



*Athens County Board  
of Developmental Disabilities  
Building on Abilities*



*2010 Annual Report*



# Athens County Board of Developmental Disabilities 2010 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 developmental delays that occur before age 22. Services are provided through the following programs.



## Beacon School

Beacon School provides academics, family services and therapy programs for infants through 21 years of age. The **Early Intervention** program is a home-based service to assist parents in enhancing the development of their infant/toddler with delays. The **Pre-school** program fosters pre-academics, art, music and group activities for ages 3-6. The **School Age** program provides functional academics, prevocational, socialization and daily living skills for students age 6-21. During 2010, Beacon School served 51 students and Early Intervention served 85 children. In addition, 161 families were enrolled in our Family Support Services Program which helps families with

the cost of providing basic needs and medical support to loved ones with developmental disabilities.

Beacon School received the Buckeye Best Award for a healthy school environment and is participating in the "Live Healthy Appalachia" initiative. We promote healthy choices for snacks and meals and many opportunities throughout the school day for physical exercise. In the spring of 2010, we had 30 athletes participate in Special Olympics activities. Our athletes enjoyed all the competitions, exhibited good sportsmanship throughout all the events and were proud to display the many medals they had won. Beacon students and staff enjoyed their first school book fair. Book fair proceeds were used to purchase books for each class. Beacon School hosted the 2010 Summer Fun Camp for Special Children. This 3-week program is the only structured summer program available in this area for children with special needs.

## Atco Adult Services

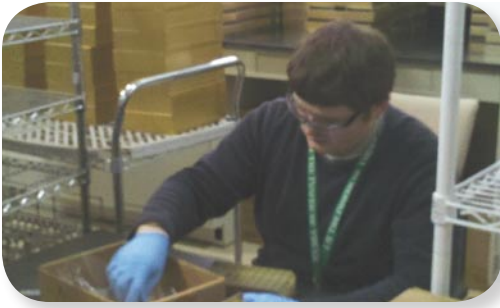
During 2010, Atco Adult Services worked with 196 individuals, including 18 new intakes. Services included employment, training, recreation, personal care, sensory integration, pet therapy, nursing, and classes on a variety of life skill topics. With the continued assistance of volunteers we are able to help adults with developmental disabilities continue to learn and become more active members in their communities. Some highlights from 2010 include the re-establishment of the Atco Bell Choir with the help of Ohio University Music Therapy Students. We also worked with 5 individuals as part of the Employment First Initiative which assists those enrolled in the sheltered workshop in finding community employment.



## Passion Works Studio

In 2010, Passion Works continued to promote individual artists and their work through its website, blog, a monthly newsletter and through local and statewide gallery openings. Exhibits included "Big Ideas" (Passion Works' Fine Art Gallery), "5 Artists and a Studio" (Casa Nueva), "Jump & Shout" (Open Door Studio), "Me & Sunflower" (Global Gallery), "Familiar to Fantastic" (Donkey Coffee) and "It Could be Entertaining" (Athens Public Library). "Motorcycle Dreams", an animated film produced by Passion Works Artists and filmmaker, Melissa Godoy, received an Honorable Mention in the 2010 Athens International Film Festival.

Passion Works received a Sustainability Grant and an Artist in Residence grant from the Ohio Arts Council and a Capacity Building grant from the Ohio Developmental Disabilities Council. Other 2010 highlights include hosting the 10th Annual Souper Bowl fundraiser, the 4th Annual Fine Art Sale, a Holiday Open House and studio visits with First Lady Frances Strickland and Ohio Senator Charlie Wilson.



## PersonnelPlus

PersonnelPlus is a no cost, no obligation employment service designed to increase operational efficiency through the hiring of reliable and dependable employees with disabilities. We find high quality, entry-level workers for area employers at no fee. PersonnelPlus is accredited by the Commission on Accreditation for Rehabilitation Service Facilities (CARF).

PersonnelPlus is conscientious about the fact that a large portion of our funding for employment services comes from local tax support. That is why we are pleased to inform you that in 2010 PersonnelPlus provided its highest amount of local on-the-job-training since its inception in 1983. PersonnelPlus

offered local businesses internships that assessed a worker's skills while providing work to a local business. In 2010, 37 individuals worked in 34 businesses and contributed 1400 hours of labor to those businesses. The amount of free labor provided to these local owners and managers equates to a payroll savings of over \$10,000.

