

# Cuyahoga DD Services, Medicaid HCBS Waivers, and Planning

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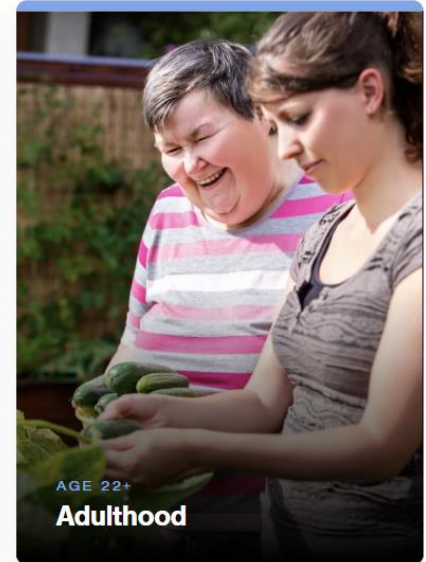
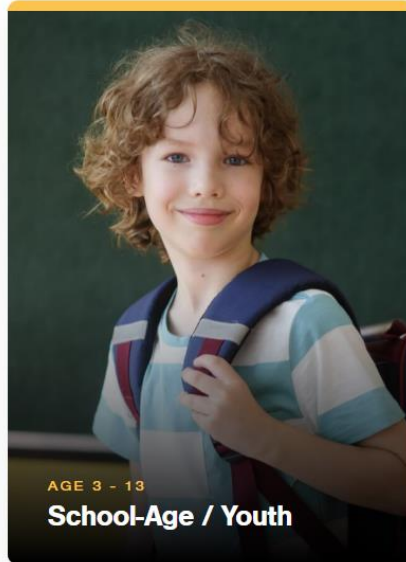
CEO and Superintendent

Cuyahoga County Board of Developmental Disabilities



# What do we do?

We support and empower people with developmental disabilities to live, learn, work and play in the community.



## Services We Provide

- \*Assistive Technology
- \*Behavior Curriculum Intervention
- \*Behavioral and Health Supports
- \*Criminal Justice Support
- \*Early Intervention
- \*Employment Services

- \*Family Supports Program
- \*Housing Opportunities
- \*Sign Language Service
- \*Support Administration
- \*Therapies
- \*Travel Training



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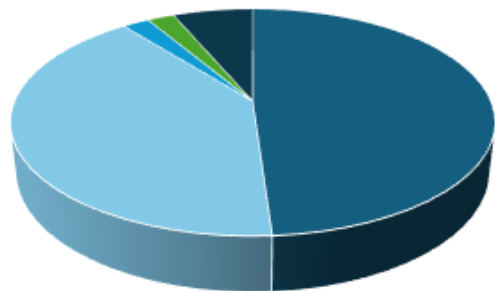
- 15,000 people each year with DD at all ages.
- Must be eligible for county board services, as outlined in the Ohio Administrative Code:
  - Must have a developmental disability that manifested before age 22
  - Causes substantial functional limitations in areas like self-care, learning, and mobility, as assessed using a statewide assessment
  - Not solely the cause of mental illness
  - Expected to last a lifetime



# Who do we serve?

Served by Cuyahoga DD	
White	46%
Black or African American	38%
American Indian or Alaska Native	0%
Asian	2%
Native Hawaiian or Other Pacific Islander	0%
Some Other Race	2%
Two or More Races	6%

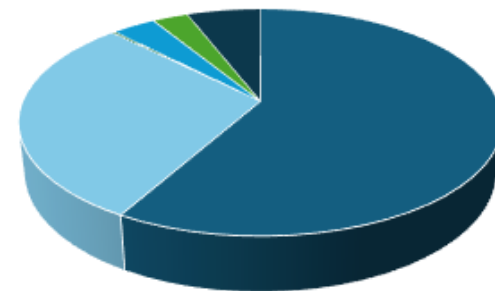
\*Approximately 9% of people identify as being of Hispanic or Latino heritage



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2020 Census Data for Cuyahoga County	
White	58%
Black or African American	29%
American Indian or Alaska Native	0%
Asian	3%
Native Hawaiian or Other Pacific Islander	0%
Some Other Race	3%
Two or More Races	6%

\*Approximately 7% of people identify as being of Hispanic or Latino heritage



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Female	35%
Male	65%

Age	0 to 2	3 to 5	6 to 13	14 to 21	22 to 40	41 to 60	Over 60
	11%	12%	18%	16%	26%	12%	5%



# What is a Waiver?

- Medicaid Home and Community Based Services (HCBS) Waivers are one way a County Board of DD may meet a person's needs.
- Waivers allow individuals to receive needed supports in the community and in their homes instead of an institutional setting.
  - By accepting a waiver, you “waive” your right to institutional care. Medicaid waivers are not an entitlement.
- Waiver Eligibility is determined using a standardized needs assessment required by the Ohio Administrative Code. Criteria include Loss of caregiver, Serious risk of harm due to medical/behavioral needs, Discharge from an institutional setting, etc.
- Many people have their needs met without a waiver! OAC requires county boards to use other community resources to meet needs before waiver enrollment.



