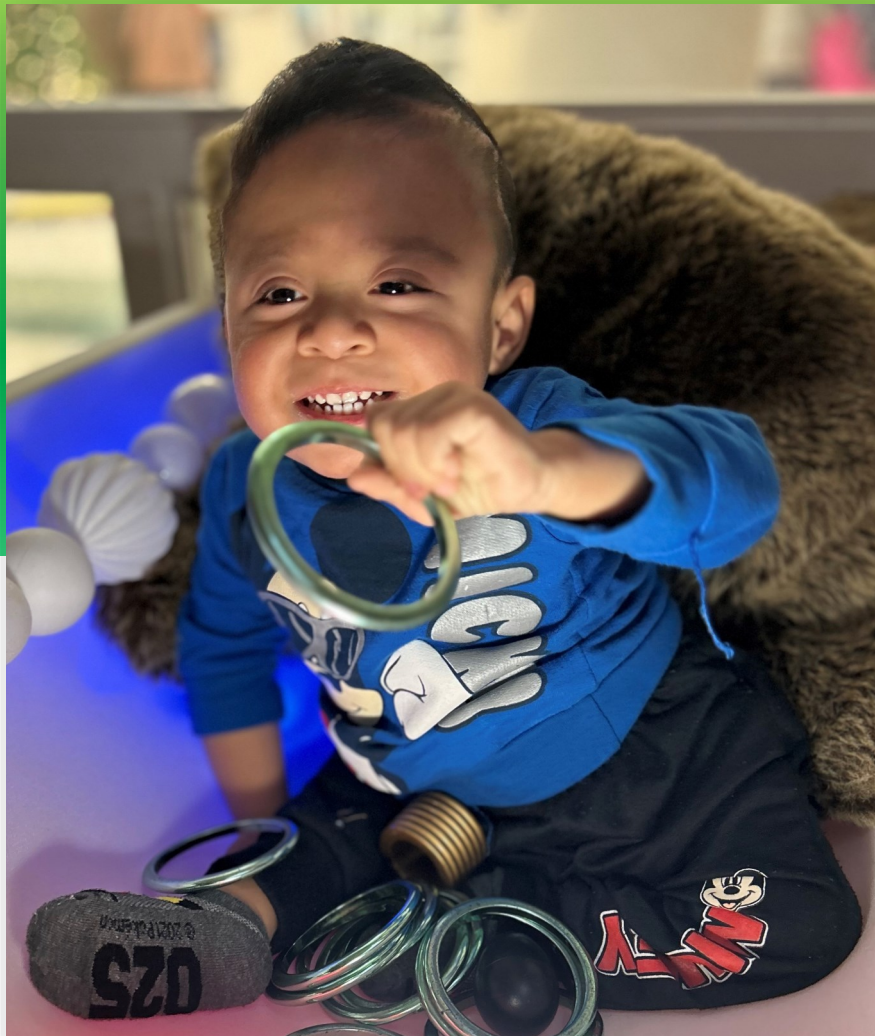


# Franklin County Board of Developmental Disabilities



Annual Report 2022



## Our Mission:

### *Helping people to live, learn and work in our community*

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The Franklin County Board of Developmental Disabilities provides services, supports and advocacy for people with developmental disabilities of all ages. We promote communitywide inclusion and carefully oversee public funding.



**We are an early childhood system**, providing early identification, intervention and prevention services.

**We are an education system**, partner to local school districts and provider of special education programs, including a transition-focused school for older students.

**We are an adult-services system**, providing case management, support and access to vocational habilitation, day programs, employment services and residential placement.

**We are a 24/7 monitoring system**, responsible for investigating allegations of abuse, neglect or other unusual incidents.

**We are a family resource system**, striving to give families the information and support they need to stay happy and healthy together.

**We are a community partner**, providing funding and working alongside more than 100 disability-services organizations to help meet the needs of Franklin County residents with developmental disabilities.



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# A message from our board and superintendent

As 2022 drew to a close, we looked back with gratitude. After the crisis and heartache of 2020, followed by strange new routines in 2021, the past year allowed us to enjoy more of each other's company – and smiles.

The worst of the COVID-19 pandemic might finally be behind us. We've been able to exhale a little and reflect on the many ways our staff and our partners, along with families we serve, meet important needs every day. Together, we're striving toward an inclusive community for all.

Franklin County Commissioners Kevin Boyce, Erica Crawley and John O'Grady consistently support these efforts. In addition to recognizing the importance of our services, in 2022 they appointed a person with developmental disabilities to the Franklin County Board of Developmental Disabilities for the first time in our 55-year history.

