



GEAUGA COUNTY *BOARD OF* **DEVELOPMENTAL DISABILITIES**

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*HELPING PEOPLE LIVE, LEARN
AND EARN IN OUR COMMUNITY*

The Bessie Benner
METZENBAUM CENTER
Enhancing the lives of people with Developmental Disabilities



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SERVICES WE PROVIDE

Serving individuals with developmental disabilities and their families from Birth through Retirement.



EARLY INTERVENTION (EI)

Along with Help Me Grow, EI offers therapies and support for families of children with a disability.



RECREATION

Both Special Olympics and Aktion Club are popular activities for our clients.



ADULT SERVICES

Through our great partnerships with outside providers, clients have a multitude of choices for their employment and day programs.



PRE-SCHOOL & SCHOOL

We continue to collaborate with all the local schools, the Geauga Educational Service Center and two Amish schools to integrate students in the public schools.



TRANSPORTATION

We transport individuals to community employment, day programs and other events. In the last two years, we have worked with the Department of Aging to help them with trips.



COMMUNITY SUPPORT

Case Managers support our individuals to access appropriate services while ensuring a healthy and safe environment.



RESIDENCES AT METZ

All four of the houses built in 1977 are now renovated and provide individual rooms for 25 residents.



COMMUNITY HOUSING

As the need for housing increases, the number of community housing options has grown to support more than 135 individuals.

EARLY CHILDHOOD

Birth to age 3

The Geauga County Board of Developmental Disabilities operates two programs, Early Intervention and Help Me Grow, which help parents deal with a diagnosed disability or delay. Our Early Intervention program provides services from a variety of team members including Developmental Specialists and Physical, Speech and Occupational Therapists. These Early Intervention Services take place in the child's home or other community settings where the child is normally involved. Families are also welcomed to join in community based social groups like the "Play, Learn and Grow" and "Moving with Music" programs.

Help Me Grow provides case management services to children who have or are at risk of a developmental delay. The Help Me Grow service coordinators work closely with the Early Intervention team to maintain continuity of care and access to community resources for families with young children.

These families are also able to access Family Support Services which help purchase specialized goods or services that a child needs.



SCHOOL PROGRAMMING

Pre-School and School Programs

Since 2011, we have worked collaboratively with the local schools to successfully integrate all students in the public schools. This includes working with the Geauga Educational Services Center to provide Pre-School classrooms and offices at the Metzenbaum Center.

In 2014, the Geauga County Board of Developmental Disabilities provided:

- . **\$2.3 Million in direct funding to the local schools**
- . **Specialized program support in Music and Adaptive Physical Education**
- . **Building space at the Metzenbaum Center**
- . **Case management for eligible students**
- . **Transition planning for high school students**

We continue to collaborate with all local schools, as well as the Geauga Educational Service Center, to integrate students in the public schools and two local Amish schools.

EMPLOYMENT OPPORTUNITIES

EMPLOYMENT FIRST

In 2012, Governor Kasich instituted the Employment First Initiative to help promote community employment for individuals with developmental disabilities. Metzenbaum has been working on this effort for at least a decade, but a renewed effort has been made in the last two years. The Geauga County Board of Developmental Disabilities has contracted with three primary partners who are focused on creating and placing individuals in community employment options.

Mow Time Landscaping, The Special Hands Shoppe in Middlefield and the future hydroponic greenhouses in Chesterland are just a few of the new efforts being made to provide expanded employment options.



DAY PROGRAMS

EXPANDED CHOICES

The Geauga County Board of DD works with more than 20 private providers in and around Geauga County that offer a variety of services to our clients. Individuals have the opportunity to choose from a variety of work settings, including:

- . On farms and in pet day care centers
- . In shredding/recycling facilities
- . In packaging/distribution centers
- . Many other options

Additionally, there are many non-work programs, including:

- . Volunteer opportunities
- . Arts and crafts
- . Yoga and exercise classes
- . Cooking classes
- . Recreational outings

CASE MANAGEMENT

SERVICE AND SUPPORT ADMINISTRATION

The Geauga County Board of DD provides case management to all adult clients who receive services. The case managers are known as Service and Support Administrators (SSAs). This department monitors all services provided to those clients that live in the community.