PersonnelPlus placed nearly 30 Athens County high school students in summer employment at local businesses including the Village of Amesville, Federal Hocking High School, Athens Country Club, Ohio University Animal Research Laboratory, Big Lots and Ed Map. These employees learned job skills both on the job and in a classroom setting. This is a labor savings to area businesses of \$12,000 while putting wages into the pockets of these students who in return spend most of it locally.

PersonnelPlus Business Advisory and Advocacy Councils headlined the year by planning and holding one of the most successful Employer/Employee Banquets in our history. Nearly 300 guests attended the event that celebrated approximately 40 businesses which employ nearly 70 workers on a regular basis as well as business internships, summer employment sites, and new 2010 business partners - Kime's Nursing Home and United Appeal. Another important partner is the Ohio Rehabilitation Services Commission which allows PersonnelPlus to access federal funds resulting in local tax dollars going further.

## Service & Support Administration

The SSA Department is the initial point of contact for individuals seeking services. The SSA Department 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 and safety.

In 2010, the SSA Department provided case management services to 301 individuals with Developmental Disabilities. In addition, 136 individuals received residential supports to allow them to continue living in the community rather than in an institution and focused on helping them maintain their independence. We implemented the use of new software "Gatekeeper" for Case Note documentation which has resulted in streamlining the process and improving efficiency. We completed the refinancing of Supported Living to Waiver Services and started the refinancing of Adult Services to Waivers. This refinancing maximizes the use of Federal Medicaid funding thereby allowing our local tax dollars to go further.

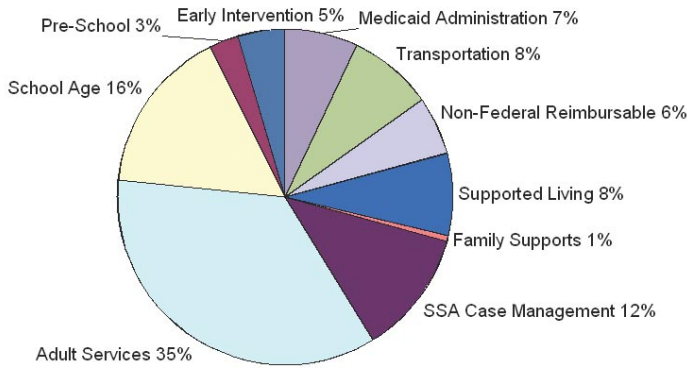


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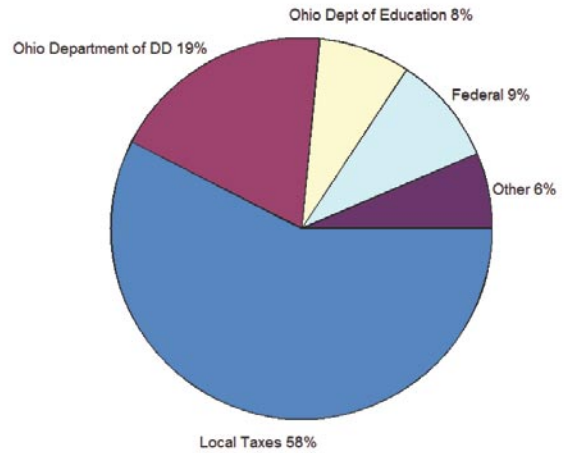
We operate nine regular bus routes throughout the 483,000 square miles of Athens County. Our fleet consists of 13 buses, 9 vans and 2 cars, which traveled 265,000 miles in 2010. Community Employment traveled 84,330 miles and Community Recreation traveled 18,579 miles. In 2010, we transported 115 adults and 42 school age individuals from all over Athens County to Beacon School, ATCO, Passion Works, and PersonnelPlus or to area job sites allowing them to maintain successful employment.

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### 2010 Program Expenditures



### 2010 Revenues



Early Intervention	\$376,376
Pre-School	\$232,828
School Age	\$1,334,753
Adult Services	\$2,942,721
SSA Case Management	\$992,807
Family Supports	\$47,549
Supported Living	\$658,334
Non-Federal Reimbursable	\$470,152
Transportation	\$673,536
Medicaid Administration	\$583,489
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$7,772,773</b>

Local Taxes	\$4,988,859
Ohio Department of DD	\$1,649,035
Ohio Dept. of Education	\$676,565
Federal	\$806,131
Other	\$555,316
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$8,675,907</b>

## Thank You!

The Athens County Board of Developmental Disabilities would like to express our gratitude to the Athens County community for passing our Levy at 69% in November 2010. This will allow our agency to continue providing quality programs and services to children and adults with developmental disabilities within Athens County.

