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DEVELOPMENTAL DISABILITIES

Our 2015 Annual Report to the Community





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OUR MISSION

Together, we build meaningful lives.

OUR VISION

*We will be the leading resource for education
and opportunities in our region.*

OUR VALUES

*Safety, Performance, Choice, Partnership,
Communication, and Stewardship*

THE SUPERINTENDENT

More choices on the horizon for individuals served by SCBDD

Thank you for taking the time to read our 2015 Annual Report to the Community. It is an exciting time to be in the field of developmental disabilities. Our system is changing in a way that is unprecedented with driving forces based on inclusion and choice.

The last state of Ohio biennial budget contained a historical amount of funding aimed at reducing the number of individuals being served in institutional settings, while the federal Centers for Medicaid Services has mandated that County Boards can no longer provide services funded by Medicaid waivers. To comply with this mandate, the SCBDD passed a Resolution to discontinue providing these services on or before July 1, 2018.

Specifically, this means that the Adult Services program operated by STAR, Inc., will be a fully private provider of services.

However, this does not mean services to individuals will be reduced, but rather expanded through more options for services. Since Medicaid waivers fund the majority of services our individuals receive, our role as the Local Administrative Medicaid Authority will continue to increase. Our obligation to provide the 40 percent non-federal share cost of each waiver will continue to be a major component of where our finances go. In 2015 there were 237 individuals receiving one of the various waivers and this number will only increase.

Another factor that must be considered when planning for the future is acknowledging choice and inclusion can only be realized with a wide variety of qualified providers of service. This

means more recruiting efforts will be needed on the part of SCBDD, as well as provider support resources.

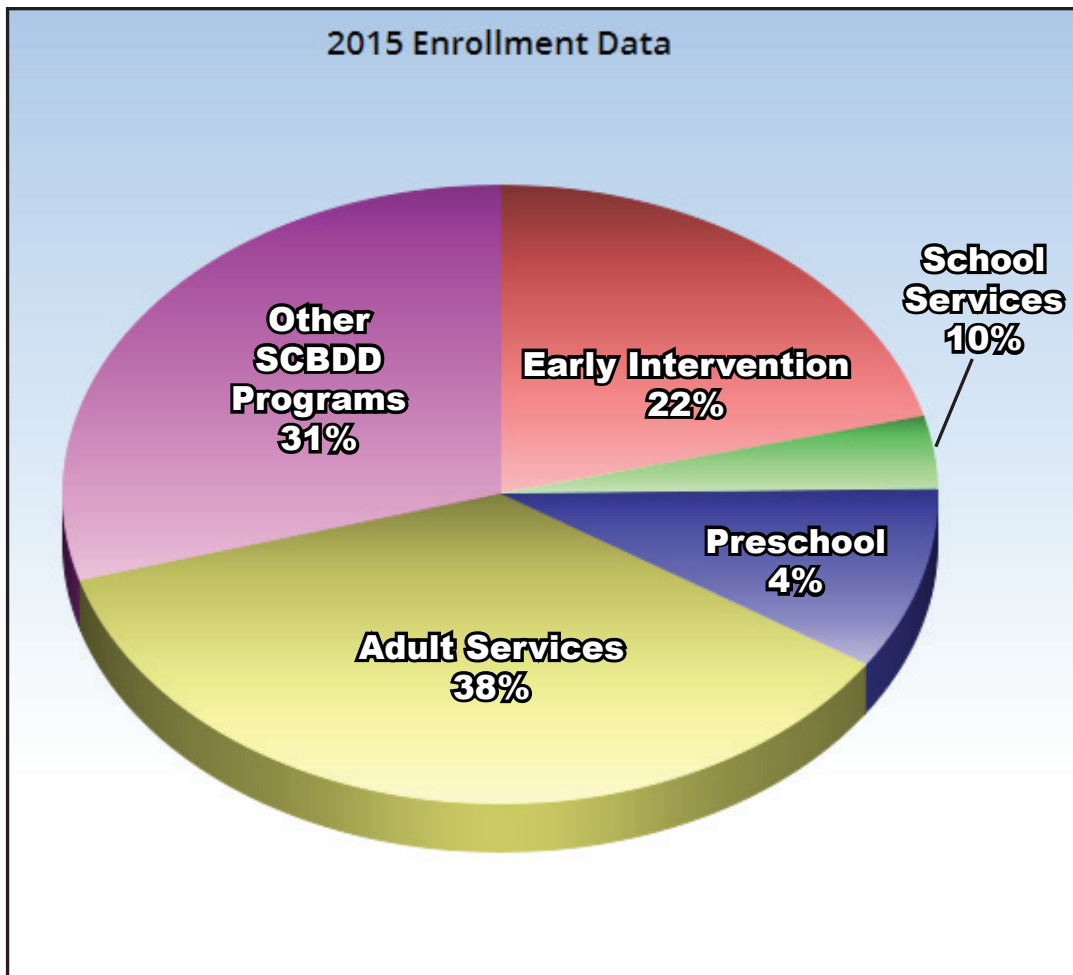
It is easy to see how SCBDD's role in administering Medicaid waivers and all that entails — such as authorizing and reauthorizing waiver services, providing quality control, assisting with provider selection, and ongoing service coordination and monitoring — is becoming an ever-increasing part of what we do. So, whether an individual lives in a licensed group home, receives assistance in their home through a provider, or participates in Adult Day services, all of these services are paid for by waiver dollars, and at the hub of this is the local County Board. The statutory duties of the County Board remain the same, regardless of who provides the services.

