

# 2015 Community Report

## Stark County Board of Developmental Disabilities

*Helping 3,500 people to live a good life*



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The Stark County Board of Developmental Disabilities (Stark DD) is using new and inventive strategies to ensure that people with disabilities live a good life and are included in the community at home, school, and work. Quite simply, that's our purpose. We provide vital services to nearly 3,500 people with intellectual disabilities – 1,000 more people than we served 10 years ago – and we provide those services and high quality support throughout their lifetime.

We know that inclusion begins at birth. To best serve families who have infants and toddlers with developmental delays, we know we must provide support in the places they live, learn and play – such as home, daycare or libraries. This approach helps break down barriers to inclusion later in life.

To that end, our facilities such as the Eastgate Early Childhood and Family Center and the Rebecca Stallman Southgate School work best when they serve as a temporary training ground, preparing school-aged children to return to their home districts to be included with other students already attending schools in their community. Ninety percent of the children who attend Eastgate Early Childhood and Family Center's preschool classes return to their school districts for their education. In the past three years, we have transitioned eight school-aged students back to their districts as well. We continue to work with school districts to break down the stigma that too many people still hold about students with disabilities.

Upon graduation, people with disabilities must be empowered to make informed decisions about where they work. We want them to have opportunities to get a competitive job that brings them greater earnings and a richer quality of life. We want the community to see that people with disabilities contribute to workforce diversity and also make great co-workers.

We understand that some of the people we serve may not be ready to work or may not be interested in work. We want to help them enjoy spending a part of each day being in the community and making a difference through volunteering, dining out, exercising, joining community organizations and doing the things that everyone else does that make for a good life.

Of course, there have been changes in federal and state regulations that mandate the move toward community inclusion. As a result of those changes, we saw more clearly how our systems needed to evolve to line up with the goal of community integration for the people we serve. It is always our goal to work as an efficient and responsive community partner.

There have also been other important changes impacting the way we provide services. Recently imposed federal rules by the Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services (CMS) say that the same agency cannot provide case management and provide Medicaid waiver services. Waiver services include adult day services, transportation, and supported employment. Going forward we will continue to fund services, write and coordinate the plans for adults, and monitor how successfully those services are delivered by certified private providers.

Currently, 600 people with developmental disabilities are transported and attend day programs by more than 50 certified private providers. In our current provider role, Stark DD serves 646 people in our West Stark and Higgins facilities and at more than 100 local businesses. By July 2018, these 646 people will be transitioned to private providers that they and their families will choose.

We are honored to be working on behalf of the citizens of Stark County and we are grateful for the support that we receive.

*Bill Green*

### Community Integration



Opened Just Imagine Gift Gallery in the downtown Arts District, **employing eight artists with disabilities** creating and selling unique art.

**15 seniors with disabilities** now attend two community senior day programs along-side their peers.

**91.5%** of Stark County residents say it's Ok for adults with disabilities to live together in a group with professional care in any neighborhood in Stark County, including their own.

### Community Employment Outcome



**368** people with disabilities are working in the community either independently or on enclaves teams supported by staff.

Stark DD created a dedicated **Job Employment Navigator** position to help youth transitioning from high school to adult services.

**76.6%** of Stark County residents say their place of employment would be open to hiring people with disabilities. This is an increase of 1.8% from 2014.

### People Served by other Providers



**549** individuals receive day services from community providers.

Private non-medical transportation providers now transport **74%** of the individuals to day programs or employment.

### Education to Families and Community



Stark DD's three Transition SSAs in total connected with **270 children** ages 14-21 throughout the 17 local school districts, educating them about services and supports available to them now and after graduation.

Launched the **Family Information Series** to educate individuals and families on trending issues. An average of 25 families attended each session. Videos of sessions are posted on the Stark DD YouTube channel.

### Long Term Sustainability



Stark DD realized a **7% decrease** in total staff from January 1 to December 31, 2015 largely due to an early retirement incentive offer.

Stark DD transferred four enclave crews, involving the **employment of 36** individuals to The Workshops Inc. (TWI).

Stark DD was **awarded 39 state funded waivers** that will help increase services to individuals previously waiting for funding assistance.

### 2015 RESOURCES RECEIVED AND USED:

Stark DD provides vital services and high quality support to a steadily increasing number of people with developmental disabilities. With educational programs, job training and placement, and coordination of residential services, we enrich the lives of people with developmental disabilities. Through grant programs, maximizing federal Medicaid dollars and implementing more than a million in cost saving reductions in 2015, we are stretching local taxpayer dollars and trying to do more with less. In fact, we will continue to find efficiencies to trim an additional \$5.6 million from the budget over the next few years.

Cost saving reductions include consolidating bus routes, consolidating from three to two workshops, and evaluating every vacant staff position. Even while making those cuts, we've seen the number of people we provide service to increase. We are making tough decisions so that we are the greatest benefit to the greatest number of people and ensuring that we are using public resources in an efficient and effective way.