The FCBDD Equity Committee also took a big step by establishing a new DEI (diversity, equity, inclusion) Coordinator position to begin in 2023.

And the return of our long-running Community Star Awards event provided an opportunity to shine a bright, richly deserved light on advocates, families and providers, and the wonderful examples they set.

We're thankful to our Early Childhood, School and Transportation staffs for maintaining our 5-star rating from Step up to Quality; to Service Coordination for persevering through the implementation of the new Ohio ISP (individual service plan); and to our administrative team for maintaining good services and a sound budget. We're keeping our promise not to be on the ballot until 2027 or 2028.

Of course, challenges remain. Our agency, along with others throughout Ohio, continues to advocate for higher wages for direct-support professionals so that they, and the people they serve, may thrive.

Stable services and well-supported families will always be central to our mission at FCBDD, where we help people with developmental disabilities live, learn and work in our community.



**Michael Underwood**  
President



**Marie Crawford**  
Vice President



**Beth Savage**  
Past President



**John Bickley**  
Board Member



**Samuel Davis**  
Board Member



**Marci Straughter**  
Board Member



**William W. Wilkins**  
Board Member

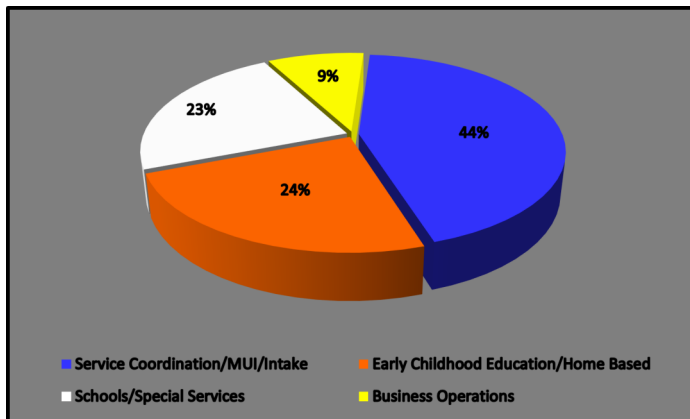


**Jed Morison, FCBDD**  
Superintendent/CEO

# Staff and Community Partners

## Our staff

The Franklin County Board of Developmental Disabilities is a major employer in the community. Our agency had **654 staff members** working in a variety of service areas throughout 2022, including education, therapy and recreation. **Nearly 300 of our employees are based in the Service Coordination Department**, providing case management and other supports to thousands of people eligible for FCBDD services. About **78% of our staff identify as female**, and **20.5% are minorities**.



## Our Community Partners



The Franklin County Board of Developmental Disabilities collaborates with many public and private organizations to deliver a broad array of services. We work with nonprofit agencies, major health-care systems, colleges and universities, area businesses and independent providers of disability services. In 2022, we contracted for nearly **\$54 million in services** from our community partners, including ARC Industries, Creative Housing, Easterseals, Goodwill Columbus, Hattie Larlham, I Am Boundless, the Ohio State University Nisonger Center and many more.

There were more than **900 disability-services providers doing business in Franklin County during 2022**. Both agency and independent providers comprise the workforce known as direct-support professionals, who make it possible for people with developmental disabilities to live safely in their homes and participate in community life. **FCBDD continues to advocate for better wages for these vital workers.**



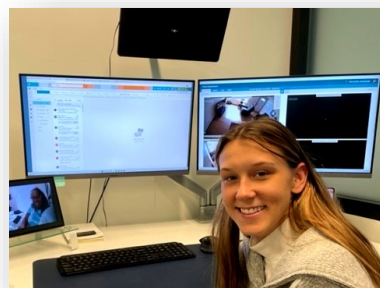
Accomplishments come in all sizes, and FCBDD – along with those we serve – logged plenty in 2022. We welcomed a history-making board member, launched an incentive program to grow the use of remote-support services, and celebrated the good work and kind hearts of Star Award winners. After so many months of pandemic-altered (or canceled) events and schedules, it was great to see people together.



Term-limited board member Linda Craig stepped down and was succeeded in January by **Marci Straughter**. Straughter, a longtime advocate for the disability community, became the first person to sit on the Franklin County Board of Developmental Disabilities while

receiving agency services. “Who better to know how to serve people with disabilities than someone who has lived it?” she said. “I want to help people understand what it’s like for us every day – the struggles, the challenges, and also the brightness.”

