

WHAT WE DO...

SUPPORT *Encourage*

EMPOWER *INSPIRE* Find solutions
Troubleshoot Connect

Advocate **INCLUDE** Communicate INFORM
Problem solve

Coach Strategize Educate **ACHIEVE** Plan

Bridge the gap ENCOURAGE DREAMS
Partner PROMOTE POSITIVITY Adapt Help

Foster relationships

Collaborate

Serve
Engage
Change lives



Thank you for your support throughout our 70-year evolution.
We love doing what we do in Auglaize County!

2023 Review

 **1,598** Followers

 **2,699** Views

 **8** Play with A Purpose
Community Partners



Youngest
Person Served:
3 Months Old



Oldest
Person Served:
85 Years Old



\$3,850,520 Federal dollars pulled
into the local economy for home &
community-based waiver services

A Jubilant Reflection

Renee Kohler, Superintendent



Renee Kohler, Superintendent, photographed with Calvin Caywood (son of Arlene) and Kristi Klopfenstein, Board President, at the March 2023 Open House Celebration.

It's impossible to understand how far you've come without occasionally looking back. 2023 provided many opportunities for looking back as we celebrated 70 years of support.

With great reverence, we looked back on the 3 mothers, Pauline Gilberg, Leona Gruebmeier, and Arlene Caywood, who took the first steps in 1953 toward ensuring their children with developmental disabilities would have a school to attend. With gratitude, we revisited the history captured by Arlene Caywood who served as secretary of the Auglaize School Board. With wonderment and pride, we reflected on the impact of advocacy and changing attitudes about people with disabilities over the years.

Recognizing the significant and historical strides we've made is what keeps us moving forward with intent. The program that started with 21 children now serves over 255 children and over 150 adults. Those services, however, no longer happen inside

one building; they happen throughout the county where people live, learn, work, and play. We believe that with increased understanding and acceptance comes increased inclusion and accessibility. In addition to celebrating the old, 2023 was a year for the introduction of many firsts including: the Sensory Shed at the Auglaize County Fair, 6th Grade Essay Contest, Auglaize DD Legacy Scholarship for area students interested in a career in the DD field, and the campaign for the installation of universal changing tables throughout the county for greater accessibility for all.

We thank you for your support over the last 70 years and look forward to seeing you out and about in 2024!



The Sensory Shed at the Auglaize County Fair.

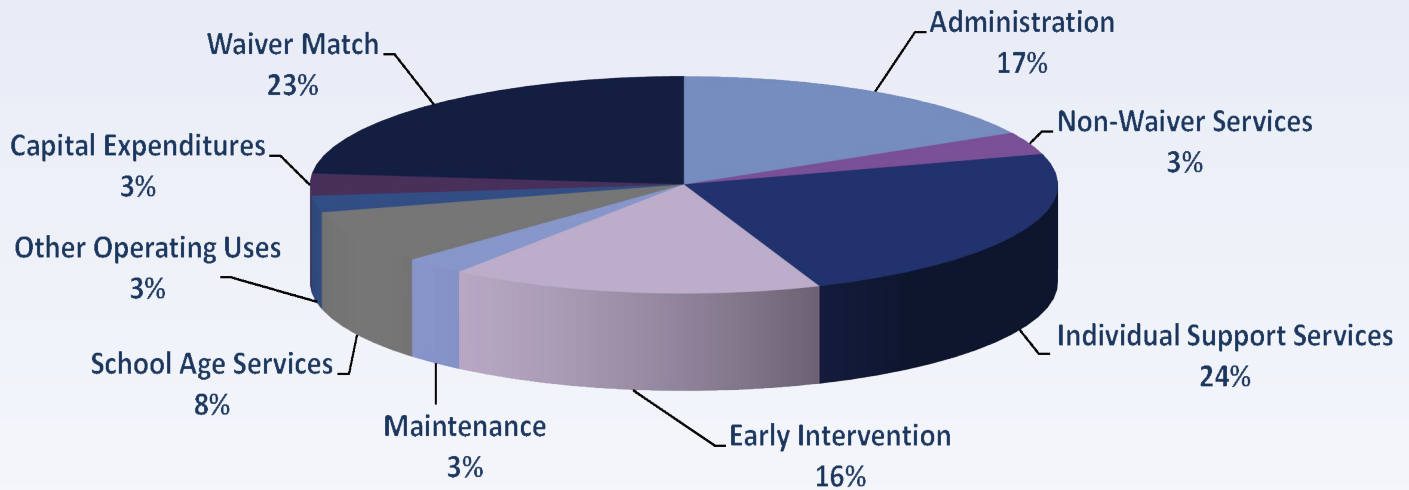
Auglaize County Residents Served

		2023	2022
Total Adults & Children Served		489	475
┌	Adults (Ages 22+)	166	161
	Children (Ages 0-22)	323	314
┌	Infants/Toddlers	162	148
	Children (Ages 3-13)	93	110
	Transition (Ages 14-22)	68	56



Total Budget: \$5,135,462

Total Expenditures: \$4,961,840



2023 Provider Summary

Auglaize DD recognizes the hard work of Direct Support Professionals and is dedicated to showing our appreciation. Below are some examples of the supports we provided in 2023, often in partnership with the WestCON COG.

12

Background Checks provided for Independent Providers



48

DSPs supported in training received through The Academy



15

Homes deep cleaned to alleviate the workload of individuals and their DSPs



24

DSPs celebrated during our September Appreciation Event



\$1,113,427

paid to match federal funds for Waiver services



\$124,666

paid to match federal funds for provider retention payments





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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.



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