



Athens County Board
of Developmental Disabilities
Building on Abilities



2008 Annual Report



Athens County Board of Developmental Disabilities 2008 Highlights

ACBDD serves eligible Athens County children and adults who have developmental disabilities such as autism, intellectual disability, cerebral palsy, down's syndrome, epilepsy and other conditions that are manifested before age 22. Services are provided through the following programs.



Beacon School

Beacon School provides academics, services, and programs for infants through 21 years of age. The *Early Intervention* program is a home-based service designed to enhance the development of infants and toddlers with delays. The *Pre-school* program fosters pre-academics, art, music and group activities for ages 3-6. The *School age* provides functional academics, prevocational, socialization and daily living skills for students age 6-21. During 2008, Beacon had 53 students enrolled, and Early Intervention served 95 children.

Beacon School was the recipient of the 2008 Goody's Good Deeds Grant for \$10,000. We were the only special needs school chosen from 1,000 applicants submitted to the Goody's Corporate Offices. We have continued to coordinate with the Maintenance Department to upgrade and maintain all our playgrounds based on the new information in Jarod's Law. Beacon School was the recipient of the Governor's Best Gold Award for promoting a healthy school environment.

Atco Adult Services

Atco Adult Services served 198 individuals in 2008. Atco provides employment, training, recreational opportunities, Life Skills Training classes, nursing and other services to individuals with disabilities.

Atco Adult Services developed a Healthy Senior Program for individuals over 50 years of age through a grant provided by the Athens Foundation. The Habilitation Center expanded programming to offer a wider variety of Day Support Options to the individuals served.



Passion Works Studio

Since 1998, Passion Works has created art opportunities for people with developmental disabilities. The studio welcomes professional artists and other community members to collaborate with Passion Works' artists. Passion Works provided services for approximately 50 individuals during 2008.



Passion Works Studio promoted over 12 artists through our website, blog and newsletter throughout 2008. Participated in over 8 exhibitions including Casa Nueva, Athens Public Library, Stuart's Opera House, Open Door Gallery and the Ohio Department of Developmental Disabilities. Featured in the January 2008 issue of Ohio Magazine. Celebrated a release party and performance of "My Little Pancake Button" CD. Hosted visiting artist Kate Gorman for a two week art residency. Received Donations and support from Athens Foundation and Time Warner to support arts programming. Passion Works Studio supports collaborations of over 50 artists in the studio each week.



PersonnelPlus

Personnel Plus is a no cost, no obligation employment service, designed to increase operational efficiency through the hiring of reliable and dependable employees with disabilities. PersonnelPlus has been in existence since 1983. We have approximately 70 individuals who have been placed in nearly 50 area businesses.

PersonnelPlus Consumer Advisory Council (PPCAC) members, along with self-advocates from the Developmental Disabilities Council Center on Public Policy, made strong strides to remove the words mental retardation from County and State use. Following many meetings, State Representative Jimmy Stewart introduced legislation in September for the name change.

PPCAC members partnered with staff and the PersonnelPlus Business Advisory Council members to create an evening of recognition to celebrate PersonnelPlus's 25th anniversary. The event was attended by approximately 300 individuals.

At the closing session of our 2008 CARF survey, the PPCAC was recognized by the CARF surveyors as exemplary example of self-advocacy. This is a rare recognition that states the Council members and their activities should be noted as setting the standard for other programs to follow.

Service & Support Administration

The SSA Dept. is the initial point of contact for individuals seeking services. The SSA Dept. coordinates ACBDD services and any necessary services provided by other community agencies. Individuals are supported in determining and pursuing life goals and in assuring their health, safety and welfare. In 2008, the SSA Dept. provided case management services to 279 Athens County residents with developmental disabilities. 123 individuals were in the Supported Living and Medicaid Waiver programs allowing them to receive vital residential supports aimed at independent and semi-independent living. In order to maximize federal funding for additional residential supports, 22 new individuals were enrolled in the Medicaid Waiver program in 2008, representing a 33% increase. The SSA Dept. also worked with local Residential Provider Agencies to develop an emergency pandemic influenza plan.



Transportation

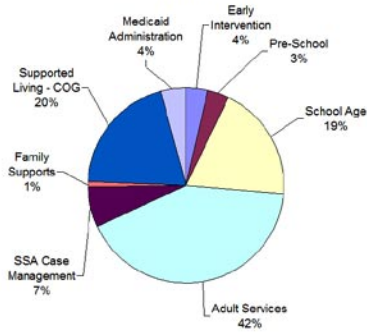


We maintain nine bus regular routes, that travel 483 square miles throughout Athens county, to transport our individuals to ATCO and Beacon. Our fleet of vehicles, which includes 12 buses, 8 vans and one car, traveled 220,000 miles last year and used 26,000 gallons of fuel. Our fleet of vans has been updated from a 1984 minibus that originally was a school bus to new Sprinter Vans that anyone would be proud to ride in. We transport 110 adults and 50 school age individuals for an array of services.

We have grown from one part-time driver for Community Inclusion and Employment to 1-1/2 full time drivers. We have purchased property and constructed a new facility to store and maintain our fleet of vehicles. The Athens County Board of Developmental Disabilities has made a major investment in transportation in the last decade, and the staff would like to thank everyone involved in this process.

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2008 Program Expenditures



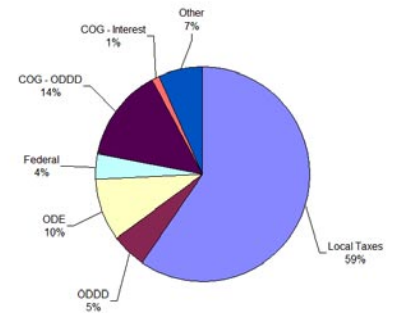
2008 PROGRAM EXPENDITURES

Early Intervention	\$278,962
Pre-School	\$254,845
School Age	\$1,455,153
Adult Services	\$1,985,902
SSA Case Management	\$518,379
Family Supports	\$50,017
Supported Living - COG	\$1,523,390
Supported Employment	\$731,920
Medicaid Administration	\$315,474
Total	\$7,114,044

2008 REVENUES

Local Taxes	\$4,858,412
ODDD	\$426,049
ODE	\$777,332
Federal	\$308,413
COG - ODDD	\$1,164,067
COG - Interest	\$99,876
Other	\$537,158
Total	\$8,171,305

2008 Revenues



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