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DREAM

Building a System of Opportunity
and Empowerment Together



The 2014 Annual Report of
the Scioto County Board of DD

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*A dream doesn't become reality through magic;
it takes sweat, determination, and hard work.*

~ Colin Powell

A Message from the Superintendent



Thank you for reading our Annual Report. At the outset, I would like to thank all of those who supported our program last May in approving a levy that will allow us to continue providing services to more than 700 infants, children, and adults with developmental disabilities in Scioto County. The Board, myself, and administration are committed to assuring excellent stewardship of these dollars.

There have been many changes that impact how we operate now and in the future. The State of Ohio biennial budget that went into effect on July 1, 2015, included appropriations aimed at reducing the number of individuals living in institutional settings, offering more opportunity for community living and competitive employment, and more control over service dollars. Focus on community inclusion – residential, employment, and day services – is driving our system in ways we have not seen before. The SCBDD is working hard to stay in tune and even surpass statewide initiatives such as Employment First with its robust community employment program and by partnering with individuals and families to accomplish their dreams.

Another significant occurrence impacting services is the Center for Medicaid Services' (CMS) Conflict-free Case Management Rule that went into effect earlier this year. The rule stipulates that County Board programs cease providing direct services to individuals for adult day waiver services (unless there is no other willing provider in the geographical area). This is due to CMS's stance it is a conflict of

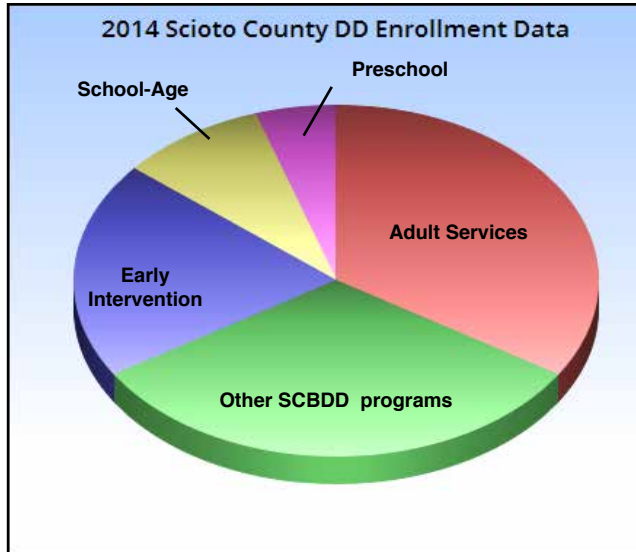
interest for County Boards to provide Service and Support Administration (SSA) services (responsible for authorizing funding, assisting with selecting a provider, and monitoring services, etc.) while also being a direct service provider. Currently, the SCBDD is the provider of record for services offered by the largest Adult Day Services provider in the county – STAR, Inc. – as most of the individuals served there are served by waiver dollars. Fortunately, CMS and the State of Ohio negotiated a phase-out plan in order for County Boards to come into compliance with the rule. The Administration and Boards of both entities are working together to plan for the separation; however, services for individuals will not look different or feel different. In fact, in 2011, the SCBDD voted to phase out County Board staff employed at STAR through attrition, and now, most staff are employees of STAR, Inc. The goal of both parties as we move forward is a seamless transition, and meetings with stakeholders will begin as we get closer to an official separation date.

I hope you enjoy reading about our varied programs, and the many successes of individuals served. Thank you for embracing our program and working with us to help people we serve have a good quality of life. A community is better when everyone belongs!

