 1<sup>st</sup> 2024, at Russ Nature Preserve in Beavercreek. This venue will allow us to make it even more accessible and adaptive!

**Recreation (Megan Goettemoeller):**

Upcoming recreation events:

- Art Series with Miss Kristin on Mondays: April 1<sup>st</sup>, 15<sup>th</sup>, and 15<sup>th</sup>
- Spring Dance at Holiday Inn on Saturday, April 13<sup>th</sup> from 5:00pm to 9:00pm.
- Ice Skating at Kettering Rec Center on Saturday, April 27<sup>th</sup> from 5:30pm-7:30pm.

***New "News":***

**Special events promoted:**

DD Awareness Month - March

2024 DD Awareness & Advocacy Day live stream – 3/12/24

OOD's DD Awareness video

AHI's New Coffee Talk

The Parent Support and Advisory Council's meeting (Feb)

AHI Movie Night

GCBDD Respite Flyer

Early Intervention Newsletter (1<sup>st</sup> quarter)

Salt Talk Spring Schedule

[All Hands In Network - GCBDD](#) March Newsletter

We Care Arts Gala fundraiser

Spectrum News 1 featuring Harper M. & Giordano's Pizza

AHI Diner's Club

AHI Nerf Night

AHI Karaoke Night

**“Dungeons & Dragons”**



**“Coffee Talk”**





“ Karaoke “



**“Arrivals for Movie Night!”**



## **Greene County Board of Developmental Disabilities**

### **March 20, 2024 Board Report:**

#### **Superintendent's Report:**

##### **Updates:**

**Four Oaks Facility:** The County Administrator has indicated the County is in the middle of a Facilities master Plan and that he has asked their consultants to include the Four Oaks facility in that plan.

I asked regarding any financial transaction considering it was built with tax dollars specific to that purpose. Given the fact the tax levy was 60 years ago, the County provided land free of charge on their campus all those years and the fact Commission will be responsible for operating costs and either extensive renovation or demolition costs we agreed no financial consideration was necessary. Also, keep in mind the facility is titled with the County Board of Commissioners as the owner.

The County will be surveying the office equipment and supplies to determine what if any they would like to keep and we will dispose of the rest. The County will also be scheduling Woolpert Engineering to examine the facility.

I will keep you posted but I would like to be out of the facility and have it turned over to the Commission as soon as possible.

##### **Superintendents monthly meeting summary**

Topics of interest covered at that meeting included DODD's employment quality pilot program, updates on OACB's data collection regarding parents as paid providers, waiting list rule workgroup, county board accreditation, wavier modernization, five-year county board cost projections, property tax and supported decision-making legislation, and an extended conversation on the future of 14c sub-minimum wage programs in light of HB 427 which would eliminate the practice in Ohio in five years.

***Program Information: 5126.05 Board Powers and Duties***

(A) Subject to the rules established by the director of developmental disabilities pursuant to Chapter 119. of the Revised Code for programs and services offered pursuant to this chapter, and subject to the rules established by the state board of education pursuant to Chapter 119. of the Revised Code for programs and services offered pursuant to Chapter 3323. of the Revised Code, the county board of developmental disabilities shall:

- (1) Administer and operate facilities, programs, and services as provided by this chapter and Chapter 3323. of the Revised Code and establish policies for their administration and operation;
- (2) Coordinate, monitor, and evaluate existing services and facilities available to individuals with mental retardation and developmental disabilities;
- (3) Provide early childhood services, supportive home services, and adult services, according to the plan and priorities developed under section [5126.04](#) of the Revised Code;
- (4) Provide or contract for special education services pursuant to Chapters 3317. and 3323. of the Revised Code and ensure that related services, as defined in section [3323.01](#) of the Revised Code, are available according to the plan and priorities developed under section [5126.04](#) of the Revised Code;
- (5) Adopt a budget, authorize expenditures for the purposes specified in this chapter and do so in accordance with section [319.16](#) of the Revised Code, approve attendance of board members and employees at professional meetings and approve expenditures for attendance, and exercise such powers and duties as are prescribed by the director;
- (6) Submit annual reports of its work and expenditures, pursuant to sections [3323.09](#) and [5126.12](#) of the Revised Code, to the director, the superintendent of public instruction, and the board of county commissioners at the close of the fiscal year and at such other times as may reasonably be requested;
- (7) Authorize all positions of employment, establish compensation, including but not limited to salary schedules and fringe benefits for all board employees, approve contracts of employment for management employees that are for a term of more than one year, employ legal counsel under section [309.10](#) of the Revised Code, and contract for employee benefits;
- (8) Provide service and support administration in accordance with section [5126.15](#) of the Revised Code;
- (9) Certify respite care homes pursuant to rules adopted under section [5123.171](#) of the Revised Code by the director of developmental disabilities;



(10) Implement an employment first policy that clearly identifies community employment as the desired outcome for every individual of working age who receives services from the board;

(11) Set benchmarks for improving community employment outcomes.

(B) To the extent that rules adopted under this section apply to the identification and placement of children with disabilities under Chapter 3323. of the Revised Code, they shall be consistent with the standards and procedures established under sections [3323.03](#) to [3323.05](#) of the Revised Code.

(C) Any county board may enter into contracts with other such boards and with public or private, nonprofit, or profit-making agencies or organizations of the same or another county, to provide the facilities, programs, and services authorized or required, upon such terms as may be agreeable, and in accordance with this chapter and Chapter 3323. of the Revised Code and rules adopted thereunder and in accordance with sections [307.86](#) and [5126.071](#) of the Revised Code.

(D) A county board may combine transportation for children and adults enrolled in programs and services offered under Chapter 5126. of the Revised Code with transportation for children enrolled in classes funded under sections [3317.0213](#) and [3317.20](#) of the Revised Code.

(E) A county board may purchase all necessary insurance policies, may purchase equipment and supplies through the department of administrative services or from other sources, and may enter into agreements with public agencies or nonprofit organizations for cooperative purchasing arrangements.

(F) A county board may receive by gift, grant, devise, or bequest any moneys, lands, or property for the benefit of the purposes for which the board is established and hold, apply, and dispose of the moneys, lands, and property according to the terms of the gift, grant, devise, or bequest. All money received by gift, grant, bequest, or disposition of lands or property received by gift, grant, devise, or bequest shall be deposited in the county treasury to the credit of such board and shall be available for use by the board for purposes determined or stated by the donor or grantor, but may not be used for personal expenses of the board members. Any interest or earnings accruing from such gift, grant, devise, or bequest shall be treated in the same manner and subject to the same provisions as such gift, grant, devise, or bequest.

(G) The board of county commissioners shall levy taxes and make appropriations sufficient to enable the county board of developmental disabilities to perform its functions and duties, and may utilize any available local, state, and federal funds for such purpose.

*The next regular GCBDD Board meeting is scheduled for  
April 17th, at noon, at Valley Rd with Virtual option.*

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