

Greene County Board of
Developmental Disabilities



Board Meeting Highlights March 18, 2026

Board Actions

- Approval of the minutes from February 18, 2026

- Old Business discussion:
Strategic Plan yearly updates
GCBDD Front entrance accessibility updates

Topics of discussion

Greene County Board of Developmental Disabilities

March, 2026 Board Report:

Division: SSA

Director Reporting: Denise Summerville

Updates:

NEW HIRE: Karen Hamilton will begin her role as an SSA in Greene County on March 16th! She previously served as an SSA for Clark County and possesses extensive experience in employment and mental health. We are thrilled to have her join our team.

Currently, we have two open positions available due to SSAs transitioning to school or making life changes. We are diligently seeking qualified candidates! The pool of qualified candidates has slightly diminished, and the SSA Managers are collaborating with Heather Bird-Shimko to explore additional options!

Noteworthy Monthly Data/Numbers:

Program Information:

HIGHLIGHT ELIGIBILITY:

The Eligibility Team consists of Vanessa Emanoff and Carrie Keller. They both are very dedicated to assisting families through the entire eligibility process. The process can be very daunting for individuals and parents and Vanessa and Carrie do an outstanding job of meeting these individuals/families and getting the information that they need to become eligible for GCBDD services.

The Eligibility team has other responsibilities as well. Vanessa and Carrie split duties that include:

- **PASRR (Preadmission Screening and Resident Review):** Federal and state-required screening used when someone might be admitted to a nursing facility (nursing home). PASRR is a required screening process before someone enters a nursing home to identify people with mental illness or developmental disabilities and make sure they get the right placement and services. Vanessa Emanoff typically completes our PASRR assessments.
- **COUNTY TO COUNTY TRANSFERS:** When someone relocates to another county in Ohio, their supports are transferred from the current county DD board to the new county DD board. The Eligibility Specialists facilitate the transfer process by reaching out to the relevant county board impacted by the transfer.
- **811 HOUSING:** Section 811 housing in Ohio is a federal supportive housing program for people with disabilities who have very low income. It helps them live independently in the community instead of institutions like nursing homes. Carrie Keller typically handles this wait list and coordinates through our liaisons at the state.
- **WAITING LIST ASSESSMENTS (WLA):** A county board conducts the assessment when an individual or guardian requests waiver services, they ask to be placed on the waiting list, or an unmet need is identified. Carrie and Vanessa have both received training to conduct these assessments. They are also responsible for ensuring that the 15-day turnaround deadline is met.
- **REFERRAL AND LINKAGE:** Referral and linkage are all of the calls and requests that come in from all entities in the community looking for any/all types of supports. Throughout February, the Eligibility Specialists managed over 50 referral and linkage calls. They responded to inquiries from numerous hospitals, community members,

and families in need of assistance, including placement requirements, among others. Carrie and Vanessa address substantial issues as they arise through phone calls, emails, and in-person visits.

Growth in Eligibility from 2024-2025:

- SSA Applications up 63%
- WLA requests up 49%
- Eligibility intake up 5%

Special Events/Activities:

3 Special Speakers at SSA Meetings:

- ViaQuest
- Acclaim Activity Center
- Homefront Nursing

OACB Child & Transition Services Round Table: SSA Manager and a few SSAs from the Behavior Team attended this for the month of February.

Employment Navigators Sean Wakefield, Morgan Whiting and Julie Hoosier participated in the quarterly Statewide Employment Coordination meeting on February 2nd. This is a quarterly statewide meeting to share ideas and discuss supporting individuals with developmental disabilities in reaching competitive integrated employment.

SSA supervisor Tricia Montanez also sat in on the Southwest Ohio Community of Practice Confab run by Anne Tapia with DODD. The group includes providers and county boards in the southwest region to discuss various topics within our system. This month they focused on community integration and highlighted the many great community integrated activities offered in Greene County.

