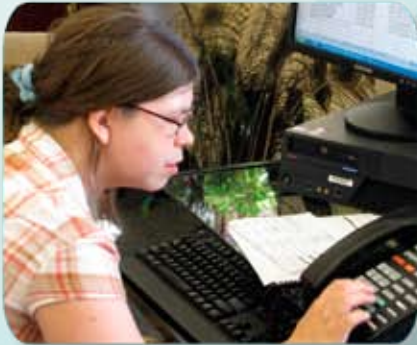




*Athens County Board
of Developmental Disabilities
Building on Abilities*



2011 Annual Report



Athens County Board of Developmental Disabilities 2011 Highlights

Athens County Board of Developmental Disabilities (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

During 2011, Beacon School served 54 students and Early Intervention served 88 children. In addition, 157 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.

This program year, the Early Intervention Specialists attended two new trainings and are working to become certified trainers in Responsive Teaching and Play and Language for Autistic Youngsters (P.L.A.Y.) Project. This program provides training and support to families of young children with autism. Parents are taught techniques that are effective, fun, and useful in day-to-day interactions in the home environment.

This school year, teachers at Beacon School are providing technology-rich learning environments with iPads and interactive eBeams to increase student participation and new skill acquisition. Beacon School was the recipient of the VSA Ohio Adaptation, Integration, and the Arts Grant for the 2011-2012 school year. This grant brings together an artist, the classroom teachers, and students with disabilities for the unique opportunity of experiencing the power of the arts to support student achievement, creativity, innovation, and effective learning. Beacon School was a collaborating member and host to the 2011 Summer Fun for Special Kids Day Camp.



Atco Adult Services

During 2011, Atco Adult Services worked with 181 individuals including 21 new intakes. Services included employment, training, recreation, personal care, sensory integration, pet therapy, nursing, and classes on a variety of life skills topics. With the 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 include the re-establishment of the Atco Bell Choir with the help of Ohio University Music Therapy students and also the continuation of the Vocal Choir.

The ACBDD is serving as a clinical experience site for physicians in training. In cooperation with OU, medical students have the opportunity to educate themselves on the special needs of our population. Also established this year was the Hocking College Horse Handling Program in which college students and adults with disabilities learn together to groom and handle horses.

Transportation

We operate 7 bus routes throughout the 483,000 square miles of Athens County. Our fleet consists of 10 buses, 9 vans and 3 cars, which traveled 286,500 miles in 2011. Our Community Employment program initiated 98,349 miles of travel, while the Community Recreation program initiated 16,057 miles of travel. In 2011, we transported 110 adults and 42 children from all over Athens County to Beacon School, Atco, Passion Works, and PersonnelPlus or to area job sites allowing individuals with developmental disabilities to maintain successful employment.



Passion Works Studio

Passion Works creates art opportunities for people with developmental disabilities. The studio welcomes professional artists and community members to collaborate with Passion Works' artists. We provided services for approximately 50 individuals during 2011.

Wayne Savage was hired as the new Studio Coordinator, he was Cofounder of the Rendville Art Works in Perry County. Our previous coordinator, Joyce Frank, is now the Passion Works Studio National Sales Representative. We had our "One Big Family" exhibit which featured collaborative artwork by past and current Passion Works artists and a collaboration with Mark Hackworth and his Hocking College Printmaking class. We were honored to have Director John Martin of the Ohio Department of Developmental Disabilities visit Passion Works! Fred Cremeans was the featured artist in an exhibition in the Old Gallery in Allenspark, Colorado where he did a two hour demonstration of his art and sold many pieces. We held our 1st Annual Cake Auction. We had 50 businesses and organizations donate cakes and many others donate services. We won 2nd place in this year's Ohio University Homecoming Parade for our float and 1st place for having the best window display, three years in a row! Visiting artist Migiwa Orimo came to us in a two week Ohio Arts Council residency. Migiwa worked with Passion Works artists on a spectacular installation entitled "This is Where."



