

2017 Report to the Community

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Every person has value and should receive the supports necessary to create opportunities for them to choose where they wish to live, to be gainfully employed, and to choose their relationships, hobbies and beliefs. That was the underlying theme for the Lucas County Board of Developmental Disabilities in 2017, even as we continued the transfer of direct services to providers in the private sector as mandated by federal rules. This change is requiring realignment of our staffing with the emphasis now 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 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 launched efforts, such as the Success Coach program and job fairs, to help with recruitment.

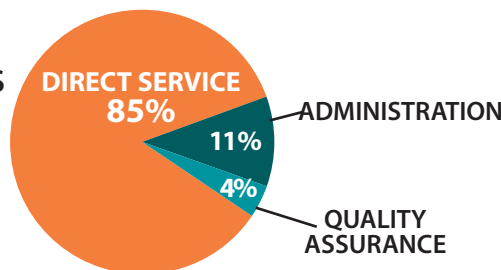
Supports provided to individuals with developmental disabilities by the Board of DD span a lifetime. More than 550 children were in Early Intervention. In the 3-21 age group, the Board will be supporting approximately 750 children and their families. When children reach their mid-teens and get close to graduation our Employment Navigators help families prepare for their child's adult life and the world of work.

While providing the help for the individuals and their families, the Board of DD continues its efforts to stretch your local tax dollars. Currently the vast majority of individuals served in the DD community has 60 percent of their services paid by Medicaid. The remaining 40 percent comes from local funds administered by the Board of DD. So for every local dollar the Board spends on serving others in our community it is able to secure \$1.50 from Medicaid.

Among our goals for 2018:

- The Board will work to expand the number of providers in the areas for people with autism, behavior concerns, dual diagnosis, and for those who are medically fragile.
- Further development of the FANS (Friends, Allies, and Neighbors) Network will address the goal of greater inclusion for people in community living.
- Public messaging through television, news releases and social media will be aimed at breaking down the barriers that stand in the way of employment, housing and social activities. The Board of DD will continue to support eligible individuals and their families in developing a vision for the future based on an individual's strengths, interests, and choices.

2017 EXPENDITURES



CASH RECEIPTS