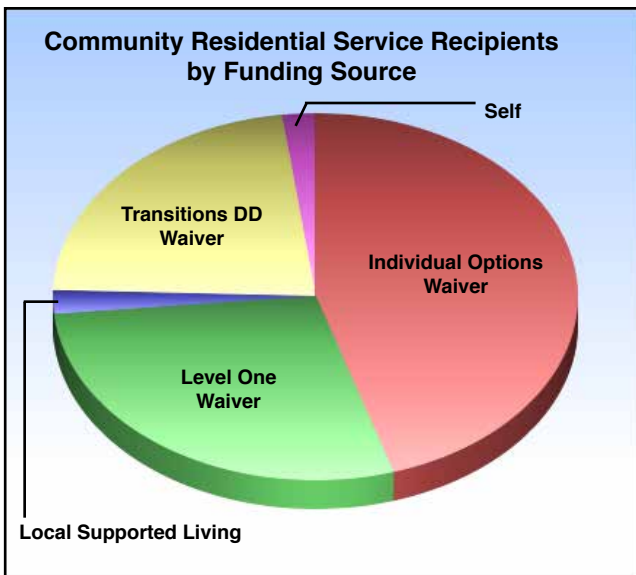
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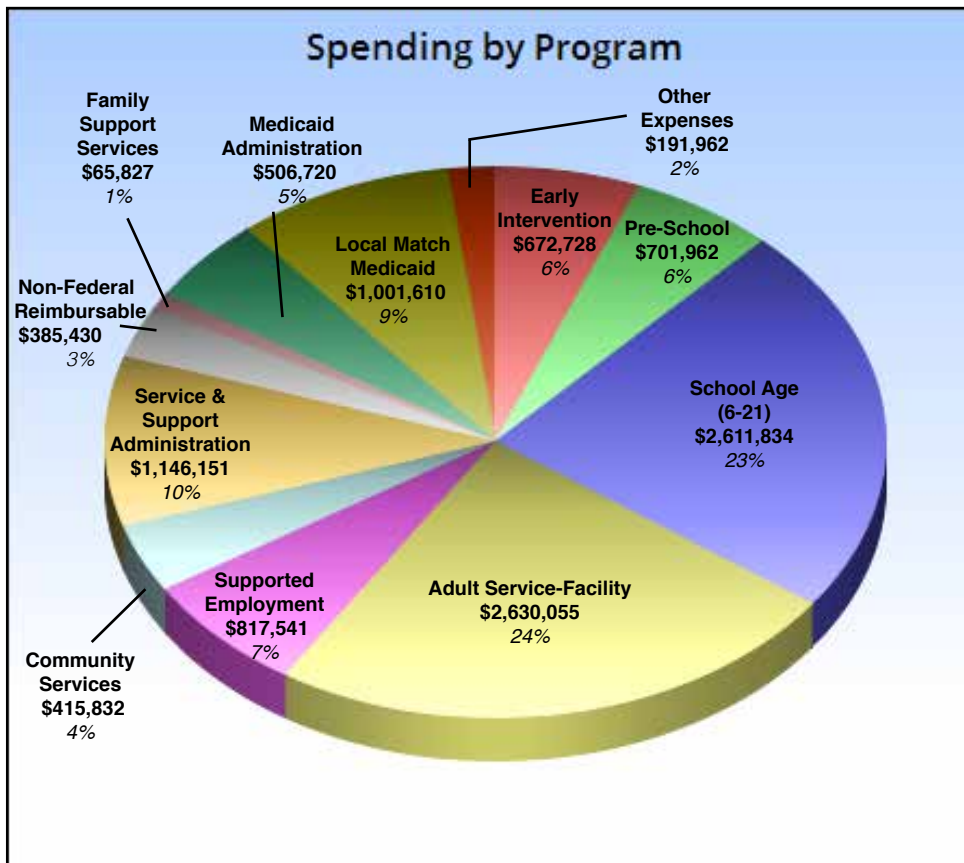


	Individuals Served	Enrollment Percentage
Early Intervention	139.....	20%
Preschool (Ages 3-5).....	35.....	5%
School-Age (Ages 6-21).....	67.....	9%
Adult Services	228.....	32%
<i>(Facility-based and vocational, including Bridges to Transition)</i>		
Other SCBDD Program.....	240	34%
<i>(SSA Only/Local SL/Family-directed Services)</i>		
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Total	709	100%



	Residential Service Recipients
Individual Options Waiver	109
Level One Waiver.....	68
Local Supported Living.....	5
Transitions DD Waiver	54
Self.....	5
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Total	241

Operating Revenues



COUNTY	
TAX LEVY	\$4,302,396
DEPARTMENT OF DD (including Bridges to Transition-OOD)	
TOTAL DODD REVENUE	\$2,351,693
DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION	
TOTAL ODE REVENUE	\$1,520,571
FEDERAL PROGRAMS	
TOTAL FEDERAL PROGRAM REVENUE	\$2,337,700
OTHER REVENUES	
TOTAL OTHER REVENUE	\$719,871
TOTAL OPERATING REVENUE	\$11,232,231

COMMUNITY EMPLOYMENT

Vocation Station Program encourages local investment in individuals

The Vocation Station celebrated the program's amazing success on Oct. 8 by honoring community partners with an awards banquet at the Friends Center, as well as recognizing the individuals involved in the Community Employment Program.