PersonnelPlus

PersonnelPlus focuses on job training, finding jobs and keeping jobs. PersonnelPlus has been in the business of preparing people with disabilities for work by matching their skills and abilities with Athens area employers for nearly 30 years. PersonnelPlus is considered a premier leader in the business of employment for workers with disabilities locally, regionally and throughout the state of Ohio. PersonnelPlus continues to be a service that individuals and their families, as well as local businesses, want and like. In 2011, PersonnelPlus provided the following services:

Job Services - PersonnelPlus provided employment services to 122 individuals with disabilities. **Permanent Jobs** - PersonnelPlus contacted 102 businesses and placed 15 workers in 14 businesses. **Summer Jobs** - PersonnelPlus employed 28 workers in 8 businesses. These 28 workers earned approximately \$47,000. Many workers put their earnings back into the local economy by purchasing clothing, food and other necessities. **Temporary Jobs** - 36 individuals participated in paid internships. These on the job trainees worked in 24 businesses while gaining valuable work experience. Our Interns provided 923 hours of free labor to area businesses while earning over \$9,000. **Job Training Classes** - 37 individuals participated in over 600 hours of job skills education and instruction.

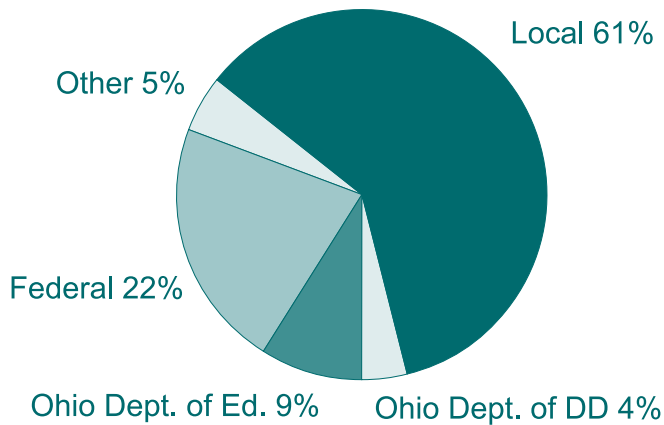
PersonnelPlus is a proven leader in the supported employment industry and will continue to work hard to earn the trust and respect of its clients and customers into 2012.

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 2011, the SSA Dept. provided case management services to 333 individuals with Developmental Disabilities. In addition, 158 individuals received residential supports focused on helping them maintain their independence to allow them to continue living in the community rather than in an institution. We implemented the use of new software "Gatekeeper" for case note documentation and will be implementing the use of the Individual Success Plan Module in 2012 creating greater efficiencies. We continue refinancing Adult Services to Waivers. This refinancing minimizes the dependence on local tax dollars and maximizes the use of Federal Medicaid funding allowing ACBDD to do more with less local levy dollars.

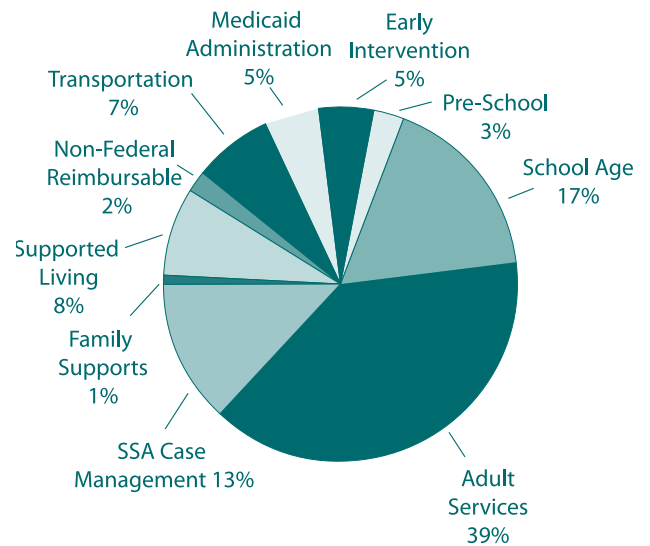


2011 Revenue Sources



2011 Revenues = \$8,783,391

2011 Program Costs



2011 Expenditures = \$9,374,716

Thank You!

The Athens County Board of Developmental Disabilities would like to express our sincere gratitude to the Athens County community for more than 50 years of tremendous support for our programs and the individuals we serve. Together, with our community partners, we have provided services to help children and adults with developmental disabilities to learn, grow and experience inclusive, rewarding and productive lives.



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