

# 2023



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# ANNUAL REPORT

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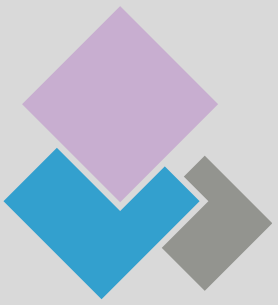
Thank you for your interest in Scioto County Developmental Disabilities' SCDD 2023 Annual Report. We are excited to share all the good things that we experienced in 2023 with you.

In 2023, we experienced an uptick of positive growth. Virtually all of our programs grew in enrollment and programmatically, compared to previous years, and this is a trend that we believe will continue well into the future. SCDD experienced a year of regulation and stabilization in terms of our workforce as we have some of the finest employees around.

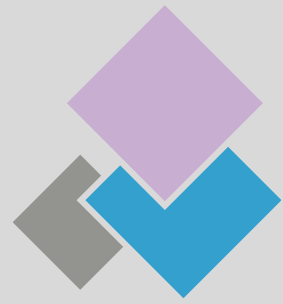


Although we are proud of everything we continue to accomplish, being able to deliver top notch services to the people of Scioto County is what we are most proud. All of our service delivery has been accomplished utilizing the same level of local resources that we have had since 2016.

As we continue to grow in 2024 and beyond; it is our goal to continue to meet the needs of our county and continue to be accountable to the tax payers of Scioto County. Please enjoy the Annual Report, and as always, if you have questions, we would love to have a conversation with you.



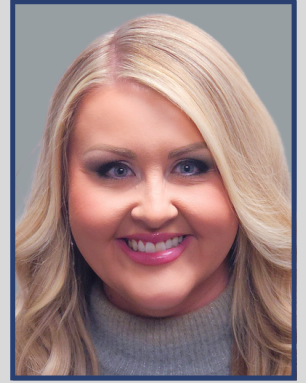
# SCDD BOARD MEMBERS



**Mike Arnett,  
Board President**



**Bill Adams**



**Adrienne Buckler  
Callihan**



**Cindy Gibson**



**Tony Mantell**



**Cindy Murray**



**Jon Peters**



# SCDD DEPARTMENT DIRECTORS



**Tammy Guthrie, PhD**  
Director of School  
Programs



**Jessica Hoffer**  
Director of  
Outreach



**Catie Metzler**  
Director of Early  
Childhood Programs  
*(October 2023)*



**Chad Phipps**  
Director of Service and  
Support Administration

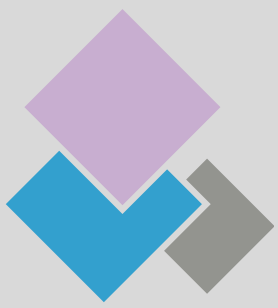


**Steve Sowkulech**  
Director of Fiscal and  
Human Resources

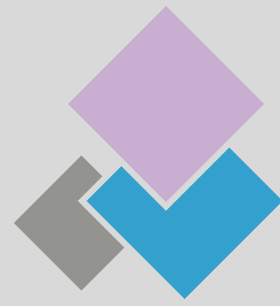


**Erica Wallace**  
Director of Early  
Childhood Programs



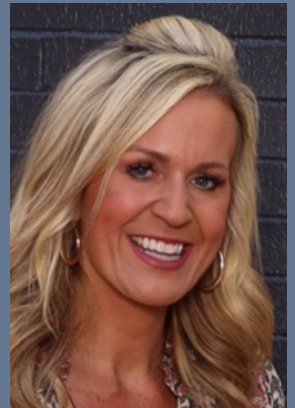


# NEWS FROM THE DIRECTORS



Erica Wallace, Director of Early Childhood programs accepted the role of Children and Families Consultant with the Ohio Association of County Boards (OACB) after 14 years of serving individuals at SCDD. Wallace stated: “While it was a difficult decision to leave the Scioto County Board, I felt that joining the Ohio Association of County Boards would allow me to make an even greater impact on a larger scale.” SCDD is extremely proud of the work that Erica has done with us and we know she will continue to do an amazing job in her new position. Erica said she is “excited about the future and the potential to contribute to the Ohio Association of County

Boards. Together, we can continue to make a positive difference in the lives of so many in our state”. Erica completed her tenure with SCDD in August of 2023, and she continues to make us proud.



Catie Metzler was promoted to Assistant Director in August 2023 before being selected as the Director in October. Catie had served as a Developmental Specialist for five years prior to accepting her new role.





