

2024 Annual Report



**Geauga County Board Of
Developmental Disabilities**

Community Support Services

2024 

The Community Support Services Department includes the following key team areas:

- Intake and Eligibility
- Service and Compliance Coordinator
- Investigative Agent
- Service and Support Administration (SSA)

In 2024, our department provided services to a total of 679 individuals, collaborating closely with 180 private providers and overseeing services for 306 individuals who used Home and Community Based Service Waivers (HCBS).

HCBS Waivers are instrumental as they facilitate the provision of essential services through a blend of Local, State, and Federal funding. Using Medicaid funding through HCBS Waivers allows us to extend our reach and serve a greater number of individuals with optimal resource utilization.

Our SSAs operate with a person-centered approach, meticulously assessing the needs and desired outcomes of those they support. They are responsible for coordinating and authorizing funding for services, enabling individuals to thrive and actively participate in their communities by facilitating opportunities to live, learn, and earn.



180

Provider Partners

306

Individuals used
Waiver services



679

Individuals supported
by SSAs

Early Intervention

2024 

Geauga DD provides coordinated Early Intervention (EI) services to eligible children under the age of three. This includes support for parents. We firmly believe that young children thrive best when they learn from familiar faces in familiar environments. Therefore, our EI services are delivered in the child's home and other familiar settings where they feel most comfortable. By building upon existing supports and resources, we empower parents to effectively assist in their child's development.

Research consistently demonstrates that Early Intervention significantly reduces the need for further intervention.

Our primary goal is to extend our reach to as many families as possible. Throughout 2024, we maintained targeted outreach efforts with healthcare providers, daycares, and the Amish community. Additionally, our EI program offers a diverse range of inclusive playgroups which are hosted at the Metzenbaum Center and within the community. These playgroups are thoughtfully designed to encourage socialization, play, attentive listening, and preschool readiness skills. They provide a valuable opportunity for children and caregivers alike to connect and mutually support each other.

260

Children received services

Employment Services

2024 

Geauga DD's employment services are specially adapted to each individual's needs. Working closely with private providers, we assist individuals in identifying their unique interests, strengths, and preferences. We then align these insights with opportunities that correspond to their personal and professional goals.

For many individuals we support, community employment represents a significant milestone. It provides greater independence, improves financial stability, refines social skills, builds self-esteem, and increases personal fulfillment.

Geauga DD strongly advocates for Employment First, a nationwide initiative, prioritizing employment as the “first” and preferred option for individuals with disabilities.

We encourage every adult we serve to consider the benefits of what employment could mean for them.

Our providers offer comprehensive assistance in achieving career objectives through:

- Job development, aiding in the search for suitable employment opportunities.
- Job coaching, providing guidance and support in mastering job responsibilities.
- Follow-along services, ensure ongoing support by regular check-ins with both employer and employee.

583

Adults received services

193

Individuals competitively employed



Transportation

2024 

Geauga DD coordinates transportation services for approximately **600 individuals**, supporting access to employment, day programs, and other essential destinations. To date, we currently partner with **40 private transportation providers** who play a vital role in meeting these needs. These providers offer a range of accessible transportation options to support individuals, helping to ensure that the people we serve can participate more fully in their communities. The partnerships enable flexible, person-centered scheduling and are essential to maintaining continuity of care, especially for those with complex needs or limited mobility. Geauga DD continues to search for new transportation providers to provide services for individuals in need.

