

# County Council Presentation



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- The Ohio General Assembly created the Cuyahoga County Board of DD in 1967, codified under 5126 of the Ohio Revised Code.
- Our mission is to support and empower people with developmental disabilities to live, learn, work and play in the community.
- **Guiding principles**
  - We will foster a culture of customer service and communication.
  - We support the principles of self-determination. Within reason, we will empower people with choice, options and control of their plans for services and support.
  - We will provide services and supports in the community, whenever possible.
  - We will provide services and supports that respond to the needs of people with developmental disabilities. We will collaborate with others in the community to meet those needs.
  - The services and supports we provide must be cost-effective and outcome-based.
  - We value preservation of the family unit above all else and the use of natural supports.
- **Population served on annual basis – 11,000**
- **Major departments**
  - Early Intervention
  - Preschool and School-Age
  - Adult Activities – 8 centers
  - Community Employment
  - MUI
  - Support Administration
  - Transportation
  - Operations
  - Business/Planning
  - Assistive Technology
  - Community & Residential Services  
[Local Medicaid Authority]
- **Strong partnerships**
  - Within county government
  - Community partners

- **Accreditation**
  - Ohio Department of Developmental Disabilities - 5 years
  - Council on Accreditation of Rehabilitation Facilities (CARF) - 3 years
  
- **Financial information**
  - Long-term (10-year) perspective
  - 'Hawkish' on revenues; no GRF dollars
  - Course correction, as needed
  - Make information 'understandable and readable'
  - Share it with everyone
  
- **3.9-mill continuing levy last approved 2005**
  - History of tremendous voter support of our single local levy
    - 1973 – First 1-mill six-year levy for what was then known as the Board of Mental Retardation passes.
    - 1979 – Renewal levy for six-year term passes.
    - 1985 – 2.3-mill replacement and increase levy for 5 years passes—**73.5%** yes vote.
    - 1990 – 3.2-mill replacement and increase levy for 5 years passes—**71.4%** yes vote.
    - 1995 – 3-mill replacement and reduction levy for 5 years passes—**77.7%** yes vote.
    - 2000 – 3.2-mill replacement and increase levy for 5 years passes—**59%** yes vote.
    - 2005 – 3.9-mill replacement and increase levy for a **continuing** period—**69.4%** yes vote.
  
- **Current budget**
  - Will lose \$1.2 million in state subsidy because of state budget crisis
  - Will lose \$1 million in Public Utility Tax (local levy) because of state tax reform legislation
  - Will lose \$2.3 million in Tangible Personal Property Tax (local levy) because of state tax reform legislation
  
- **2012 budget**
  - Will lose \$8 million in state revenues
  - Will make necessary adjustments
  - Adjustments will be strategic, not just 'across the board.'
  
- **Table of organization and budget by department**
  - Dollars allocated per division
  - Staff per division
  
- **Other issues**
  - Consumer employment
  - Community inclusion—residential needs
  - Health and wellness of consumers
  - A more challenging consumer population