

*Athens County Board
of Developmental Disabilities
Building on Abilities*



2012 Annual Report



Athens County Board of Developmental Disabilities 2012 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.

Transportation



The Transportation Department operates six regular bus routes and two van routes throughout the 490,000 square miles of Athens County. Our fleet consists of 9 buses, 9 vans and 4 cars, which traveled a total of approximately 250,000 miles in 2012. Community Employment traveled approximately 84,000 miles and Community Recreation traveled approximately 18,000 miles in 2012. We currently transport 65 adults and 32 school age individuals from all over Athens County to Beacon School, Atco, Passion Works, PersonnelPlus and area job sites allowing them to maintain successful employment within our community.

Beacon School



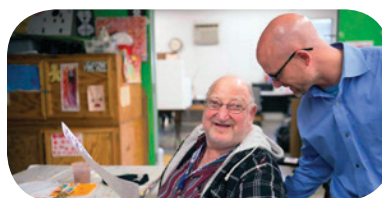
During 2012, Beacon School served 54 students and Early Intervention served 76 children. In addition, 117 families were enrolled in our Family Support Services Program which helps families with the cost of providing basic needs and medical support to loved ones with developmental disabilities. Beacon School has continued to be an educational service provider for students with severe cognitive delays, referred from the five local school districts in Athens County, for over 50 years.

This program year, the Early Intervention Specialists became certified trainers in Responsive Teaching and continue the certification process for the Play and Language for Autistic Youngsters (P.L.A.Y.) Project. Both programs are evidence-based child development programs and provide training and support to families of young children.

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 Athens Foundation 2012 Fall Grant which was

utilized to purchase classroom technology. Beacon School was also the recipient of the VSA Ohio Adaptation, Integration, and the Arts Grant for the 2012-2013 school year. This grant brings together an artist, the classroom teachers and students with disabilities for a unique opportunity of experiencing the power of the arts to support student achievement, creativity, innovation, and effective learning. This is the second year that Beacon received this wonderful grant opportunity. Beacon School continued to be a collaborating member and host to the 2012 Summer Fun for Special Kids Day Camp for the fifth consecutive year.

Atco Adult Services



During 2012, Atco Adult Services worked with 65 individuals including 7 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 from 2012 include the re-establishment of the Atco Bell Choir and the continuation of the Atco Vocal Choir. The Atco Vocal Choir has become true ambassadors of Atco, traveling to sites locally and around the state promoting Atco and the ACBDD. Coordinated and directed by students and faculty from the Ohio University music program, the choir is a true gem of Atco Adult Services.

We are pleased with the development of the Horse Handling Program in cooperation with Hocking College. This program has progressed to therapeutic riding in which adults and children served by the ACBDD are enjoying the benefits of riding horses.

The ACBDD is serving as a clinical experience site for physicians in training. In cooperation with Ohio University, medical students have the opportunity to educate themselves on the special needs of our population. The students are an important part of the Atco Healthy Seniors program in that they give ongoing presentations to the seniors on important health topics.

Passion Works Studio



Passion Works Studio supports collaborations between artists with and without developmental disabilities. During 2012, Passion Works Studio provided

services to approximately 55 individuals during 2012.

In 2012 the spirit of collaboration flourished as Passion Works collaborated with Ohio University's Hillel Center creating simultaneous openings and exhibitions; with the Athens County Humane Society creating one of a kind pet bed suitcases; with Ohio University making Green & White Passion Flowers, a big seller; We again placed in a top three entry in the OU homecoming parade; we were chosen as recipient of the proceeds from an Ohio Brew Week poster auction; we provided art and talent for "Twas the Night Before Christmas at Arts West; we held our 2nd Annual Cake Auction where 50 businesses and organizations from the Athens area took part creating mass awareness of our programming; and we recently won the Best of Athens award for being the Best Non Profit to work for. We also received an award from Ohio Public Images for best publication for our newsletter. Life is good at Passion Works where we inspire and liberate the human spirit through the arts.

Service & Support Administration (SSA)



The Service and Support Specialists collaborate with nine agencies and 34 independent providers to strive 365 days a year, 24 hours a day

to provide the basic necessities of life to the individuals living in their communities. Some of these individuals have challenging medical and behavioral needs, but all of them have the right to live in the best possible home that the community can provide. These services are provided in as open and a community-integrated setting as possible. The individuals live in homes like yours or mine, they go to work each day, shop in the same stores, and participate in same recreational activities as every other citizen of our community.