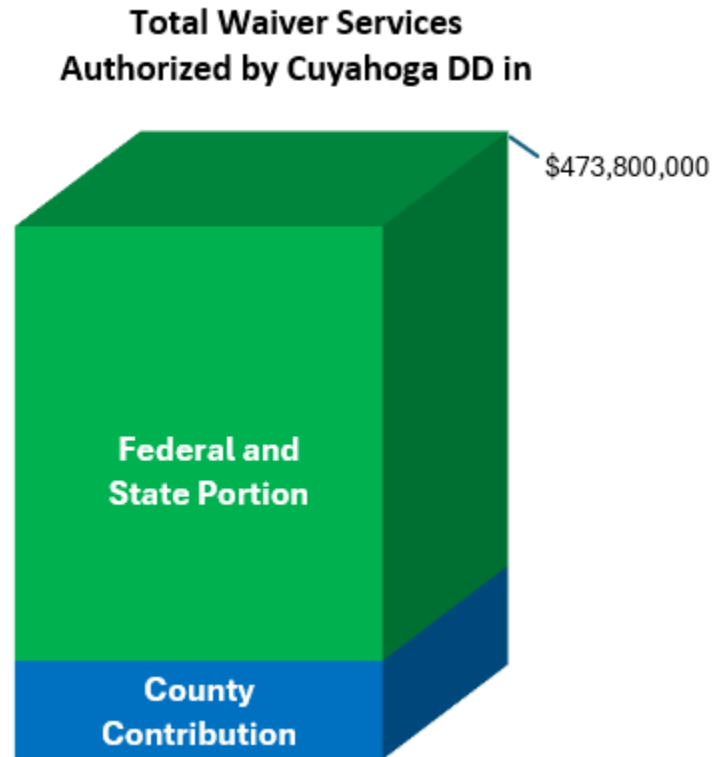
# Medicaid Waivers

- Waivers may fund medically necessary items/services such as:
  - Personal care, including hygiene, dressing, household tasks, meal preparation, and community access
  - Transportation
  - Adult day activities or Employment
  - Home modifications or adaptive equipment
- A waiver does NOT cover everything. Does not cover:
  - Anything that can be covered using another payment source (personal resources, health insurance, another organization supporting the person)
  - Housing costs (rent, food, utilities, clothing, etc.)
- Authorized waiver services are based on one's assessed needs and outcomes and, therefore, will vary by person.



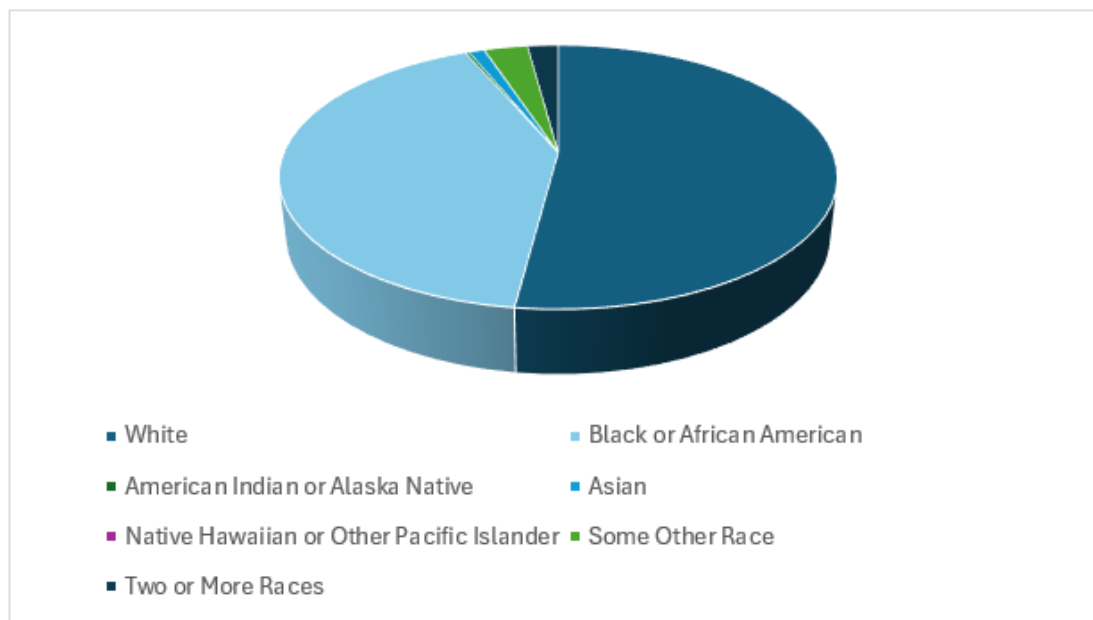
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- Approximately 60% of the cost of every Medicaid waiver is federally funded, with a local obligation by the state and county to fund the remaining 40%.
- Waiver enrollment is a lifetime commitment to the person enrolled and can cost a million dollars throughout a person's lifetime.
- County funding for the local matching portion of Medicaid waivers is mandated in rule.