40

Transportation Private
Providers

600

People received
transportation services

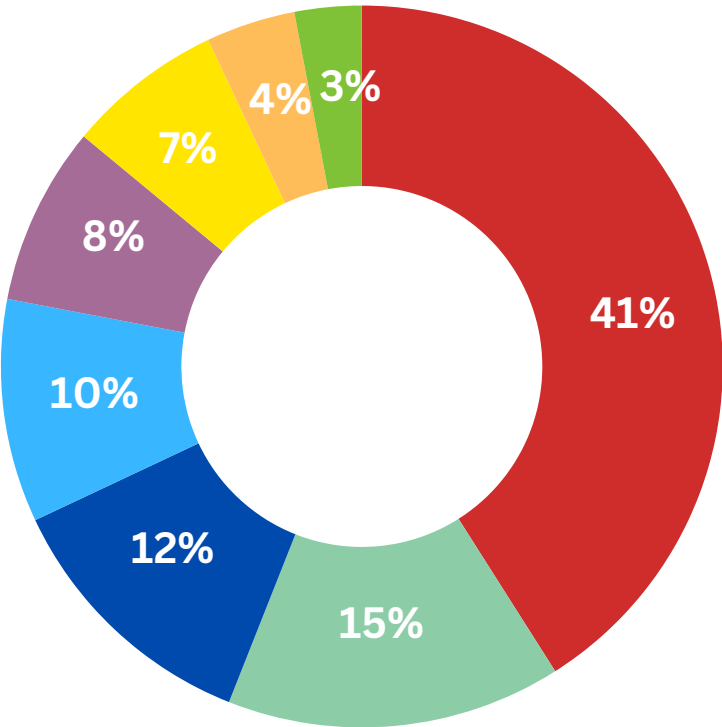


Intermediate Care Facility (ICF)

The goal of this program is to provide needed care to the people we serve as well as opportunities to allow for self-determination, independence, community inclusion and improved quality of life. The ICF currently serves 12 adults ranging in age from 33 to 79. In 2019, we began a partnership with the Jewish Family Service Association, and in 2020, they took over as the operator of the ICF.

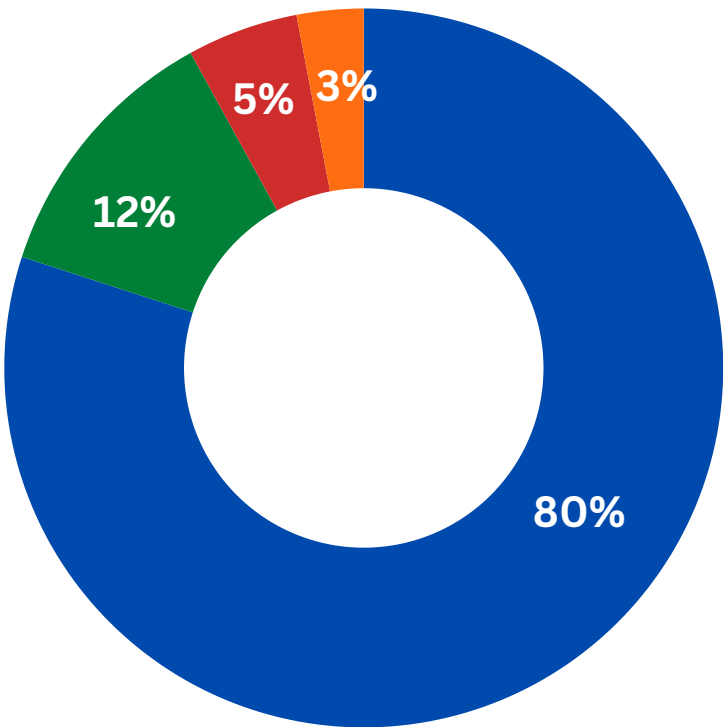
2024 Financials

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- 41% Residential
- 15% Case Management
- 12% Children Services
- 10% Adult Services
- 8% Administration
- 7% Transportation
- 4% Buildings & Grounds
- 3% Recreation

\$17,679,032
Total Expense



- 80% Levy
- 12% Other
- 5% Federal
- 3% State

\$17,051,717
Total Revenue

1,133

**People Served
in 2024**

We have continued to responsibly manage the income from our 2015 levy, which is expected to sustain us through at least 2025. While we consistently strive to maximize revenue and control spending, we have been operating at a deficit since 2022. By 2026, we will reach our minimum reserve level and will need to request a new levy to ensure a smooth transition into 2027 and beyond.



METZENBAUM CENTER

The Geauga County Board
Of Developmental Disabilities

MISSION STATEMENT:

Helping People **Live**, **Learn**, and **Earn** in Our Community



VISION STATEMENT:

Building a caring community where individuals are
Integrated, **Accepted**, and **Achieving**

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