The program partners community employers with individuals with developmental disabilities and are transitioning into the work force. The Community Employment Program has grown 70 percent in the last year alone, adding more employers and individuals looking for work yearly. The employers have legitimate needs in their businesses and work with job developers and job coaches at the Vocation Station to find an employee to fill that slot.

Job coaches work with individuals to discover their interests and talents and match them with an employer in the community. If needed, a job coach can be a point of contact for both the employee and the employer. The individuals become employees in an integrated setting, earn competitive wages, and pay taxes. Most employees are part-time, but some work full-time at their jobs.

Do you own or manage a local business? Call the Vocation Station at (740) 353-1505 for more information on how you can be a part of the Community Employment Program.



Employee of the Year (Male) Toddy Durham works at Papa John's, Sodexo, and GE as part of his placement through the Community Employment Program. Durham is congratulated by STAR, Inc. Director Kelly Hunter.

Employer of the Year
Judge Jerry Buckler

Employee of the Year (Male)
Toddy Durham

Employee of the Year (Female)
Kris Shaw

Shooting Star Award
Barry Porter

Employers have recognized for some time that it's smart business to have a diverse workforce — one in which many views are represented and everyone's talents are valued. Well, disability is part of diversity.

~ Thomas Perez



Impact/Aktion Club members take a rest from serving lunch at the Salvation Army.

Impact/Aktion Club members donate time to community projects

Finding ways to contribute to the community isn't hard for the Impact/Aktion Club. It's what team members do best. Since the club's creation in 2012, members have contributed more than 10,000 hours of volunteer time to our community.

"Our biggest projects are with the Salvation Army. In addition to helping to serve the free community lunch one day a week, we also ring bells during the Kettle campaign," said K.C. Chatfield, Impact/Aktion Club advisor. "Last year, 2014, in 28 hours of bell ringing we gathered \$3,720.15 in donations. That works out to an incredible

\$132.86 per hour! On Christmas Eve alone we gathered an amazing \$735 in just four hours!"

The following individuals each donated more than 100 hours of community service in 2014: David Hoover – 262.25 hours; Jeremy Call & Daniel Whitaker – 181.50 hours; Jerry Coyle – 176 hours; Brandi Pennington – 175 hours; Tony Mills – 157 hours; Tony Fisher – 154.50 hours; Chuck Lansing – 154.25 hours; Tina Swim – 151.25 hours; John Roth – 142.25 hours; Jessica Riggs – 141 hours; Jeana Pitts – 130.25 hours; Paula Currence – 108.75 hours.

The Impact/Aktion Club ...

Partners with the United Way's literacy program to read at The Carousel Center, Portsmouth East Elementary School, and Northwest Elementary School.

Adopted the Lock 48 Historic Site on Ohio 104 in McDermott, which is part of the Scioto Heritage Tail Scenic Byway, to pick up trash year-round, as well as maintenance during the mowing season.

Helps Boy Scout Camp Oyo Ranger Matt Taylor with camp maintenance.

Volunteers in laundry services at Southern Ohio Medical Center.

Does music outreach at 15 local nursing and day-hab facilities.

Handed out meals at Minford Elementary School's summer program.



Check out the art, jewelry, and handmade furniture items crafted with care and artistry by the individuals of STAR, Inc.!

The store went live on Facebook over the summer. Find it by typing "Star, Inc. Store" in the search bar.



WE ARE



It's not our disabilities, it's our abilities that count.

~Chris Burke



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the Carousel Center

New summer program offers behavior support and skill development intervention

The three-week Positive Behavior Support and Skill Development Program was introduced in the summer of 2015 and saw a consistent approval rating from families who experienced the successes.

The program provided a 2:1 ratio of staff to children, and had such goals as improving social skills, functional communication training, toilet training, and more. The activities were center-based, meaning families brought their child to the Carousel Center, and consisted of three-hour sessions twice a week for three weeks. Afterward, Behavior Support Coordinator LeahAnn Joyce met with the children and families to assess the outcomes and make recommendations for further programming that would benefit their particular situation.

The results among those children

involved in the program were extraordinary.

For example, 7-year-old Connor had difficulty accepting certain foods he was offered and was in need of toilet training. Before the three-week program was over, he began taking independent bites of offered foods. By the third day of the program, he was toilet trained – a dream the family doubted would ever come to fruition.