FCBDD teamed with providers to offer risk-free trials and incentives, including free internet for a year, to get more people to try **remote-support services**. As Tim Voigt, a supervisor in the Service Coordination Department said in May, “There’s so much that this can do – the possibilities are growing every day. And it doesn’t cost anything to find out.”



After so many pandemic disruptions, **Franklin County Special Olympics** athletes were thrilled to resume more practices and competitions in 2022. Flyers powerlifter **Kevin Cantrell** made the most of his first trip to the **USA Games** in June, bringing home **three gold**

**medals**. He also became something of a sensation. Cantrell met Tim Tebow, won praise from Arnold Schwarzenegger, was featured on ESPN’s Sports Center and even found himself signing autographs.

*Columbus Business First* named **Debbie Charles**, a school nurse at FCBDD’s **West Central School and Transition Services**, one of central Ohio’s “**Healthcare Heroes**” in early 2022 for her work during the pandemic. COVID-19 protocols, monitoring and cases dramatically added to her duties, which



regularly feature feeding tubes, breathing treatments and seizures. Charles says a tough day “is also a reminder of how much you love these kids.”



FCBDD appointed experienced new administrative leaders at West Central School and in the Transportation Department. **Rebecca Holthaus** took over as **West Central principal** in August after the retirement of Maryalice Turner; **James Leonard** was appointed **transportation director** in December when Bill Ryan retired.



More than 400 people attended our **Community Star Awards** celebration, which returned in October after a two-year hiatus due to the pandemic. FCBDD was thrilled to recognize **12 winners** whose support and advocacy make them champions of the disability community.



FCBDD approved providing an estimated **\$8 million per year** as part of a statewide effort to boost pay for the direct-support professional workforce. Payments reflecting about 6.5 percent of provider claims are to be paid quarterly to participating providers as “retention bonuses” for frontline workers. Long-running problems with turnover and low wages have worsened in recent years, creating hardships for both workers and those in need of care.

FCBDD employees gave generously to support community needs by raising more than **\$58,000** for the Franklin County Combined Charitable Campaign. FCBDD continues to be a leader among all county agencies in the annual fall fundraising event. Early Childhood staff also **revived our collaboration with the Mid-Ohio Food Collective** to host a monthly produce giveaway.



Early Childhood Education centers welcomed hundreds of children and families at special events that embrace the creativity and diversity of our community with an art show, international night and holiday open house. “We want to celebrate everyone – everyone’s food and culture and activities,” creative arts specialist Therese Brady said.



# 2022

# Review of Services

## Support for children and adults of all ages



In 2022, the Franklin County Board of Developmental Disabilities served an average of **12,377** children and adults each day – an increase of nearly 4% from 2021. Over the course of the year, including people who disenroll or who receive services through our community partners, that number tops **20,000**.

Birth-2	5%
3-5	9%
6-21	40%
22-30	15%
31-40	12%
41-50	7%
51-64	8%
65+	4%

## Enrollment by type of service

People received support in multiple ways, from early intervention for the very young to employment support for adults. Our **Early Childhood Education program served 2,109 children** in their homes and in our centers. Individuals are counted in each area in which they receive services.



Services for children	Services for adults (facility)	Employment supports	Transportation services	Service coordination	Family supports
2,231	2,228	1,015	1,697	8,645	1,238



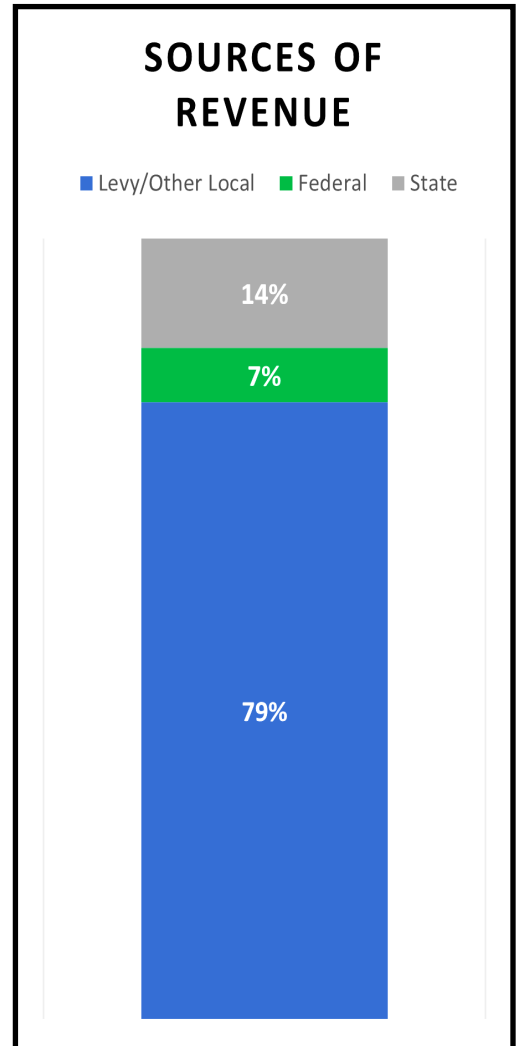
## Medicaid home and community-based services

