



METZENBAUM CENTER

The Geauga County Board Of Developmental Disabilities

Helping People Live, Learn, and Earn in our Community

The Geauga County Board of Developmental Disabilities (Gauga DD), known as the Metzenbaum Center, was started in 1966 to help individuals in Geauga County with developmental disabilities. Our focus is to provide services while building a caring community where individuals are integrated, accepted, and achieving. These services begin at birth and continue through school and adulthood, till their end of life.

Quick Facts:

**A Total of
1,133 People
Received
Services in
2024**

**423 people
were eligible to
use FHBS to
care for their
loved one**

**Over 125 area
businesses
employ our
individuals**

Early Intervention

- Early Intervention (EI) provides coordinated services to parents of eligible children ages 0-3 years with developmental delays or disabilities. A total of 260 children received services in 2024.

Employment First

- Employment services are designed to help adults find what fits best for them and their goals. In 2024, the program worked with a total of 583 individuals, of which 193 were paid minimum wage or above.

Transportation

- Geauga DD coordinated with 40 companies in 2024 to ensure the transportation services for over 600 individuals to and from their jobs or day programs in the community.

Intermediate Care Facility

- In partnership with the Jewish Family Services Association, the Intermediate Care Facility (ICF) provided residential care at the Metzenbaum Center for 12 adults who range in age from 33 to 79.

Community & Residential Services

- Over 317 individuals received residential supports in our community in a variety of settings.
- There were 325 school aged children eligible for services in 2024, of which 42 were Amish students.

Metzenbaum Foundation

- Geauga DD partners with the Metzenbaum Foundation to provide individuals with grant opportunities throughout the year for community outreach activities and events, recreational services, and resources.
- A total of 312 individuals actively utilized the Family Home Based Supports (FHBS) program, which provided assistance to families caring for their eligible child or relative in their home.
- Summer Supports Funds program sponsored 108 school-aged children to participate in summer camps, activities, and funds for respite.

