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CELEBRATING OUR MCBDD COMMUNITY TREASURES



MARION
COUNTY BOARD OF
DEVELOPMENTAL DISABILITIES

2020 COMMUNITY REPORT

We live here.

We learn here.

We earn here.

We are **MarionMade?**





Cheryl A. Plaster
Superintendent

Many of us may not be able to relate to the challenges that come with having a child or being a person with developmental disabilities (or sometimes, multiple diagnoses as well as mental health challenges), but I would say a much larger portion of the population can relate to being a parent of a child.

Think of your own situation. Even though my children are grown, I am thankful that they are healthy. I think of how hard I fight for them, how much I still worry, and how much I love them.

For the families of those we serve, that fight, worry, and love are magnified every day - and the circumstances are so different. Even though in almost every instance, those we serve did not “do anything” to have a disability, they have one. This does not mean the families we serve should spend their life savings on doctors’ appointments and therapies. They need help. They deserve help and support from the Marion County Board of Developmental Disabilities (MCBDD) and our community.

In my 27 years of experience with MCBDD, I have yet to hear a parent say, “I wish it were different for us.” They don’t look back, they don’t wonder why. Instead, they spend their love, time, and energy providing the best life for those in their life with a developmental disability.

It’s inspiring to me to see this kind of unconditional love and compassion and it drives me to do what’s best and what’s right for our families.

So please, as citizens of Marion County. Know that your life is really not that different than the lives of those we serve. Remember to count your blessings, love your neighbors, and support your MarionMade! friends by supporting the work of MCBDD.

Enjoy this booklet that celebrates those we serve. They are true community treasures and I am proud to lead the organization that walks beside them on their journey.



Partnership with Providers

The mission of the Marion County Board of Developmental Disabilities is ensuring opportunities for individuals to live, learn, and earn in our community.

Providing opportunities that promote growth, self-worth, and integrating individuals into the community is a large part of what we do. We do this through partnerships with providers. The goal is to increase independence and teach the skills necessary for those served to be productive members of the community. Enhancing life skills opens opportunities for greater community integration while increasing confidence and self-advocacy.

Providers assist with transportation, day services, residential services, budgeting, grocery shopping, cooking, first aid, computer and social skills, and much, much more!

A person has the right to choose their provider as well as change providers, services, and support at any time (and we help with that). To see a complete list of our providers currently serving people with developmental disabilities in Marion County, visit www.marioncountydd.org/providers.



MCBDD oversees
service & delivery
of over 50 providers
to ensure health & safety



OVER
800

Lives touched each year

LINKED THOSE SERVED TO OVER

40,000 CONNECTIONS
TO RESOURCES
AND SUPPORTS

(referred to as "contact units")

Service Coordination

Service Coordination is the heart of what we do at the County Board of DD. We have a tremendously caring and talented team to manage this orchestrated plan for those we serve. That team of case managers is known as Service and Support Administrators or SSAs.

The “textbook” role of a Service and Support Administrator is to link those with developmental disabilities to local resources, while also being their guide for questions, support, and services. The SSA sits down with those served as well as their providers to come up with an Individual Service Plan (known as an ISP). This plan establishes goals and dreams of those served as well as a plan to get there. They are here to respond to the needs of those receiving services through the Marion County Board of DD. They want those we serve to exceed goals, do more than ever thought possible, and live with independence. They are advocates, great listeners, and your go-to person for support.



Our SSAs serve
over 400 people with
monthly check-ins



Each SSA
has up to
36 people
on their caseload





Services Coordinated*

Early Intervention (0-3 years)

Child Safety Seat Program
Developmental Support
Therapies

Service and Support Administration (SSA)

Assistive Technology Services
Case Management
Communication Assistance
Home Modifications
Family Support
Provider Services Coordination
Respite
Therapies
Transportation
Tutoring
Waiver Services

Community Services

Advocacy Groups
Community Integration Opportunities
Job Placement
Volunteer Opportunities

Special Olympics

Basketball
Bocce Ball
Flag Football
Soccer
Softball
Swimming
Track & Field
Unified Golf

Investigative Agent Services

Ensuring Health & Welfare

* Services provided based on need and available funds

1 OUT OF 20

CHILDREN
0-3 years old Receive



Early Intervention Services



Of those served,

only **50%**

need services from
MCBDD beyond
three years of age



EARLY INTERVENTION SERVICES

ARE **100%** LOCALLY
FUNDED

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Early Intervention

Early Intervention (EI) is a statewide system that provides coordinated services to parents of young children with delays (ages 0 to 3 years).

