

# ALWAYS THERE<sup>SM</sup>

50 YEARS OHIO COUNTY BOARDS OF DEVELOPMENTAL DISABILITIES



## ***Mission***

To ensure individuals with developmental disabilities have access to quality supports, providing them opportunities to live, learn, work and play in our community.



# ***2017 Annual Report***

## Board Members



Our seven board members are unpaid volunteers. Five are appointed by the Auglaize County Commissioners and two are appointed by the Auglaize County Probate Judge.

Community Connections Specialist, Julie Herbst, presents a proclamation from the County Commissioners recognizing October 2017 as Disability Employment Awareness Month to Renee Place (Superintendent) and Board members: Dan Klosterman (2017 Secretary), Dr. Leslie Winner-Werling (2017 President), Aaron Homan (2017 Vice President), Elizabeth Hart, Dean Hobler, Kabeth Jarvis and Jarret Webb.

## A Note from our Superintendent

Ohio's system of County Boards of Developmental Disabilities celebrated 50 years in 2017 with the Always There campaign which marked the founding of Ohio's 88 county boards by the Ohio General Assembly in 1967.

Locally, we look forward to celebrating 65 years of support in 2018. We will focus on new initiatives while recognizing the vision of family members who ensured the first steps toward service, inclusion and opportunities through the formation of the Auglaize School in 1953.

Highlights from 2017 include:

- ◆ Redesign of SSA Department to maximize caseloads, improve efficiencies and move toward a greater focus on person-centered planning and quality services.
- ◆ Participated in "Always There," a statewide, yearlong campaign to recognize the 50th anniversary of the creation of Ohio's county boards of developmental disabilities by the Ohio General Assembly in October 1967.
- ◆ Hosted a roundtable with Congressman Jim Jordan and representatives from 10 other County Boards of DD and the Ohio Association of County Boards of DD.
- ◆ Held our 2nd Annual Easter Egg Hunt, collaborated on the 2nd Annual Blue on Blue Basketball game between Special Olympics and Law Enforcement as part of DD awareness month, sponsored a booth at the Auglaize County Fair and sponsored an entry in the Wapakoneta Halloween Parade.
- ◆ Recognized Direct Support Professionals as part of a week-long series on our Facebook page.
- ◆ Collaborated with others to support the creation of Project SEARCH in Auglaize County.
- ◆ Co-sponsored the 2nd Annual Journey Into Self-Advocacy event in conjunction with 6 other counties.

We are proud of all we have accomplished and look forward to adding to this list in 2018! Thank you for taking the time to review our Annual Report. We invite you to like our Auglaize DD page on Facebook for the latest news and information about our agency.

*Renee Place,*  
Superintendent

## 2017... by the numbers

- ◆ Of 294 active enrollments in 2017, approximately 45% were under the age of 22.
- ◆ 145 of those 294 were served on Medicaid waivers. This includes children and adults for services such as respite, home and environmental modifications, transportation, homemaker/personal care and adult day services.
- ◆ Our local share of funding for those waivers was approximately \$1,244,324.
- ◆ Our Family Support Services program distributed \$24,987 to 39 individuals and their families in Fiscal Year 2017 (7/1/16 – 6/30/17).

Age	# of people served
0-2	48
3-5	14
6-21	70
22-30	51
31-40	36
41-50	22
51-64	36
65+	17
<b>Total</b>	<b>294</b>

## Supported Decision-Making: An idea that's gaining momentum

### *What is it?*

“a recognized alternative to guardianship through which people with disabilities use friends, family members, and professionals to help them understand the situations and choices they face, so they may make their own decisions without the need for a guardian.” -Blanck & Martinis, 2015

*Or—Getting advice when it's needed...just like you or me*

### OLD WAY:

- ◆ Obtain guardianship when child turns 18
- ◆ Full power over all choices
- ◆ One size fits all

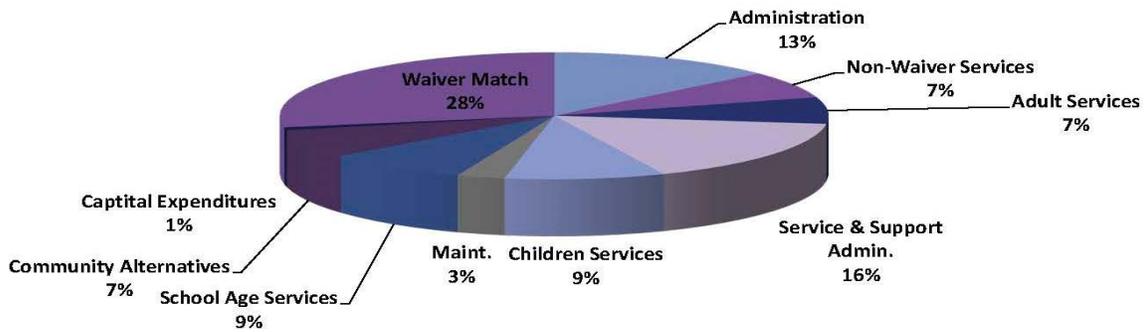
### NEW WAY:

- ◆ **Presumption of competency**
- ◆ **Identify less restrictive strategies**
- ◆ **Person-specific support**

National Resource Center for Supported Decision-Making: [supporteddecisionmaking.org](http://supporteddecisionmaking.org)

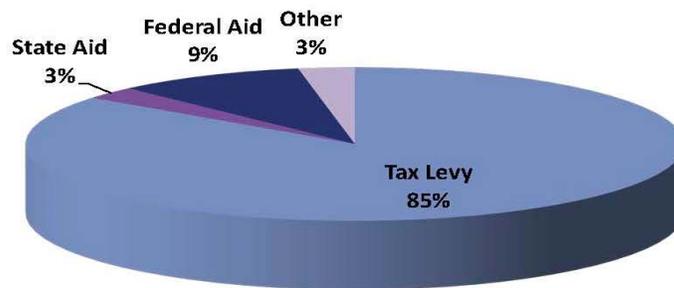
# Expenditures by Category: 2017

## Total Expenditures: \$4,441,177



# Revenue by Source: 2017

## Total Revenue: \$5,328,422



■ Tax Levy ■ State Aid ■ Federal Aid ■ Other