The SSAs work with the clients and their families to design plans for appropriate supports for residential, work and social activities. Once the plan is written and approved, the SSAs help monitor the agency providing the service to make sure that the staff are well-trained and informed.

If a report of abuse or neglect is received, the Investigative Agent from this department will work with police and state officials to determine whether the claim is substantiated and charges are to be filed.



METZENBAUM RESIDENCE

The four homes located on our Chesterland campus were completed in 1977. 40 residents shared 25 bedrooms, 5 handicapped accessible bathrooms and limited space in the living and dining rooms.

The Metzenbaum Center began renovating the homes in 2013 to better serve our individuals. These units now have single-occupancy rooms with handicapped accessible bathrooms and roll-in showers. One home features a centralized commercial kitchen where the main meals for all residents are prepared.

These homes accommodate 25 individuals who require greater assistance with daily care. We provide quality personal care, as well as intensive medical support 24 hours a day, seven days a week, in order to meet the specialized needs of the residents. Programs are implemented to develop skills that enable individuals to function with as much self-determination and independence as possible.

COMMUNITY HOUSING

In 2014, there are more than 135 individuals living in community housing options. Most of these individuals are living in one of the 22 Maple Leaf Community Residence homes scattered throughout the county. Today, there are more individuals moving into typical housing options like individual apartments and private house rentals.

This is the area of greatest concern, as more and more aging parents who are part of the “Baby Boomer” generation are no longer able to provide for the needs of their adult children.



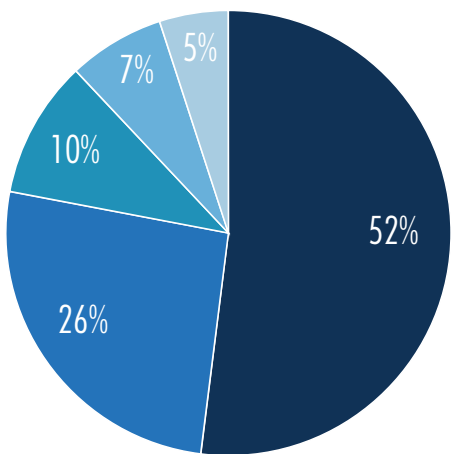
RECREATION *SPECIAL OLYMPICS AND SOCIAL OUTINGS*

In 2014, the activities associated with Metzenbaum’s Recreation Department have continued to be the most beloved resource of the agency. Many of the activities take place in public settings throughout Geauga County.

- . 110 athletes in Special Olympics sports like softball, basketball and track
- . Dinner clubs at local restaurants
- . The Aktion club—part of the West Geauga Kiwanis Club
- . Monthly dances at Metz or Mayfield United Methodist Church
- . Camping at Punderson State Park and weekend trips
- . Therapeutic Riding at Fieldstone Farms
- . Many community events like the Maple Festival and Blossom Time

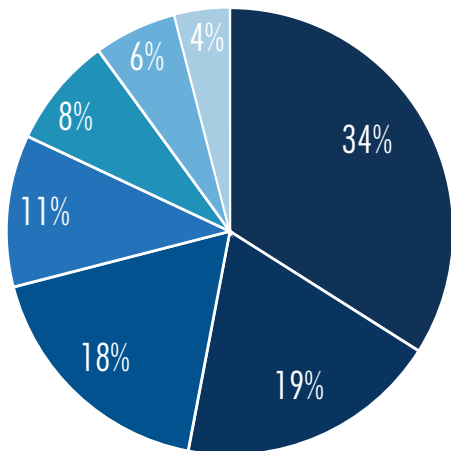


2013 FINANCIALS



REVENUES

- County Property Taxes 52%
- Federal Funds 26%
- Ohio Department of Education 10%
- Other 7%
- Ohio Department of DD 5%



EXPENSES

- Community & Residential Support Services 34%
- Residential 19%
- Adult Services 18%
- School Age 11%
- Transportation 8%
- Administration 6%
- Capital Costs 4%