In 2012, the SSA Department provided case management services to 377 individuals with Developmental Disabilities; 178 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 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.

PersonnelPlus



In 2012, PersonnelPlus provided the following services:

Job Services – PersonnelPlus provided employment services to

over 100 individuals with disabilities. **Permanent Jobs** – PersonnelPlus contacted over 100 businesses and placed 17 workers in these businesses. **Temporary Jobs** – Over 30 individuals participated in paid internships. These on-the-job trainees worked in 24 businesses while gaining valuable work experience. Our Interns provided over 800 hours of free labor to area businesses. **Job Training Classes** – 32 individuals participated in over 600 hours of job skills education and instruction. **Summer Youth Employment Program** – Continues to be an excellent entry level point for high school students in every Athens County Public School. The Transition Coordinator frequently visits all of these schools and speaks to students, teachers and administrators about assisting young people (from age 14 and up) in applying for services through VRP3 and the ACBDD. Twenty students participated in the employment program, involving 7 community employers. This year's program was a huge success, with 18 of those students choosing to continue to work with PersonnelPlus after the summer program ended.

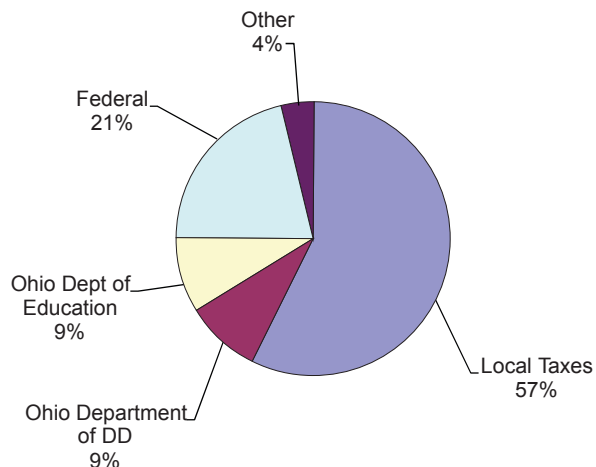
The PersonnelPlus Advocacy and Advisory Board hosted the 11th bi-annual Awards Banquet. The banquet brings together workers with disabilities and the businesses that employ them, and was attended by more than 225 people. In addition, PPAAC members met with Ohio legislators on Legislative Advocacy Day to discuss the state's Employment First Initiative, as well as other topics.

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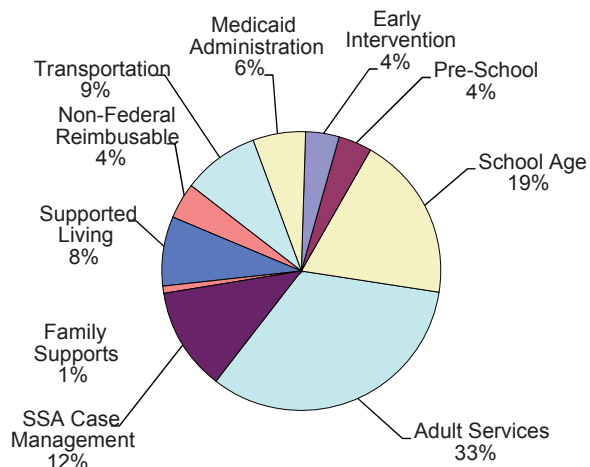
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2012 Revenue Sources



2012 Revenues = \$8,317,343

2012 Program Costs



2012 Expenditures = \$7,847,455

Collaborative Community Partners

ACBDD provides funding to collaborating partners who provide residential staff and day program services. These partners include 32 independent providers and 11 agencies including, HAVAR, Sech-Kar, RHDD, BCS, Expanding Your Horizons, ResCare, Hearts of Hope, Radcliff Health Care, Interim Health Care, Community Connections and Goodwill.

ACBDD Receives 5 Year Accreditation

Athens County Board of Developmental Disabilities received a 5-year Accreditation Certificate - the highest-level possible - from the Ohio Department of Developmental Disabilities for the quality services and supports it provides to Athens county children and adults who have developmental disabilities.

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.