# 2023 BY THE NUMBERS



Total Number of Active  
Individuals Served- 919

## Intake Tracking

New Referrals-	<u>128</u>
New SSA Referrals-	<u>44</u>
C/COEDI's-	<u>81</u>
New EI Referrals-	<u>10</u>
New VRS Referrals-	<u>2</u>
New Positive Support Referrals-	<u>6</u>

## SSA/Waiver Tracking

SSA Cases-	<u>512</u>
HCBS Waivers-	<u>290</u>
I/O Waivers-	<u>83</u>
Level 1 Waivers-	<u>90</u>
SELF Waivers-	<u>17</u>
SSA Only Supports-	<u>160</u>
Family Directed Services-	<u>43</u>

## Early Childhood Tracking

Early Intervention-	<u>178</u>
Ages 3-5-	<u>11</u>
PLAY Project-	<u>9</u>

## Programs Tracking

Vern Riffe School-	<u>57</u>
Employment Supports-	<u>41</u>
Positive Supports-	<u>23</u>
Special Olympics-	<u>53</u>

# WINTER 2023 HIGHLIGHTS



HARDWOOD HEROES CELEBRITY BASKETBALL GAME 2023. Pictured are players from the VRS Cardinals, the Shooting Stars, celebrity players, along with all the cheerleaders, officials, and coaches.



Jon Adkins received the DD Month Proclamation from Scioto County Commissioners, Bryan Davis, Cathy Coleman, and Scottie Powell on March 2, 2023.

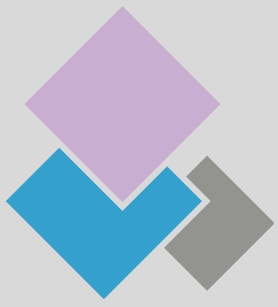


Two employees of Scioto County Developmental Disabilities received new job titles following board action in January. The Lead Teacher position, held by Dana Jones, became the Classroom Services Facilitator, and Kim Miller was promoted from Teaching Assistant to One-on-One Team Lead.



SCDD staff, service recipients, and self-advocates participated in the annual St. Patrick's Day Parade.





# SPRING 2023 HIGHLIGHTS



Trent Fife joined the SCDD Business Office in May. Trent was hired as the Human Resources Clerk.



The 2023 Vern Riffe School prom was held in the Grand Ballroom at Shawnee State University on May 12th. The prom theme was Masquerade Ball. Transition students were transported to the event from VRS. Following grand march, prom-goers enjoyed a catered luncheon, dancing and traditional prom activities.



In April, Tom Sherman was promoted to SSA Team Lead within the department. Tom celebrated 10 years of service with SCDD in 2023.

## Congratulations

## CLASS OF 2023



Eleven students graduated from Vern Riffe School on May 19, 2023  
Graduates photographed left to right: Chris Glispie, Jonathon Mitchell, Maxwell Edwards, Gabrielle Collins, Olivia Jacobs, Earl Bender, Jarrett Wallbrown, Jonathan Adkins, James Cooper, Brayden Reyes, Clayton Patrick.

# SUMMER 2023 HIGHLIGHTS



SCDD's 2nd Annual Summer Cookout was held Earl Thomas Conley Park. All service recipients, families, and their providers were invited to attend. Ollie's Burgers and BBQ of Portsmouth Ohio catered the event with SCDD's staff serving the guests.



The 2023 SCDD Summer Program held at Vern Riffe School had another great year for students county-wide. Students enjoyed fun at the splash pad and playing at the park, while learning at the school, Shawnee State Park nature center, and exploring the murals at the flood wall.



SCDD joined fellow community members in the annual River Days Parade. Staff and self-advocates were joined by individuals served to represent our agency.



SCDD had a presence at the 2023 Scioto County Fair and were featured on the radio. SCDD staff are pictured with WNXT's Sam McKibben



# FALL 2023 HIGHLIGHTS



SCDD welcomed 7 new SSAs in 2023. Pictured above are the SSAs at their annual training and team building retreat.



Staff, self-advocates, and individuals served participated in the annual Christmas parade.



SCDD hosted the annual Fallween Festival on October 26, 2023. The addition of a trunk or treat on the back parking lot along with all the traditional fun and games and costume contest helped make the 2023 Fallween our best attended festival to date.



SSA Kristi Cyrus accepted the new position of Provider Liaison in the Outreach Department. Kristi supports local providers throughout the process of becoming a provider, connects providers with training opportunities, as well as alerts providers to available positions. Kristi also partners with agency providers to help with recruitment of Direct Support Professionals.



Vern Riffe School Teacher Brenda MacDonald was honored for 40 years of service with Scioto County DD at the annual employee recognition banquet. Also honored were Nancy Sand and Cindy Coriell for 30 years of service and Becky Mault and Cindy Kayser for 25 years.





# 2023 FISCAL DATA



## Revenues Total = 12,037,835

County Tax Levy	<div></div>	6,805,737
Ohio ODE	<div></div>	1,691,311
Ohio DODD	<div></div>	1,494,297
Federal	<div></div>	497,830
Other	<div></div>	1,548,660



## Expenses Total = 12,791,828.51

General Fund	<div></div>	12,595,443.94
Capital Improvement	<div></div>	142,401.29
Family Directed Services	<div></div>	50,435.84
Supported Living Fund	<div></div>	3,539.44
Trust Fund	<div></div>	0.00
Residential Fund	<div></div>	0.00



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