EI is grounded in the philosophy that young children learn best from familiar people in familiar settings. That's why your local EI team, which includes a service coordinator (Help Me Grow) and service providers (MCBDD), works with those served in the home or other places you and your family spend time to develop a coordinated plan.

MCBDD Early Intervention Developmental Specialists support and help coordinate a child safety seat program, developmental supports, and therapies of all kinds to increase mobility, speech, and more at this critical stage of life.

WE ARE A PROUD PARTNER OF






School Partnerships

Marca school dissolved naturally years ago because parents wanted the opportunity for inclusion and diversity within our city and county schools. The funding previously received by MCBDD for educating those children followed them to their home school to receive services in a more inclusive environment. Although the funding follows the students, there are instances where MCBDD and the schools collaborate to help a student succeed. Currently, the Marion County Board of DD serves 187 school-age children by sharing resources and providing service support administration.

We love that our city and county schools have embraced all children in Marion County and enjoy working mutually with them when necessary.

187 
school age children
receive MCBDD
assistance

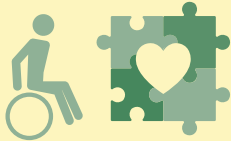


WE'RE GROWING!

– IN THE LAST FIVE YEARS –



46 ADDITIONAL
WAIVERS



22 NEW PARTNER
PROVIDERS

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What are Waivers?

Of the nearly 800 people served annually, MCBDD has close to 200 people using waiver services, but what is a waiver?

Waivers were created to allow those with disabilities the opportunity to “waive” their right to institutional living and choose a less restrictive, more inclusive opportunity within their communities.

A waiver is a way to assist in the funding of services. Many people we serve are not eligible for waiver services so local funds are used to assist.

Waivers are funded partially by Federal (Medicaid) dollars (60 percent) and the other 40 percent is a mix of state and local dollars. This equates to every \$1 of local levy money being matched by \$1.50 of federal funding that supports individuals in our community. This Federal drawdown has a positive local economic impact of \$10.4 million in the Marion Community.

Special Olympics

The mission of Special Olympics Ohio is to provide year-round sports training and competition in a variety of Olympic-type sports for children and adults with intellectual disabilities, giving them continuing opportunities to develop physical fitness, demonstrate courage, experience joy, and participate in a sharing of gifts, skills, and friendship with their families, other Special Olympics athletes, and the community.

Athletes must be at least eight years of age and identified by an agency or professional as having one of the following conditions: intellectual disability, cognitive delays as measured by formal assessment or significant learning or vocational problems due to cognitive delay that requires or have required special instruction.

Sports available in Marion County are basketball, bocce ball, flag football, soccer, softball, swimming, track & field, volleyball, and unified golf.



Over
100
ATHLETES

Compete in Marion
County Special
Olympics sports



The Marion County Hawks have won
16 state basketball championships
and **four** softball championships

MARION COUNTY
SPECIAL OLYMPICS
OHIO



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MCBDD worked with our community and our providers to coordinate and support the following integrative opportunities:

- MarionNaz Night to Shine Event
- Celebrity Kickball Game
- Wall that Heals Set Up
- Coats for Christmas Location PickUp
- Downtown Marion Church Tours
- Team Heart & Sole Race
- Sensory Friendly Movies
- Mobile Food Pantry
- Community Presentations
- and so much more!



Community Services

Having a diverse and inclusive community creates a better experience for everyone who lives in it.

Every Marion County resident has a story. Getting to know ours will make you want to include us in your community activities. We appreciate those who think of us often, call on us to help, and want to include those with developmental disabilities in community activities.

Little things like asking us to volunteer, thinking of us to attend and help at your events and activities, and then loving us unconditionally and making true friendships with us. That is what MCBDD and partner providers are interested in.

It's not always natural. Sometimes it is uncomfortable until we all get to know each other, but once you give us a chance, you will find that there is a true reward in integrating us into the community. We are always looking for these opportunities and will work with you to make them happen.





Ways we help

The goal of MCBDD is to help a person with a disability get the services they need to live their life.

Services can be things like

- wants and needs
- finding resources
- coordination of resources
- monitoring & support

We work closely with those served, their caregivers, loved ones, and providers to make them aware of their choices and resources.

