



# Auglaize DD

County Board of Developmental Disabilities

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# 2020

## ANNUAL REPORT



### Our MISSION:

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



### Our VISION:

All individuals in our community with a developmental disability will thrive educationally, vocationally and socially.



## » Reflections on Service

# SERVING WITH COMPASSION DURING A PANDEMIC

## *A Reflection on Serving During Difficult Times*

*Renee Place, Superintendent*



One of the opportunities afforded our staff toward the close of 2020 was the ability to participate in as many sessions as they chose through the virtual platform of our state association's annual convention.

Various tracks from Equity & Inclusion to Leadership and Personal Development provided many occasions to reflect on our roles as public servants during a pandemic and to ignite our thinking as to what and how we can do better moving forward.

The timing of the convention in November and December was significant as we were all feeling the stress and fatigue associated with hitting the pandemic wall. Virtual meetings are daunting. We came to dread them without appreciating they may be our one opportunity to make a personal connection on any given day.



Serving with compassion while facing our own challenges is difficult. Many sessions during the convention reminded us to take time to honor those struggles and show ourselves some grace; recognizing the empathy to compassionately serve lies within that acknowledgement.



*"None of us are at our best during these COVID times, and we need each other."*  
– Dr. Karyn Harvey

*2020 Ohio Association of County Boards of DD Annual Convention*

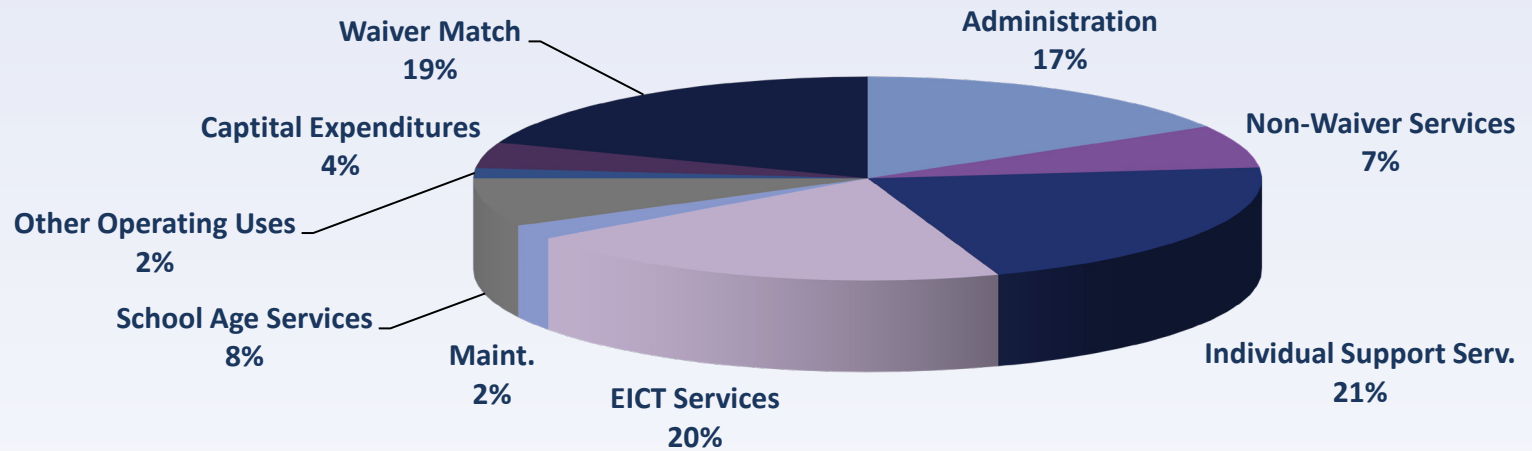
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## **Auglaize County Residents Served**



		2020	2019
Total Adults & Children Served		<b>429</b>	<b>379</b>
┌	Adults (Ages 22+)	<b>147</b>	<b>167</b>
	Children (Ages 0-22)	<b>282</b>	<b>212</b>
┌	Infants/Toddlers	<b>169</b>	<b>119</b>
	Children (Ages 3-13)	<b>54</b>	<b>46</b>
	Transition (Ages 14-22)	<b>59</b>	<b>47</b>

**Total Budget: \$5,418,682**  
**Total Expenditures: \$4,994,881**



## 2020 A TIMELINE OF REFLECTION

Submitted by: Sherri Lowe, Individual Support Services Director

### Rethink.

Individuals, families, providers, staff, and others who support our mission, had to rethink what a day would look like and how to adjust to staying at home. We had to rethink routine schedules to continue to engage in the activities we enjoy. We had to rethink how to spend time with friends and family.

### Resilient.

Recovering from significant change is one of the biggest challenges we can overcome. The individuals we serve and the providers and staff who support them, demonstrated flexibility, determination, commitment, faithfulness, devotion, and steadfastness in recovering from significant change and challenges.

**SPRING**

**SUMMER**

**FALL**

**WINTER**

### Restart.

As adult day service providers were able to resume activities, many individuals began to safely re-engage in their communities while others chose to engage virtually in their homes, developing new technology skills. Some were also able to return to facility-based training in groups of 10 or less with providers working hard to ensure health & safety.

### Rejoice.

We rejoice in knowing we are part of a team that loves the work they do. We are grateful for the community we live in and the opportunities for everyone to participate and contribute. We are also appreciative for the generous citizens of Auglaize County who support us in ensuring we have no one with a need that is going unmet.



2,943

in person and virtual Early Intervention visits were provided to children and families in Auglaize County in 2020.



Auglaize County  
Early Intervention



» In March of 2020, the Early Intervention team was faced with the challenge of serving children and families without being able to meet with them in their homes as we normally would. While the EI team missed seeing parents and children face-to-face, we were able to transition into using an online platform to provide coaching services virtually. It was a wonderful team effort in working with so many wonderful parents to make our online visits a success.



» As the EI team worked together to think of creative ways to reach families during 2020, activity bags were prepared and delivered to the children in Early Intervention in December. Each child received a book along with jingle bells and an activity sheet with many wonderful ideas on how to use the bells during play.

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