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March 18, 2026 Board Report:

Division: Early Intervention

Director Reporting: Jennifer Frey

Updates:

Collaboration and Training with Greene County ESC

Our Greene County ESC is providing a virtual training day Friday, March 13th. We were able to submit for CPDUs and were approved 6 hours. Many of our staff will be attending and learning on subjects such as Perinatal Mood and Anxiety Disorders as well as Intersection of Sensory and Processing. We are very grateful for our partnership with the ESC and all the support we receive from them, including training, reflective supervision, Early Intervention Collaboration, and social-emotional/behavioral consults with EI clients and their families.

Initial & Annual Assessment Guidance

We received guidance from DCY that Assessments can be completed virtually if the situation arises. In these cases, an infant or toddler is already eligible due to prior evaluation or a diagnosis on the list. This option will not be used often and needs supervisor approval. It is best practice for evaluation/assessments to be completed in person.

Noteworthy Monthly Data/Numbers:

Our Active IFSP number for February 2026 was 212, and our teams completed 33 evaluations. We have had an influx of referrals this month and added 25 new families so we anticipate our numbers to increase heading into April.

Greene County EI received 20 new referrals in February. 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 6 families whose children in the program are all between the ages of 3 – 5.

Special Events/Activities:

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

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



Parent/Provider/Staff Feedback:

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

Please see below parent comments from 2/1/26 – 2/28/26. 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 has met all of her goals. The Four Oaks staff was positively wonderful and helped her accomplish what was needed.
- At this point in my child’s development, she was meeting her milestones, and I could confidently identify she was on track. This confidence was gained from the assistance of Kim and Amber, as they came out to observe my child.

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

- They were extremely knowledgeable and friendly.
- They made me feel heard, made great suggestions on what to work on/look for with my child, and they were very encouraging.

If Four Oaks could improve one thing, I recommend:

- Nothing of note; you all were great.
- At this point, nothing. They communicated with me well, either by email or texting. They were always professional and very helpful.

Other comments

- Leslie, Amber, and Kim were all wonderful individuals to work with. They communicated in kind, compassionate, and thorough manners. Thank you for all of your help! Your encouragement really helped us along our way.
- Jenny is so wonderful and professional. Words can't express the gratitude I have for all she's helped with and taught me along the way. This program was a blessing as I navigated any worries I had with my daughter as she developed from newborn til now. I have nothing negative or constructive to say, it was just a great experience all the way around.

Greene County Board of Developmental Disabilities

March 18, 2026 Board Report:

Division: Finance and Administration

Director Reporting: Tom Schaeffer

Updates:

Office Front Door
Superintendent Search Surveys

Noteworthy Monthly Data/Numbers:

Federal Revenue

MAC	\$4,441
TCM	\$151,134
TITLE XX	\$27,754
WAIVER RECONCILIATION	
COST REPORT SETTLEMENT	
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	\$183,330

Financials:

Beginning Cash Balance 1-1-2025	\$24,560,799
YTD Revenue	\$370,250
YTD Expense	(\$4,508,101)
Ending Cash Balance	\$20,422,948
Budget Stabilization Fund	\$5,462,166
Medicaid Reserve Fund	\$372,463
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	\$26,257,577

Detailed Report Attached

Enrollment and Service Data

Program Areas	Enrolled On	Enrolled On
	1/31/2026	2/28/2026
Unduplicated Count Receiving Services	1324	1325
Early Childhood Eligibility Birth 0-3	16	33
0-3 early Childhood Enrollment	208	212
Play Project Enrolled	7	6
Board Eligibility	7	11
Service and Support	568	569
Recreation Events	50	250
Behavioral Support	24	28
Restrictive Measures	8	8
School Age Individuals	150	170
Unusual Incidents	77	153
Major Unusual Incidents	9	1
Providers-Independent	151	147
Provider-Agencies	82	78
Waiver Recipients	401	402
Medicaid Waiver Services	245	269
Family Support Services Enrolled	117	72
Individuals Residing in Homecroft Homes	73	73

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March 18, 2026 Board Report:

Division: Community Services

Director Reporting: Jeanne Turner

Updates:

A total of 14 Providers responded with an interest in providing Summer Program services. Carmen and the transition staff are working with families and the SSA Department to assure individuals served obtain provider of choice. In the next couple months more information will be provided as to the number of individuals interested in summer program.

