

WE ARE pleased to present this Annual Community Report Card, a sketch of what the Belmont County Board of Developmental Disabilities did in support of 525 eligible residents in 2017. We served more people than ever before through early intervention (birth to three); transition from school to work (ages 14 to 24); job-related training, employment and in their homes.

"Thank you for being there for me. You have been so kind and have made it possible for me to live my life in my own home." ~ Adult served

we bring to our work. This meant we evolved into a more compassionate organization and began with Trauma-Informed Care (TIC). Many children and adults we serve have experienced a traumatic event or set of circumstances that has had a profound effect on their well-being. To put effective supports in place, we had to understand their experiences. We did a deep dive into Trauma-Informed Care, learning from the professionals how to put compassionate supports in place that give people hope and healing. We are now trauma-informed in our daily work, arranging supports in ways that ensure no further harm. We also focused on the well-being of our team and community partners, forming a Belmont Trauma-Informed Care Community that meets regularly to explore ways to better understand and support the people we all serve, as well as one another.

"They helped get my daughter a job where she is still employed and loves it." ~ Mother of young adult

and equality exists. Fifty of our provider partners and board staff learned how to promote dignity, respect and compassion for people of all abilities through 12 weeks of Good Life Learning Experiences.

Encouraging, Supporting and Respecting People on their Journey Through Life

In 2017 we dedicated ourselves to leading from the "heart" because that is the most important tool

Another step in our evolution was the commitment to *The Good Life*, a philosophy that creates environments where a greater sense of safety, security



Allies is a publication of the BHN Alliance that features the accomplishments of people living, learning, working, and contributing to their communities across Belmont, Harrison and Noble counties.

A dedicated team of SSAs took a compassionate approach in the design of our improved Individual Support Plan (ISP) in 2017. It is now a document that more accurately reflects each person we support and we are proud to report that several county boards across our region have adopted it as their own.

As you read this report, we hope you see a person or a family behind each initiative and number. That's because at the Belmont County Board of Developmental Disabilities we don't serve "clients" and we don't manage "cases." We support *people* and their efforts to live meaningful, independent lives in the community.

Superintendent Stephen L. Williams
Board President Cynthia Touvelle

525
lives touched
by BCBDD

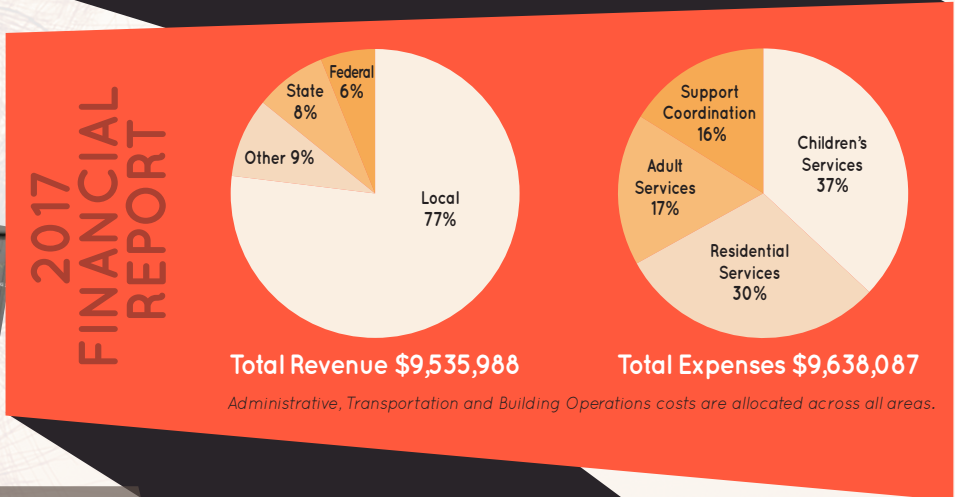
80 families
received Early
Intervention
Services

11 MORE
ADULTS
successfully
employed

9 youth
and families
supported
through
BHN
Youth in Crisis
Team

20 GRANTS
AWARDED
\$\$\$
to Public Schools/
Provider Partners
to help students
and adults
achieve their
goals

8 Adults
moved into the
community
from large
group home
settings



Because of **YOU** we change lives

As the primary funder of supports for eligible people with physical and intellectual disabilities, we rely on the support of local taxpayers, who provide the means for us to help people achieve their full potential. Those supports change lives for the better and include early intervention for babies and toddlers, school-age assistance, transition from school to work, job-related training, employment, respite, residential and transportation services.

*We are there 24/7, 365 for the people we serve
because YOU support us. Thank you.*

BOARD OF DIRECTORS

Cynthia Touvelle, President | Bob Quirk, Vice-President | Annette Wiater, Secretary
Phil Andes | Joel Braidon | Amy Dias | John Rataiczak

*The Belmont County Board of DD meets on the second Thursday of each
month at 4:30 p.m. at 68421 Hammond Road, St. Clairsville, OH 43950*

LINK UP WITH US

68421 Hammond Road, St. Clairsville, OH 43950

Call 740-695-7433 | www.bcbdd.org

24-Hour Assistance 740-310-2255



68421 Hammond Road
St. Clairsville, OH 43950
www.bcbdd.org

PRSR STD US
POSTAGE PAID
St. Clairsville, OH
Permit No. 19