Additional benefits to the program include the videos made with each child to highlight the different approaches to intervention used during the program. These training videos will be available to parents and, when appropriate, the child's educational team. With parental consent specific videos will be used to train others in proactive behavior support and skill development interventions.

Support Staff	\$2076.48
28 hours per week x \$12.36 per hour x 6 weeks	
Stipends	\$960
For families' gas to and from center and to community outings (\$20 per week per child)	
Supplies	\$350
Snacks, drinks, reinforcement items, office supplies	
<hr/> Total Program Cost	<hr/> \$3,386.48

We all have dreams. But in order to make dreams come into reality, it takes an awful lot of determination, dedication, self-discipline, and effort.

~Jesse Owens

Life-changing PLAY

In February 2014 Londyn Bricker, 19 month-old daughter of Chelsey Distel and Luke Bricker of West Portsmouth, was diagnosed with moderate-to-severe autism at Nationwide Children's Hospital. The family began receiving early intervention services from SCBDD as well as occupational therapy from Compass Community Health, and Londyn's team of family and professionals had wonderful expectations for Londyn's future. And then she exceeded them all.

In September 2014 Londyn's Developmental Specialist Ali Keaton was trained and supervised in the PLAY Project (which stands for "Play and Language for Autistic Youngsters") and subsequently offered the evidence-based, home consultant PLAY model to the family. With supervision from the PLAY Project, Ali and her colleagues gained extensive knowledge and training to support and empower caregivers of children with ASD or ASD-like symptoms. Londyn's family, especially her mother Chelsey, took that support, consumed the PLAY manual, made the individualized plans created by the developmental specialist part of the family's daily life, put in the time with Londyn, and essentially changed her daughter's life.

In the first six months of PLAY, Londyn showed gains in expressive communication, going from the skill level of a 14-month-old to that of a 24-month-old. When re-evaluated in May 2015 at Nationwide Children's Hospital, she had made significant gains, including improvements to her "expressive vocabulary skills and parent impressions of adaptive functioning, which were within the average range for her age."

Londyn began preschool services at Portsmouth West Elementary this year and continues to receive PLAY Project through SCBDD. She loves playing with other children, especially her sister Jayla, and, of course, has a lifelong PLAY partner in Mommy.



Londyn and Chelsey after a PLAY Project home visit.



Students at the Carousel Center and A Children's Place play and learn together during a motor lab created by teachers at both organizations on Oct. 21.

Motor lab partnership at Carousel benefits all kids

With a theme of autumn and agriculture, the Carousel Center preschool joined forces in October with A Children's Place daycare to create a fun motor lab for the children they serve.

While the children learned such things as how to make butter, milk a cow, and make artwork at a paint table, one of the underlying benefits of the activity was integration. Preschool teacher Teresa Franz said having a daycare with typically developing children so close is a convenient tool for the teachers

at both the Carousel Center and A Children's Place.

As the children play with each other, they learn about what they have in common. They also observe each other and learn different methods of doing things such as handling objects or creating artwork, all while having fun and engaging with the environment. Motor labs are geared toward hands-on learning and real-life skills, and is a practice especially helpful for children at any and all developmental stages.



VERN RIFFE SCHOOL

Home of the Cardinals



Curriculum

Vern Riffe School is continuing to use the N2Y (News to You) curriculum in the school program. This program is set by strands and is easy to adapt to any student at any level. Staff has been using N2Y for about three years and the staff and students love it.

Security

VRS has made several changes to the security system by adding more cameras to provide coverage of the buildings and grounds. A speaker was added to the playground so we could communicate with people on the outside. We are in the process of placing film on the lower level windows that will be impact resistant.

Sensory

The sensory room at VRS has undergone some upgrades to provide a better quality of services to our students who have sensory needs.

Kindergarten

We have added a new kindergarten classroom to meet the needs of students who need additional growth before entering the school-age program.

*Never go backward. Attempt, and do it with all your might.
Determination is power.*

~ Charles Simmons



We've got
SPIRIT
Yes, we do!





The bowling team after a BIG win in Jackson!



Julie and Alex @ River Days!



Tammy N. helps SSgt. Lamb during the Veterans Day Lunch @ Carousel

Mark C. gets doused @ the Color Run



Tammy G. and Georgia G. wave from the corn maze



SCBDD paints it pink for breast cancer awareness



So many of our dreams at first seem

impossible,

Then they seem

improbable,

And then, when we summon the will,
they soon become

inevitable.

~ Christopher Reeve



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