While we are proud of our hallmark programs such as Vern Riffe School and Adult Day Services that have been provided at STAR, our hope is the many functions of the County Board are captured to give more insight into what we do and where we are going. In all we do, however, the ultimate goal of the SCBDD is to work together to build meaningful lives.

Thank you for your support,



Julie Monroe
Superintendent
Scioto County Board of
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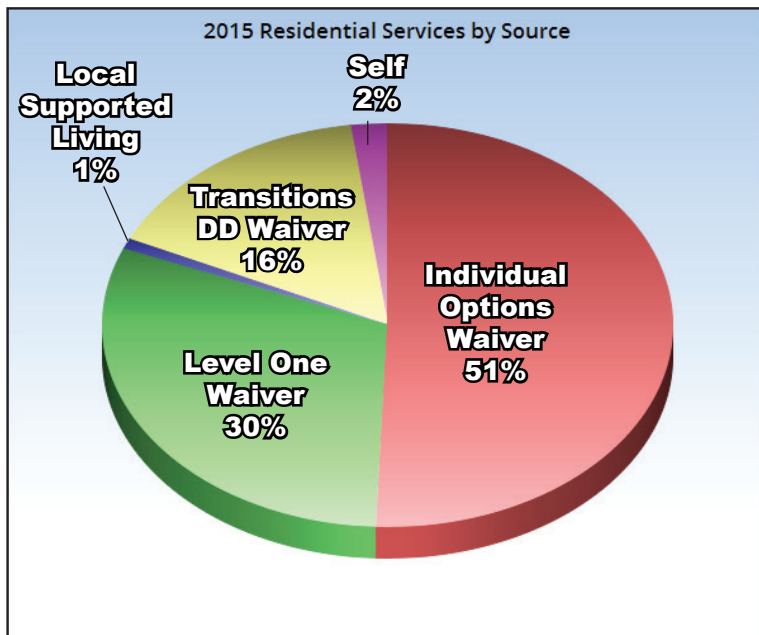
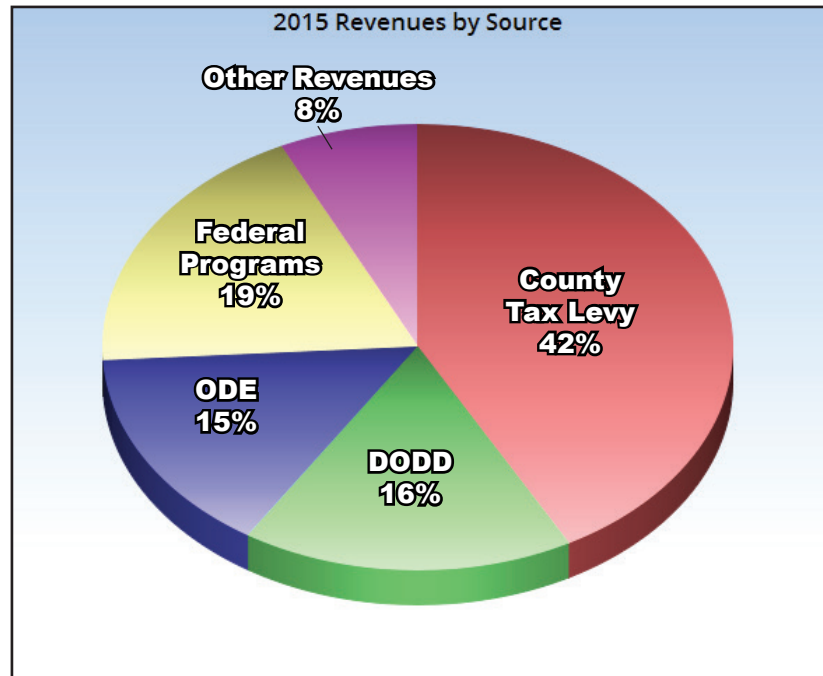


