

## Report to the Community

### The Lucas County Board of Developmental Disabilities

is guided by a Mission Statement that puts resources toward improving **LIFE** so that individuals with developmental disabilities reach their full potential. In the Mission Statement the word **LIFE** is capitalized because it stands as an acronym for our Core Values:

- I am Living the life I desire;
- I am Included and accepted in my community;
- I have Freedom to have my voice heard in decisions that affect me; and
- I have talents and abilities to share - Everyone has worth.

In the year 2018 the Board continued implementation of a major systemic change that ends the delivery of direct services, such as sheltered employment and transportation. This change, mandated by Medicaid, required realignment of staffing with the emphasis on service coordination, ensuring a safe environment, and supporting the more than 400 certified Medicaid providers in Lucas County.

It is of primary importance to the Lucas County Board of DD to help these providers maintain a high level of quality service that allows individuals being served the opportunity to live the life they choose. That said, we recognize the providers have a significant need for additional staff and have initiated efforts, such as the Employee Resource Network, to help with recruitment.

In its role as the Medicaid Administrative Agent, the Board of DD determines eligibility for service, monitors services, and ensures an ongoing commitment to the concept of self-determination.

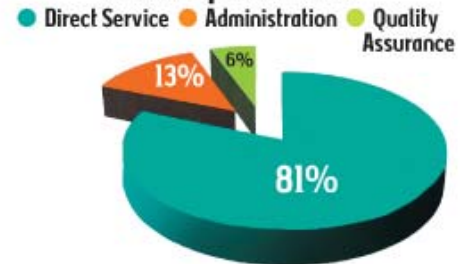
### Priorities for 2019 include:

- Strengthening partnerships with local schools and child care centers to support inclusion;
- Board staff will utilize the principles of Trauma Informed Care to ensure individuals served feel physically and emotionally safe;
- The Board will continue assistance to the provider community in recruiting direct support staff;
- In recognition that individuals with developmental disabilities are among our most vulnerable population the Board will continue its leadership role with the Human Trafficking Network;
- Efforts will be made to strengthen relations with community partners to maximize resources for individuals with dual diagnoses; and
- An emphasis will be placed on the use of Technology First in order to assist individuals reach higher levels of independence and privacy.

For more information about the Lucas County Board of Developmental Disabilities, please visit our website [www.lucasdd.org](http://www.lucasdd.org)



### 2018 Expenditures



### 2018 Revenue