Medicaid waivers allow people with developmental disabilities to receive services and support in their homes and communities. The federal government pays the largest share of waiver costs, with local and state providing match funds. During the 2022 state fiscal year, the Franklin County Board of Developmental Disabilities had **5,523 people** enrolled in the waiver program. Franklin County residents received **\$359 million** in services at a cost of just **\$77 million** to Franklin County property taxpayers.

## Franklin County Board of Developmental Disabilities

### Financial data for the year ended December 31, 2022

<b>Receipts:</b>		
<b>Levy and Other Local:</b>		
Tax levy		\$182,732,309
Active Treatment		1,190,520
Student services		1,576,471
Sale of personal property		177,499
Insurance reimbursements		7,693
Grants, gifts and donations		2,330
Other, including rental of real estate		1,527,220
Other tax based reimbursements:		
Ohio Department of Taxation		17,772,123
<b>State:</b>		
Ohio Department of Education:		
Preschool		1,182,351
School-Age		2,583,489
Transportation		1,286,179
Ohio Department of Developmental Disabilities:		
Other		73,015
DODD Reconciliation - DSP Match		1,352,138
Reconciliation of prior year match		10,124,711
<b>Federal:</b>		
Adult day supports		2,211,200
Targeted Case Management		10,240,377
Title XX		806,317
Department of Education		284,406
Department of Education COVID grants		138,577
Medicaid Administrative Claiming		2,428,261
School lunch		37,336
	<b>Total receipts</b>	<b><u>\$237,734,522</u></b>
<b>Disbursements:</b>		
Personal services		\$ 40,550,743
Fringe benefits		20,553,257
Social Services		147,282,047
Services and materials		11,379,090
Capital outlay		13,649
	<b>Total disbursements</b>	<b><u>\$ 219,778,786</u></b>



Consistent with the Board's long term commitment to the community, receipts and expenditures are balanced with the Board's Medicaid Stability Fund.



# Directory

## Administration and other Departments

**Administration**  
2879 Johnstown Road  
Columbus, Ohio 43219  
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**Jed Morison**  
Superintendent/CEO

**Jack Brownley**  
Director of Schools and  
Special Services

**Gwynn Kinsel**  
Legal Counsel

**Larry Macintosh**  
Director of Administrative  
Support Services

**David Ott**  
Director of Human Resources

**Rita Price**  
Communications Coordinator

**Jennifer Schueneman**  
Controller

**Travis Sherick**  
Director of Information Technology

**Dot Yeager**  
Chief Business Officer



## Services for Children

**Early Childhood Education  
and Family Center**  
2879 Johnstown Road  
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(614) 475-0564  
Director - **Rebecca Love**

**Home Based Services**  
2879 Johnstown Road  
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Director - **Rebecca Love**

**Early Childhood Learning  
Community**  
4141 Rudy Road  
Columbus, Ohio 43214  
(614) 451-6418  
Director - **Rebecca Love**

**West Central School**  
1481 W. Town Street  
Columbus, Ohio 43223  
(614) 276-8231  
Principal - **Rebecca Holthaus**



## Other / Special Services

**Transportation Department**  
2879 Johnstown Road  
Columbus, Ohio 43219  
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Director of Transportation Operations -  
**James Leonard**  
Information Specialist/ Routing  
Manager - **Brian Parks**

**Service Coordination**  
1600 Watermark Drive  
Columbus, Ohio 43215  
(614) 464-2743  
Director - **Lee Childs**  
Assistant Directors - **Farrah Langlois,**  
**Diana Montgomery, Jeff Pattison**

**Intake Services & MUI Department**  
1650 Watermark Drive  
Columbus, Ohio 43215  
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Intake Coordinator - **Dotti Ellingsworth**  
MUI Coordinator - **Chuck Davis**

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Coordinator - **Ryan Phillips**

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**Jeff Marinko-Shrivers**



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