Noteworthy Monthly Data/Numbers:

- **MUI:**
 - In the Month of February, there were 153 UIR's reviewed, 3 UIR Consultations, 0 not served, and 1 MUI filed.
- **Providers on PAWs:**
 - February: Independent – 147; Agency (of all types of service) –78

Program Information:

Transition Coordinator- Kathy K

- Worked with 170 students in total, twice monthly in the schools
- Participated in IEP/ETR/Transition Meetings
- Participated in the Perkins V Comprehensive Local Needs Assessment at the Greene County Career Center.
- The Healthy Relationship Club had to cancel the February 11 Speed Friending because of lack of numbers.
- The Healthy Relationship Club currently has 36 individuals signed up. For our meeting on February 25th, we had 14 who attended in person and 1 virtually. Our next meeting is March 11th.
- SALT continues monthly through April- planning will begin for next school year topics in May.

Pathways and Project Life update for the school year:

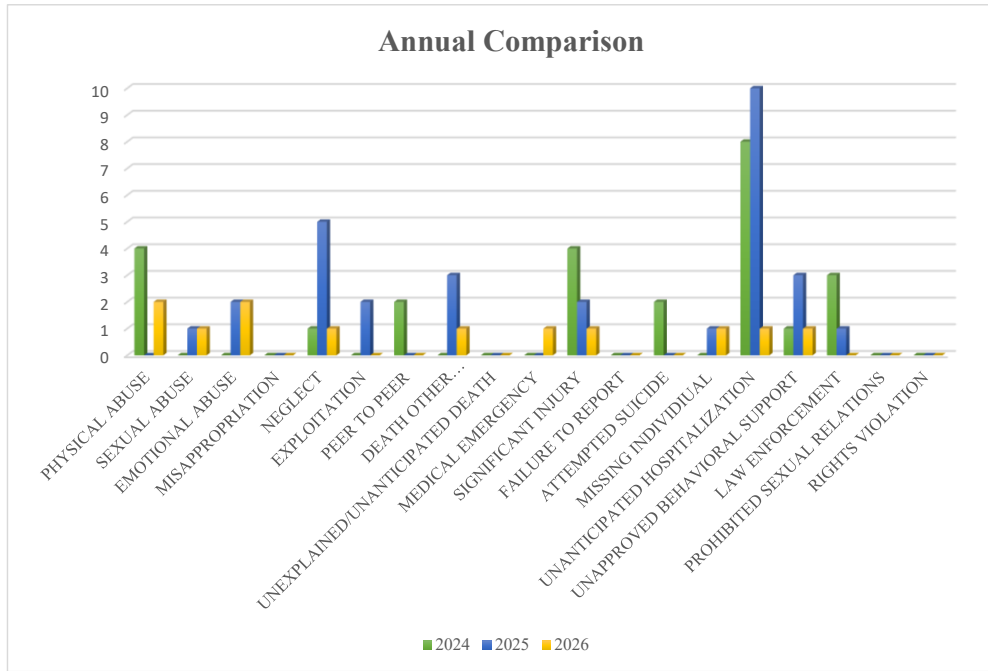
- GCCC's last day at the hotel is April 30th
- Yellow Springs' last day at Tom's Market is April 28th

For the Hygiene Pantry,

- 50 hygiene kits were donated to the Miami Valley Immigration Coalition.

March 2026 Board Meeting (February data)

CATEGORY	2024	2025	2026
PHYSICAL ABUSE	4	0	2
SEXUAL ABUSE	0	1	1
EMOTIONAL ABUSE	0	2	2
MISAPPROPRIATION	0	0	0
NEGLECT	1	5	1
EXPLOITATION	0	2	0
PEER TO PEER	2	0	0
DEATH OTHER UNEXPLAINED/UNANTICIPATED	0	3	1
UNEXPLAINED/UNANTICIPATED DEATH	0	0	0
MEDICAL EMERGENCY	0	0	1
SIGNIFICANT INJURY	4	2	1
FAILURE TO REPORT	0	0	0
ATTEMPTED SUICIDE	2	0	0
MISSING INDIVIDUAL	0	1	1
UNANTICIPATED HOSPITALIZATION	8	10	1
UNAPPROVED BEHAVIORAL SUPPORT	1	3	1
LAW ENFORCEMENT	3	1	0
PROHIBITED SEXUAL RELATIONS	0	0	0
RIGHTS VIOLATION	0	0	0
TOTAL	25	30	12



One individual can have multiple categories in one MUI case.