The team works together

- to meet with those served at least one time every year
- to make sure all of the services needed are in place
- and ensure those served are happy with the service providers that are in place

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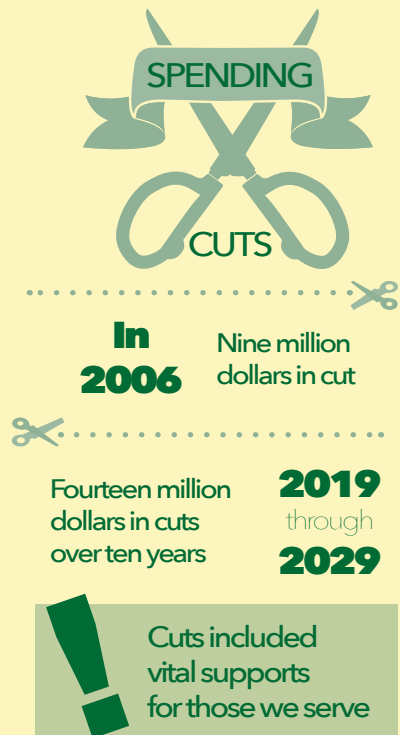
Financials

The financial picture of the Marion County Board of DD is complex. We are fortunate to receive Federal Funds (Medicaid), State Funds, and our local levy dollars. With all of those funding streams there are many challenges. Funding often is changed midstream due to the plan of those in office, how many people in our county that we served who passed away, and how many new services we have provided are examples of our volatile budget picture.

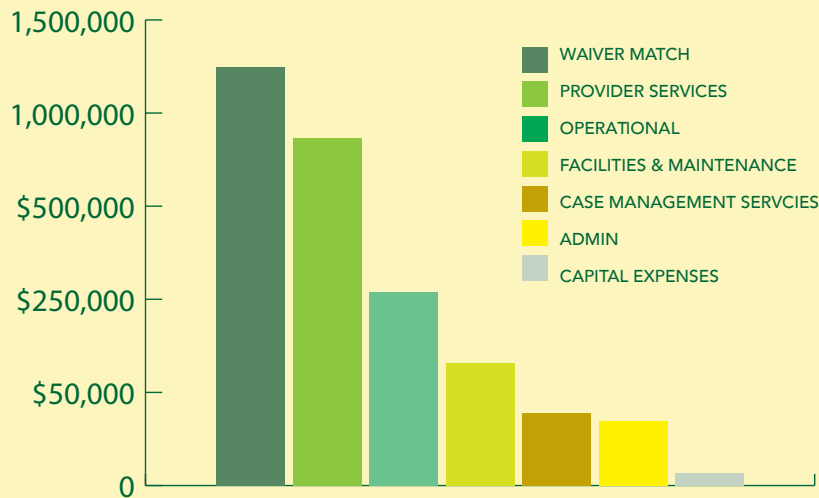
Despite the internal challenges of managing all of this, the overall goal for MCBDD is to use our local funds to assist those we serve and also maintain our facilities (we have a Capital levy we use for that purpose, this levy is earmarked specifically for that need and cannot be used for services).

As you have seen throughout this piece. The need has increased while our funding stream has decreased. We have been at a critical crossroads for several years and hope that you have learned about MCBDD, what we do, who we serve, and why it is important to our community to support our work.

An inclusive and diverse community creates an environment for compassion, tolerance, and love. We are all MarionMade! and MCBDD is very proud to be a vital part of this community.



Financials



Why do we need to come back to our community to ask for new money? Great Question! Here is the answer.

As the levies age, we do not collect at today's effective rate, but at the rate of the year they were passed. Because of this, they lose value over time and they do not increase with the cost of doing business (inflation). We also do not collect at 100 percent but at a lower rate than the approved levy because of delinquent property taxes, vacant homes, etc.

MCBDD does everything in our power to ensure that the levy funds you afford us are used to serve the people in our community. It is an investment that you can feel good about. You are helping people with your support.

24 YEARS → MCBDD has not passed a new money levy since **1996**



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MEET THE PEOPLE



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Learn more at



WWW.MARIONCOUNTYDD.ORG

Need Services?

To see if you are eligible for services, contact

info@marioncountydd.org
(740) 375-6185

What you will need:

- Medicaid card (if applicable)
- Birth Certificate and Social Security Card
- Formal diagnosis

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