Enrollment Data Breakdown

Program	Percentage	Individuals
ADULT SERVICES <i>(Facility-based and vocational, including Bridges to Transition)</i>	38%	271
EARLY INTERVENTION	22%	156
SCHOOL SERVICES <i>(Vern Riffe School)</i>	10%	68
PRESCHOOL	4%	26
OTHER SCBDD PROGRAMS <i>(SSA only, Local Supported Living, Family-Directed Services)</i>	31%	223
TOTAL ENROLLMENT		744

OPERATING REVENUES

COUNTY TAX LEVY	\$4,325,365.91
OHIO DEPARTMENT OF DEVELOPMENTAL DISABILITIES	\$1,741,732.09
OHIO DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION	\$1,541,758.21
FEDERAL PROGRAMS (Including Bridges to Transition)	\$1,936,076.09
OTHER REVENUES	\$734,504.44
TOTAL OPERATING REVENUE	\$10,279,436.74



Residential Service Recipients Categorized by Funding Source

Funding Type	Percentage	# of Individuals
INDIVIDUAL OPTIONS WAIVER	51%	121
LEVEL ONE WAIVER	30%	73
LOCAL SUPPORTED LIVING	1%	2
TRANSITIONS DD WAIVER	16%	38
SELF	2%	5
TOTAL		239



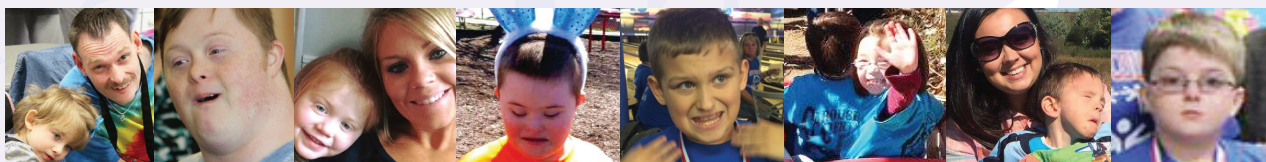
SCBDD's MUI office investigates allegations of abuse, neglect, misappropriation

Our Major Unusual Incident (MUI) office, part of the Service and Support Administration Department, is located in Vern Riffe School.

A major unusual incident is any incident that may have impact an individual's health and safety.

Under the Ohio Revised Code, County Boards are responsible for investigating any allegation of abuse, neglect, or misappropriation. While other agencies have a statutory duty to take the lead in certain cases — such as Children's Services when the individual is a minor, law enforcement when a crime is involved, or Adult Protective Services for those 60 and older — the County Board is required to complete an investigation.

On average, more than 120 MUI investigations are completed each year, and all with the purpose of preventing re-occurrences.



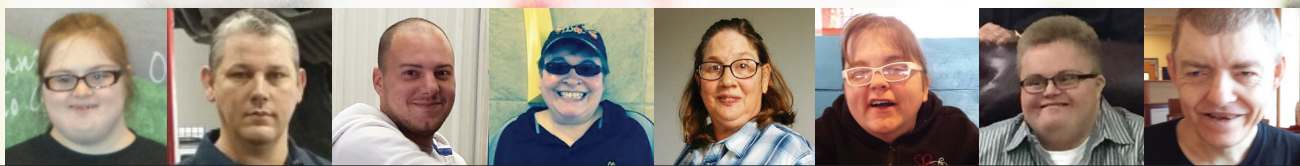
Eligibility determined through assessment by the Intake Department

Only County Boards of Developmental Disabilities can determine eligibility for services through a standardized assessment developed by the Ohio Department of DD.

Our Intake and Referral Department, located in the Carousel Center, completed 102 eligibility determinations in 2015. That's down from 117 determinations in 2014 and up from the 96 performed in 2013.

Due to current trends statewide, the Intake Department expects continued growth as far as the performance of eligibility determinations and number of people served.

The Intake Department, as well as Early Childhood Services, is housed at the Carousel Center, 1112 Gallia St., Portsmouth. For more information, call (740) 353-8448.



GO BEARS!

Seth achieves dream, makes impact on SSU basketball team

When Ray Seth gets to work, it's all business. Ray is an important part of the Shawnee State University basketball program.

On this particular day in the summer, he was surrounded by dozens of enthusiastic youngsters screaming "DEFENSE!" and "GET THE BALL!" to their ad hoc teammates at a basketball camp run by SSU Athletic Director Jeff Hamilton and members of the men's and women's basketball teams.

It's a high-octane sport in which Ray, who loves the game and whose dream was to work with the Bears, excels in his own ways.

As Assistant to the Coach, Ray is an important part of the team. His duties include: assisting with drills, running the scoreboard during practice, ball collecting, uniform sorting, and working home games as water/towel staff.

"I like to hang out with the guys," Ray said.

From fist bumps to vocal encouragement to helping out with equipment and youth basketball camp, Ray is all about the SSU basketball program. It's going to be a great season come the fall.

