

LAWRENCE COUNTY DD Annual Report 2021



Providing Lawrence County Residents With a
Lifetime of Services for Over 50 Years

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Superintendent Message

Julie Monroe, LCDD Superintendent

Thank you for reading our 2021 Annual Report! The Lawrence County DD appreciates the many collaborations and partnerships we have made over the last year. While COVID-19 resulted in several changes in how we delivered services, we were able to continue quality services by working together with the community and service providers.

The Lawrence County DD implemented a new three-year strategic plan in 2021. During the planning process, five areas stood out that will be the focus of our efforts over the next three years. These areas include: service needs of individuals, awareness, long-term sustainability, customer service, and community partnerships.

In order to serve all Lawrence Countians who need services, it is imperative that we remain focused on these initiatives. Since local tax dollars will continue play a crucial role in what we are able to provide, it is imperative that we engage in ongoing education about the value of services in people's lives. It is also important that we continue to explore creative ways of helping people find the supports they need, such as with assistive technology and remote supports.

As a system, we faced many challenges over the past year, particularly with the direct service provider workforce shortage. County Boards of DD across the state and the Ohio Department of DD took action to provide some relief. Many provider agencies, including those in Lawrence County, put various initiatives in place to attract and retain quality staff members. However, it is going to take more to see a substantive improvement. State agencies and associations from across the service delivery system are working together to identify solutions and draw attention to this issue with the state legislature. Our independent and agency providers here in Lawrence County have done an outstanding job of maintaining our service delivery system during this tumultuous time.

Lawrence County DD's Mission
Promoting advocacy, inclusion and personal growth

Lawrence County DD's Vision
People of all ages feel included in our community

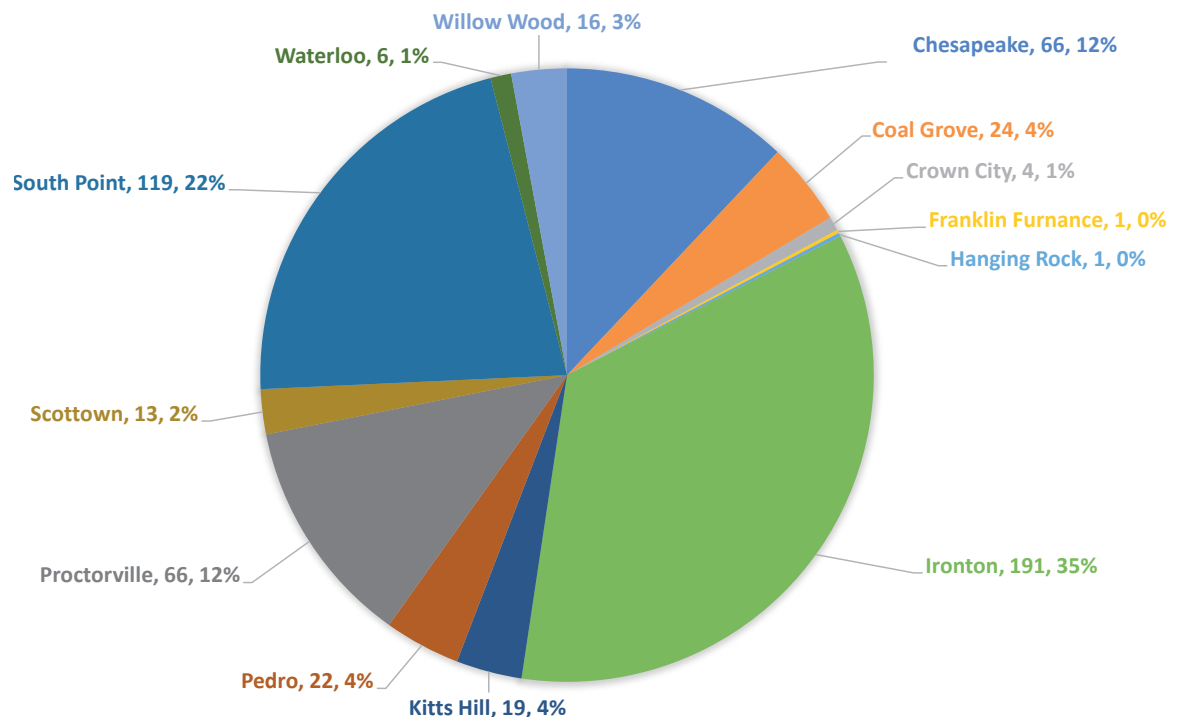
Lawrence County DD's Core Values
Communication • Accountability
Safety • Integrity • Compassion

WHERE WE SERVE

No matter where, Lawrence County DD is providing quality care to individuals with developmental disabilities throughout all of Lawrence County. In order to promote advocacy, inclusion and personal growth, our Early Intervention, School Age, and Service and Support teams hit every edge of our county to ensure that all individuals become a part of our community.

For more, visit us at lawrencedd.org.

548 INDIVIDUALS SERVED DURING 2021





Technology Increases Independence for Those with Developmental Disabilities

Thanks to Remote Supports, a technology-based service system, Dorothy Martin is able to live independently. When Dorothy's mother could no longer act as a caregiver in the home, Lawrence County DD Service and Support Administrator (SSA), Sarah Akers, helped Dorothy and her guardian find other options.