CATEGORY	JAN	FEB	MAR	APR	MAY	JUNE	JULY	AUG	SEPT	OCT	NOV	DEC	TOTAL
PHYSICAL ABUSE	2	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	2
SEXUAL ABUSE	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1
EMOTIONAL ABUSE	2	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	2
MISAPPROPRIATION	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
NEGLECT	1	0	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	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
DEATH OTHER UNEXPLAINED/UNANTICIPATED	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1
UNEXPLAINED/UNANTICIPATED DEATH	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
MEDICAL EMERGENCY	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1
SIGNIFICANT INJURY	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1
FAILURE TO REPORT	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
ATTEMPTED SUICIDE	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
MISSING INDIVIDUAL	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1
UNANTICIPATED HOSPITALIZATION	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1
UNAPPROVED BEHAVIORAL SUPPORT	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1
LAW ENFORCEMENT	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
PROHIBITED SEXUAL RELATIONS	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
RIGHTS VIOLATION	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
TOTAL	11	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	9	12

Greene County Board of Developmental Disabilities

March Board Report:

Division: Community Relations

Director Reporting: Delana Zapata

Updates:

- Blue Envelope featured in both Fairborn Daily Herald and WDTN News
- DD Awareness is month book for 2026, "Just Ask!"
- Statewide DD Awareness & Advocacy Day local watch party success
- DSP Recognition, Kaitlyn Williams

Noteworthy Monthly Data/Numbers:

Facebook Page Reach:

Views: 27,713

Engagement: 2,656

New Followers: 19

Advocacy and Resource Coordination Report

- **Requests for Resource Support**

Continuing to address resource support requests that are completed by GCBDD staff on behalf of families. Recent requests include assistance with finding an individual with some assistance and support with clothing needs. Was able to partner with a local clothing ministry who provided this individual with the needs provided. This individual needed work-related clothing as she is in the process of working through job skills. Another request includes assisting an individual who is in the process of moving and has some specific needs regarding furniture. This individual cannot afford furniture for his apartment. Was able to partner with a local ministry to help find some of the furniture needed for his apartment. Also was able to assist a family with completing the Greene Metropolitan Housing Application. This family was displaced due to a fire.

- (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. Attend a Greene County linkage meeting once every 3 months to keep up to date on the resources that are available. Coordinate with Carrie K (eligibility) who keeps a database of resources available in the community. In efforts to add additional resource material for families, individuals, and providers to take home, we have

included in the lobby a resource center that provides information on events and community resources.

- (On-going) **The Blue Envelope Program** 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! (See Attachment for information) Blue Envelopes are available at the following locations:

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

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

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

- Recently the Xenia Gazette did an article on the blue envelope Program to spread the word that it is available in the Greene County Area. WDTN also did a segment on the blue envelope program.
- In May 2026, will be presenting at the CIT Training which is training for Law Enforcement that is put on by the mental health recovery board of Clark, Greene, and Madison Counties. The presentation will center on working with individuals with Autism when it relates to law enforcement / 1st responder encounters. I will be sharing some information on the blue envelope program during our time to present.

Greene Mont Aktion Club

- We are partnering with the Kiwanis Organization, who are sponsoring a 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 meetings in February and March of 2026 where we worked on the election of the Aktion Club Officers. The members also worked on a service project where they put together spring decorations that went to a local nursing home for the residents to enjoy.

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



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.
- **February Meeting** – The advocates worked on DD awareness Buttons that they would be able to distribute to family, friends, or other folks in the community. They also created a DD awareness Banner that would be displayed.
- **March Meeting** – the group focused on DD awareness month where we talked about the importance of DD awareness as it relates to advocacy. During the meeting a group from the Optimist Club worked with the advocates on an act of service project where they put together St. Patrick's Day jars that were dropped off to a nursing home in Beavercreek for the residents.

