

2024 Review

 1,774 Followers

2,290 Views 

 Play with
a Purpose
Community
Partners

Youngest
Person Served: 
3 Months Old

 Oldest
Person Served:
86 Years Old

\$3,917,661
Federal dollars
pulled into the
local economy
for home &
community-based
waiver services



MONUMENTAL IMPACT

A Note from our Superintendent



It is often in looking back that we realize how far we've come. Our 2024 Annual Report provides such an opportunity as we reflect on a year that can best be described as one of monumental impact.

Through the American Rescue Plan Act (ARPA), Auglaize DD requested and was granted close to \$450,000 by the Ohio Department of Developmental Disabilities (DODD). This historic investment in our Auglaize County communities for the sole purpose of identifying initiatives and projects to foster inclusiveness, accessibility, and independence for people living with disabilities and their families is only half the story.

The full picture comes into focus as we flash back to late 2023 when Ohio's Boards of DD had just a couple of weeks from the time ARPA grant applications opened until they were due. Despite the quick turnaround, we felt confident the relationships we have developed over the years would produce willing partners to join us in our venture to make Auglaize County more accessible. With our initial request for \$215,000 approved, we got right to work knowing all the money needed to be distributed by the end of 2024. As our efforts were wrapping up in October 2024, we received inquiries for three new projects totaling \$234,430. Finding it difficult to say no, we submitted a request to DODD on the off chance unspent grant dollars were available.

We were thrilled when our full request was granted, and we are forever grateful for the collaborative and inclusive spirit of our community partners who brought all of these projects to life. Working with 22 different organizations, we infused \$449,430 into our Auglaize County communities in less than 12 months, funding 13 projects, including our playground project which resulted in 15 communication boards being placed throughout the county with help from Creations by Design of Minster. Monumental indeed!

We hope you enjoy learning more about these projects which will benefit people of all abilities for many years to come!

- **Renee Kohler**

INCLUSIVE MEETINGS - \$7,000



Sponsored
People First
to attend
Synergy
Conference

UNIVERSAL CHANGING TABLES - \$148,117

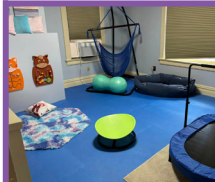
- 6 Universal Changing Tables
- 2 ADA compliant restrooms
- Lift systems and signage
- **Partners include:** Bremenfest Park, Harvest Baptist Church, Grand Lake Health/Premier Health South YMCA, Holy Redeemer Church, St. Marys Grand Opera House, Auglaize County Veteran's Pavilion (front cover)



ACCESSIBLE COMMUNITIES - \$294,313

Playground Communication Boards

- 15 boards granted to 12 community partners including local schools, community parks, and the Wapakoneta YMCA splashpad



Generations of Love

- Interior/exterior renovations and tech tools for increased accessibility
- Community sensory room

Automatic Door Openers

- New Bremen Senior Center

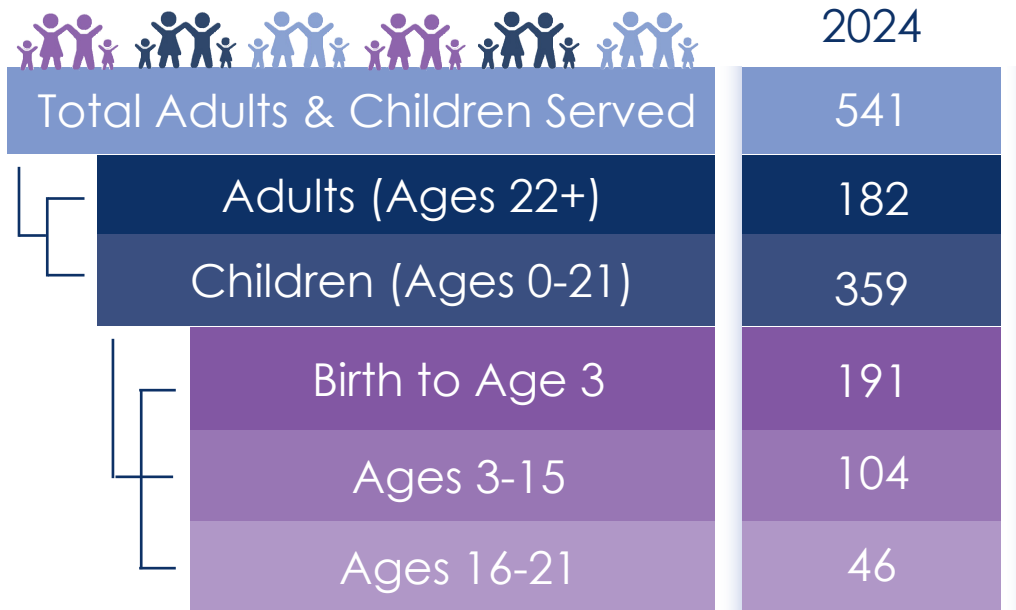
Adaptive Recreation Opportunities

- Lake Loramie
- Terrain hoppers for universal trail access, sensory education garden, accessible beach area, second ADA kayak launch, mobility mats for beach access, wheelchair accessible raised garden beds

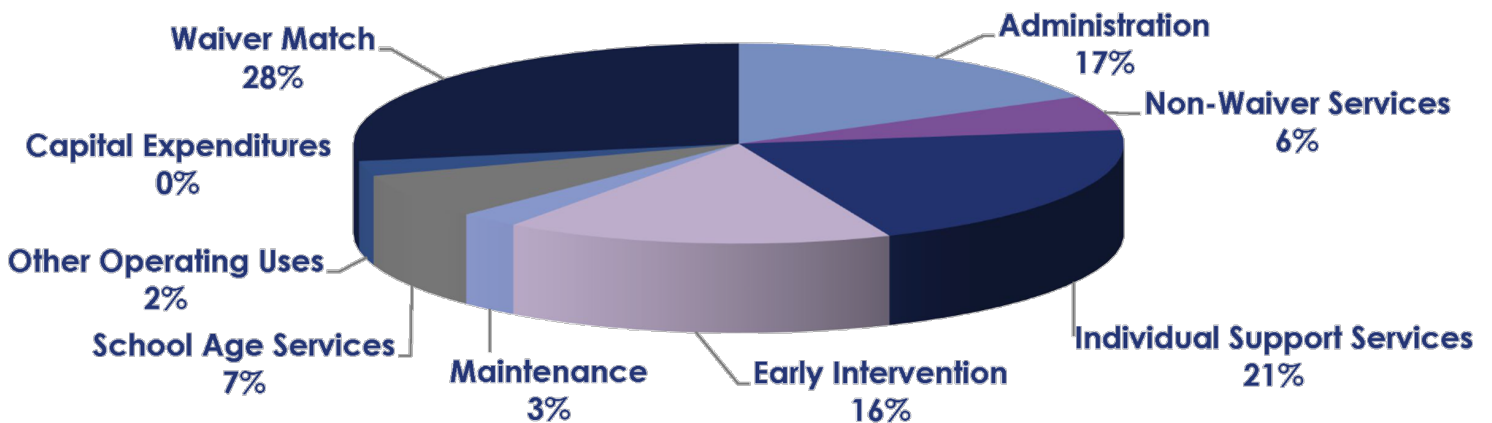


- Grand Lake St. Marys Park
- Accessible playground equipment

Auglaize County Residents Served



Total Budget: \$5,615,377
 Total Expenditures: \$5,349,082





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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.