Ray was referred to the Community Employment Program through his SSA and the Opportunities for Ohioans with Disabilities Employment First Initiative, said Vocation Station Job Developer Brandi Dalton. His only work preference was that he work for the Bears.

Now, he does.



**The Vocation Station has matched
Scioto County employers with nearly
65 individuals. Ray Seth is one.**



Early Childhood refines approach to serving families



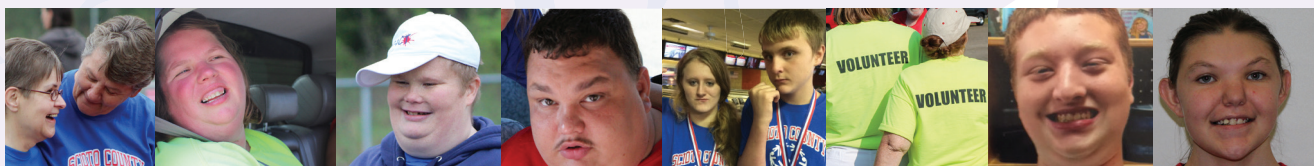
Early Childhood Services is taking a more individualized approach than it ever has; it's a strategy aimed at supporting community needs that have exploded with growth.

While the Carousel Pre-school program closed at the end of the 2015-2016 school year due to a decline in referrals and increased availability of services in home school districts, more children will be served through Early Intervention efforts at Carousel. This means eligible Scioto County children birth through 6 years of age can be served in their homes, expanding the program to serve more of our community's children outside of the school setting.

Staff utilize the PLAY approach, which is a home-based program especially geared toward children with autism spectrum

disorders, or ASD. Goals are set by families and staff, and long-term plans are created to help families meet those goals. Some may include such things as developing increased communication skills, toilet training, and stronger relationships within the family. Carousel has already seen success with the PLAY project. It was utilized on a smaller level in previous years.

An additional developmental specialist position was created to help address the needs of children being served by the program. Specialists go to the children, as opposed to the children being brought to a central location. There may be opportunities for educational experiences outside of the home, as well, such as trips to local businesses to learn about appropriate behaviors and interactions.



More Scioto County children being served in their homes

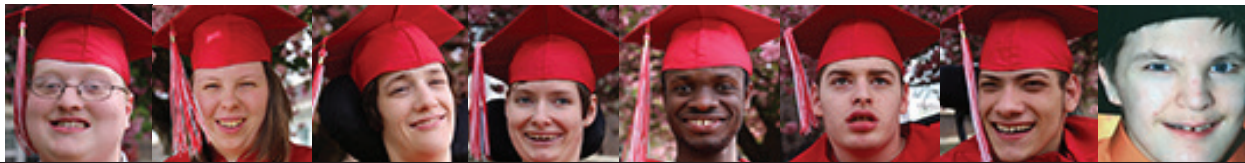
Our Early Childhood services have been revamped to provide more intensive intervention services to more children. We now serve children from birth up through the age of 6 in their homes.

In 2015, 114 children were served through this program, and the department continues to see a significant increase of children identified as having a delay due to drug addiction.

We are passionate about this program because research backs up that the early intervention services provided to children identified as having a delay can produce more positive outcomes than at any other time.

SCBDD staff in Early Childhood services became certified in the PLAY method in 2015, and the results have been overwhelmingly positive.





Congratulations, Class of 2016!

Eight graduate from SCBDD school program

Vern Riffe School's graduating class of 2015-2016 was the largest in the school's recent history. Eight graduates transitioned from the school program and will be moving forward with their life goals.

Some graduates will seek employment through the Community Employment Program through Vocation Station, while others may make use of local adult day services such as STAR, Inc., to continue making a difference in the world around them.





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We believe in our

COMMUNITY



LEADERSHIP TEAM



Julie Monroe
Superintendent



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School Programs



Kelly Hunter
Director
STAR Inc. & Adult Day Services



Tammy Nelson
Director
Intake & Early Childhood



Chad Phipps
Director
Service & Support Administration



Matt Purcell
Director
Finance

2016-17 CALENDAR

Monday, September 5
Labor Day (Closed)

Monday, October 3
All Staff Training (No Transportation)

Monday, October 10
Columbus Day (Closed)

Friday, October 16
Staff Half-Day Training (Programs closing two hours early)

Friday, November 11
Veterans Day (Closed)

Thursday, November 24 & Friday, November 25
Thanksgiving Vacation (Closed)

Monday, December 26
Christmas Day Observed (Closed)

Monday, January 2
New Year's Day Observed (Closed)

Friday, January 15
Staff Half-Day Training (Programs closing two hours early)

Monday, January 16
Martin Luther King Jr. Day (Closed)

Monday, February 20
Presidents Day (Closed)

Friday, March 18
Staff Half-Day Training (Programs closing two hours early)

Friday, April 14
Good Friday (Closed)

Monday, May 29
Memorial Day (Closed)



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