# Who We Serve with Waivers

Enrolled on Waivers	
White	49%
Black or African American	39%
American Indian or Alaska Native	0%
Asian	1%
Native Hawaiian or Other Pacific Islander	0%
Some Other Race	3%
Two or More Races	2%





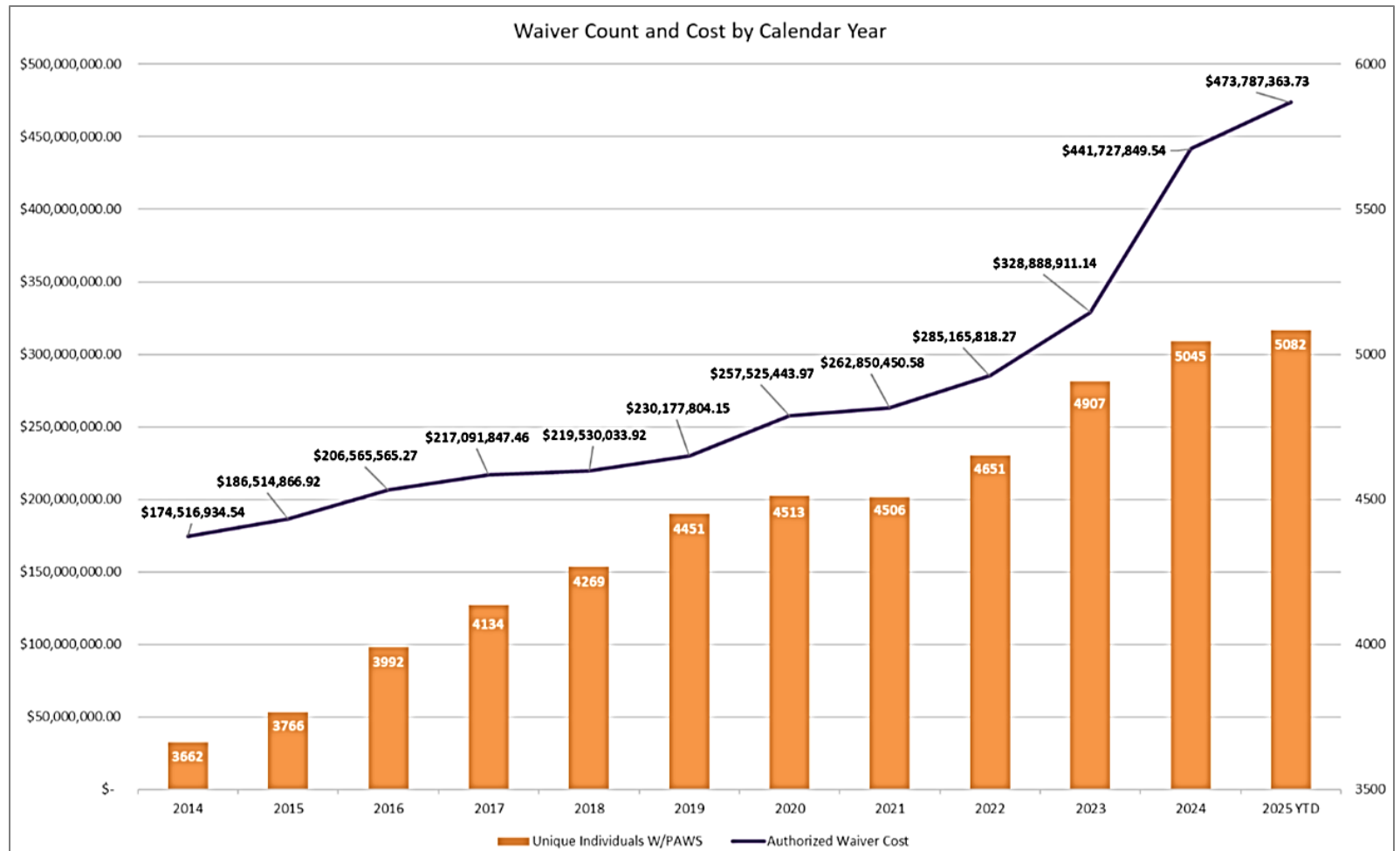
# Current Waivers in Cuyahoga County

Waiver Type	# Currently Enrolled	Average Cost per Waiver per Year
Individual Options	2722	\$146,800
Level 1	2372	\$32,500
SELF	48	\$33,000

- Three waivers are similar, with some differences in services and requirements for people on them (self-direction).
- Cuyahoga DD enrolls approximately 105 new waivers every year.



# Continued Growth of Waiver Match



- 2025 waiver match expenditure is projected to be \$87,870,000. This is 48% of Cuyahoga DD's budget.



# Levy funding

- Cuyahoga DD's primary funding is a 3.9 mill continuous levy passed in 2005.
  - Originally expected to sustain agency operations until 2015
- In Cuyahoga DD's 2025 budget, waiver match is expected to consume 77% of projected levy revenue.
- Additional funding will be needed in the next two to three years.



# Questions?

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