Upcoming Events:

April – Mental Health Awareness Month – A mental health expert will be coming to the meeting to speak about the importance of mental health.

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

Advocacy and Awareness Day Watch Party:

GCBDD hosted a watch party for the DD Awareness and Advocacy Day event in Columbus. This event was held at the Greene County Media Center on March 4th, 2026. We had a good turnout for the event and enjoyed watching the event live from Columbus while enjoying some good snacks and fellowship. After the live event we were able to talk about the importance of advocacy and awareness, and the group provided some feedback.

Special Events/Activities:

Community Outreach

2/5/2026	Coffee Talk	All Hands In	30+
2/5/2026	Diner's Club - Young's	All Hands In	80+
2/17/2026	Karaoke (McDonalds)	All Hands In	70+
2/25/2026	NERF with Clark DD	All Hands In	70+

Upcoming Events:

1. **1st Annual Greene County Tea Party:** This is a communication-based event designed to help children (e/I through elementary) with speech barriers. However, as with all of our All Hands In events everyone is welcome. This event is being planned and staffed by Cedarville students and Speech Therapists from Xenia Schools.
2. **McDonald's Events:** Scott Family McDonald's is not only an awesome employer for people with disabilities, they have also asked us to host events at their locations. In February we held our first karaoke party at their Centre Drive location in Fairborn. In March we are partnering with MCBDD to host an event at a Huber Heights location and in April we are hosting an event all the way in Piqua as we partner with the Miami County Board of DD and the Upper Valley Career Center. This is also a great way for us to partner with our surrounding county boards to expand opportunities for the folks we serve.

New "News":

Special events promoted:

New Board member Dr. Jenna Stites
John LaRocks Retirement Press Release
DD Awareness Month and DD Awareness Day & watch party
DSP Recognition

SSA available positions Hiring info

Allison Boot appointed to the Ohio Developmental Disabilities Council

AHI NERF night

Four Oaks Spring Newsletter

SALT Talks

Blue Envelope Program feature in Fairborn Daily Herald

AHI Diners club collaboration with Montgomery Co DD at On Par!

AHI Karaoke

GCBDD Healthy Relationships Club

AHI Newsletter

AHI Tea Party

Board Meeting public notice

Presidents Day



GreeneMont AKtion Club

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



April 7th, 2026 6:00-7:30PM

Feed the Creek

4011 Dayton Xenia Rd, Beavercreek, OH 45432

We will be putting together food bags that will be distributed to families in need. We will also be dining at the pizza dive which is right next door following the event. Please bring \$ for your pizza. They are running a buy 1 get 1 free special.

RSVP by April 2nd

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

GreeneMont AKtion Club is a service organization sponsored by the Kiwanis



Greene County Board of Developmental Disabilities

March 18, 2026 Board Report:

Superintendent's Report:

Updates: From OACB Jake Dowling

Governor Mike DeWine (pictured) delivered his final State of the State address on Tuesday. He emphasized the importance of supporting Ohio families and ensuring children across the state grow up healthy and safe. Unlike past addresses, which focused largely on new policy initiatives or goals for the coming year, the governor used much of this year's speech to reflect on accomplishments during his eight years in office and to thank legislators and constituents for their support.

Some of the accomplishments DeWine highlighted were:

- Increasing wages for direct service providers (DSPs), helping people with DD and their families access services that support safe, healthy and independent lives;
- Expanding access to vision care through the OhioSEE pilot program, which provides eye exams and glasses for children in Ohio counties with the greatest need;
- Requiring public schools and preschools to implement the Science of Reading, which contributed to an 8.3% increase in kindergarten readiness statewide, with about 7,300 more children entering kindergarten ready to read; and
- Expanding access to books for young children through the Dolly Parton Imagination Library, ensuring children from birth to age 5 receive a new book each month to support early literacy and family reading.

Governor DeWine concluded his address by encouraging lawmakers to continue investing in programs that support Ohio families. His term as governor ends in 2027.

What does this mean for county boards?