According to Akers, "Remote Support uses two-way communication in real time, like Skype or FaceTime, so a person can talk with their direct service provider, even when the provider is not in their home". The service also includes supports like sensors that can call for help if a person has fallen or cameras that show who is at the door. All Medicaid waivers cover the cost and maintenance of equipment used for Remote Support service delivery.

"This support has given Dorothy the confidence she needs to live independently. In addition to Remote Support services, she also has in-home service providers to help develop skills such as cooking and keeping her house tidy", says Akers.

According to Lawrence County DD Superintendent, Julie Monroe, Ohio is a Technology First State - meaning that assistive technology should be explored before other supports are considered. "Remote Support services, and other technology-based services, can increase opportunities for independence in the lives of people developmental disabilities", said Monroe.

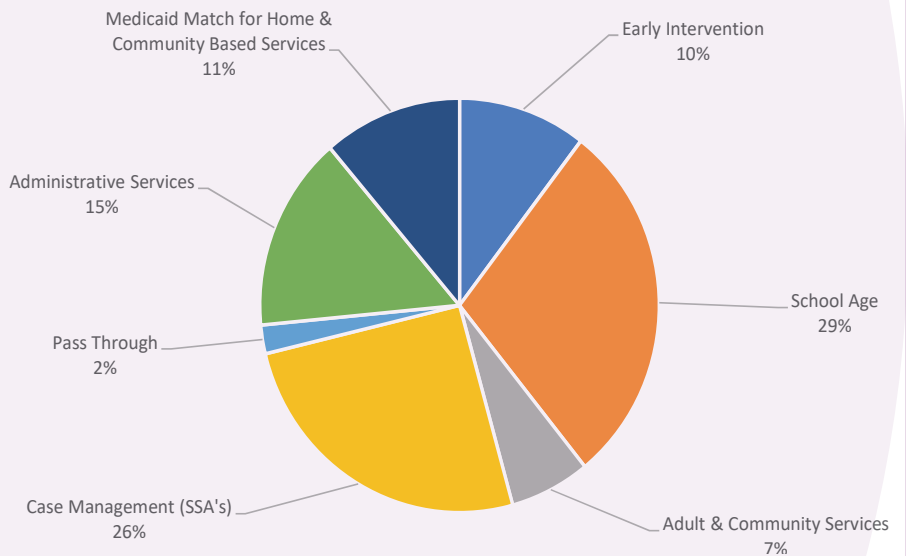


Lawrence County DD 2021 Financials

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EXPENSES

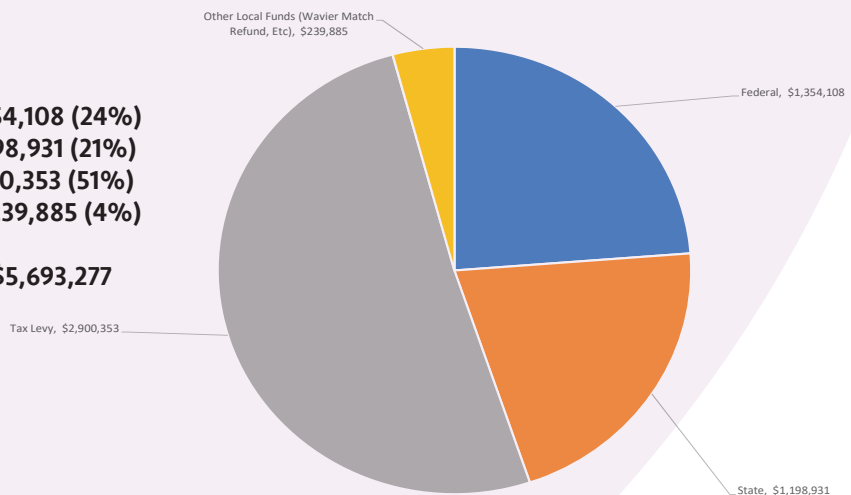
Early Intervention.....	\$487,095
School Age.....	\$1,349,822
Adult & Community Services.....	\$304,976
Case Management (SSA).....	\$1,196,827
Pass Through.....	\$104,400
Administrative Services.....	\$716,259
Medicaid Match for Community and Home Based Services.....	\$526,814
Total.....	\$4,686,193



REVENUE

General Fund & Family Support Services

Federal.....	\$1,354,108 (24%)
State.....	\$1,198,931 (21%)
Tax Levy.....	\$2,900,353 (51%)
Other Local Funds.....	\$239,885 (4%)
Total.....	\$5,693,277



Lawrence County DD By The Numbers

155

Children age 0-3
enrolled in Early
Intervention

337

People receiving supports
to live, work or participate
in the community through
Service & Support
Administration

56

Students
enrolled in Open
Door School

Lawrence County Developmental Disabilities Board of Directors



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Thanks to your support, we are able to provide needed services to children and adults with developmental disabilities in Lawrence County. With your help, we can strive to see that all of those in the community achieve a life full of abilities.

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