Your local tax dollars provide ongoing services and supports that include:

- Providing home-based early intervention for infants/toddlers 0 – 3 years old to over 400 families
- Pre-school classes for 70 children 3-6 years old.
- Educational services for 129 students ages 6 to 21 years.
- Life skills, job training and supportive

STARK DD 2015 EXPENDITURES	
<b>Direct Services</b>	<b>\$23,468,185..... 46%</b>
Adult Services.....	\$11,213,019
Youth Services.....	\$5,991,319
Transportation.....	\$3,670,176
Health & Therapy Services.....	\$2,593,671
<b>Support Services</b>	<b>\$19,284,074..... 38%</b>
Waiver Services.....	\$13,040,110
SSA & Investigative Services.....	\$6,243,964
<b>Indirect Services</b>	<b>\$7,713,119..... 15%</b>
Agency Wide.....	\$5,702,244
Building Services.....	\$1,018,830
Information Technology.....	\$992,045
<b>CAPITAL INVESTMENTS -BUSES/VANS</b>	<b>\$260,338..... 1%</b>
<b>TOTAL USE OF RESOURCES FOR COMMUNITY</b>	<b>\$50,725,717.... 100%</b>

STARK DD 2015 REVENUES	
LOCAL FUNDS	<b>\$30,065,010 ..... 59%</b>
STATE SUBSIDIES	<b>\$11,493,313 ..... 23%</b>
FEDERAL FUNDS	<b>\$9,394,461 ..... 18%</b>
<b>RECEIVED</b>	<b>\$50,952,784 ..... 100%</b>

- employment for 1,295 adults with disabilities.
- Residential supports so that over 1,000 people with disabilities can live in their community.
- Provide service and supports to 1,693 people with disabilities.

### OUR COMMUNITY PARTNERS

Stark DD, in accordance with its mission of **being the support that connects individuals and families to the services they need**, partners with over 200 agency (10 partners with agency and independent providers to support residential, day habilitation and transportation services. For every \$40 of local tax money Stark DD collects, we are able to get another \$60 from Medicaid, through their waiver programs, to pay for more services for more people.

STARK DD PARTNERS:		
Absolute Skilled Home Health, Inc.	Expanding Hearts, LLC	Payee Support Services
Acree Daily, Inc.	First Christian Church	Pegasus Farm
Access to Independence	Freeman Residential Services, LLC	Providing Excellent Adult Care
Advanced Provider Services	GentleBrook	PurFoods, LLC (Mom's Meals)
Ali Residential Services	Goodwill Industries of Greater Cleveland and East Central Ohio, Inc.	Quality Comfort Living & Services LLC
Alternative Residential Treatment, LTD	Hall Of Fame Residential Services	Quality of Life Health Care Services LLC
Amore Services, LTD	Hattie Larlham Community Services	Rabb Home
Array, Inc.	Helping Hands Behavioral, LLC	Rem Ohio, Inc.
A Steady Hand-Supported Living Specialists, LTD	Home To You	Remedy Home Care
Avenue to Independence, LLC	House of Peace	ResCare / VOCA Corp.
B & W Developmental Care Center, LLC	Independent Pathways	Resources Advising the Developmental Disabled
Battle Services, Inc.	JLH Residential Services, LLC	Rick Harvey Care Center
Better Lifestyles Residential Services, LLC	Jones Residential Services	Russell Provider Group
Beyond Our Boundaries	Just Like Family Home Services, LLC	Self Support Personal Care, LLC
Break Thru, Inc.	Latter Rain and Associates	Share and Kare, Inc.
Care 4 U Adult Facility	Life Bridge Services	ShIPLEY Homes, LLC
Cater to You	LED, Inc. (LED Transportation)	Siffrin, Inc.
Caregiver Homes of Ohio, Inc.	Lomeda Services	Stark County Board of Developmental Disabilities
Circe, Inc.	Loving Hands Agency, LLC	Stella's Family Care
CMJW, Inc. (Koala Kruizers)	MarBeck Services	Stewart House
Collier's Home, Inc.	Maxim Healthcare Services	Tender Hearts of Stark County, LLC
Community Connections Northeast Ohio	Meals on Wheels Stark - Wayne	The Depot, Inc.
Compassionate Innovations, LLC	Midwest Health Services	The Goodwill Industries of Akron, Ohio, Inc.
Consumer Support Services, Inc.	Millers Rental & Sales, Inc.	The Shepherd's Hand
Curtis Group, Inc.	Mobility Works	The Workshops, Inc.
Developing Angels	Motion Mobility and Design, Inc.	Tri-K Residential
Doerschuk's Bath & Kitchen Show Place, Inc.	New Beginnings Recovery House, Inc. (Open Arms With Love)	United Partners in Care, LLC
Eash Home, LLC	New Horizons Developmental Providers, LLC	Ultimate Care Supported Living
Echoing Hills Village, Inc.	New Leaf Residential Services, Inc.	ViaQuest Day Services, LLC
Ellis Michael Healthcare Services	Nice's Services, LLC	ViaQuest Residential Services
Empowering People, Inc.	Northeast Developmental Services, Inc.	Wilson Residential Services
Enterprise Health Services	One Bridge Support Services	Wynn-Reeth, Inc.
Everett Group Homes, LLC (Brighter Day Services)	Open Arms Care Center	X-excel
	Our House Cares Residential Services, LLC	XL Developmental Services
	Out of the Box Behavioral Solutions	Your Caring Home, Inc.

**And over 162 independent providers.**