Ohio will elect a new governor in 2026, with DeWine leaving office in 2027. Since taking office in 2019, DeWine has been a consistent supporter of Ohio's DD system. During his administration, the state implemented several major initiatives affecting county boards, including expanding opportunities for people receiving services to participate in county board leadership, increasing provider capacity, and raising reimbursement rates for DSPs. DeWine's administration has also prioritized early childhood literacy and expanded access to health-related services for Ohio children and families.

It remains unclear which of the governor's initiatives the General Assembly will continue funding or expanding in the upcoming operating budget, which includes much of the policy and funding tied to these programs.

[Republican gubernatorial candidate Vivek Ramaswamy \(pictured\) met with Citizens for Property Tax Reform at his home last week.](#) The group discussed proposals aimed at reducing property taxes in Ohio. Citizens for Property Tax Reform, led by Brian Massie, is spearheading efforts to place a measure on the November 2026 ballot that would eliminate property taxes in Ohio.



Ramaswamy previously called for eliminating property taxes in 2025, but has since softened that position, saying property taxes should be reduced. He has not specified the extent of what those reductions could be.

[Eliminating property taxes would result in an estimated \\$24 billion loss in funds,](#) accounting for roughly 65% of Ohio's local tax revenue. During the meeting, members of Citizens for Property Tax Reform also discussed Ramaswamy's proposal to eliminate Ohio's income tax, which currently generates about \$10.1 billion annually. The Ohio Office of Budget and Management estimates the state will collect about \$45.5 billion in revenue in fiscal year 2026.

Organizers of the ballot initiative asked Ramaswamy to sign their petition to eliminate property taxes. He said he was noncommittal and would consider the request.

Last month, [the Ohio Society of CPAs released a report](#) examining the potential impacts of eliminating property taxes. The report concluded that, without increases to other taxes, public services across the state would likely be reduced or eliminated. According to the report, replacing property tax revenue could require increasing the state sales tax from 5.75% to between 15% and 18%, or raising the income tax from 2.75% to between 11% and 15%. The report also noted that while property tax revenues tend to remain relatively stable over time, sales and income tax revenues are more susceptible to declines during recessions and economic downturns.

Special Events/Activities:

***Honoring the Outstanding Board Service of
Paul Quolke***

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

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

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

WHEREAS throughout his many years of service, Paul has served the families of Greene County with fairness, compassion, and tenacity, Paul has earned the respect and admiration of his peers, families, individuals served, and

staff for his knowledge and personal attention to detail, and his service on the Board will be greatly missed by all; and

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

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, *that we, the members of the Board, the superintendent, directors, and all the staff do hereby extend to Paul our sincere and grateful appreciation for his outstanding record of personal and professional achievement and his dedicated commitment to the developmental disabilities field; our congratulations on his well-deserved recognition; and our best wishes to him and his family for comfort, dignity, strength, and God's blessings.*

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

Elizabeth Eng

President

John LaRock

Superintendent

Financials:

Ohio's DD system is at a critical point. County boards serve more than 110,000 Ohioans with developmental disabilities and are a crucial part of Ohio's DD system, but we're facing fiscal pressures that threaten our ability to maintain services long-term.

We can act thoughtfully now to redesign the system, or we can wait for a crisis to force disruptive changes on the families and communities we serve. This Plan (Funding the Future) was developed under the leadership of the Ohio Association of County Boards after six months of convening county

board stakeholders including board members and Superintendents. It will be updated through robust engagement of people served, families, and other partners.

It outlines ten priority concepts. Six ready to advance now; four that need additional work and input, especially from people who receive services, families, and other partners.

FUNDING THE FUTURE: These are the six ready priorities

- 1. Make Early Intervention a Mandated Service with 50% state funding**
- 2. Strengthen Local Governance through Shared Services/Fiscal Planning**
- 3. Establish Clear Limits on Property Tax Contributions toward Waivers**
- 4. Establish Clear Statewide Authorization Standards Tied to Assessed Needs**
- 5. Strengthen CB Support Coordination and Fully Leverage Federal Dollars**
- 6. Strengthening Support for Children through Expanded Medicaid Options**

A complete Power Point on this topic will be available in your packets that you can take and review.

The next regular GCBDD Board meeting is scheduled for April 15th, at noon, at Valley Rd with Virtual option.

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