



**Envisioning an integrated
and inclusive Athens County**



2021 Annual Report

Our Board

We are grateful to the ACBDD’s Board Members. These individuals are well respected in our community. They volunteer an enormous amount of time and energy ensuring people with intellectual and developmental disabilities receive the highest quality of services in Athens County.

						
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Our Superintendent


We thank the Athens County community for supporting the ACBDD. This past year, we continued to help over 700 individuals with developmental disabilities stay safe, achieve their dreams, and live their fullest life possible.

Throughout 2021, the ACBDD focused on COVID-19 vaccination distribution efforts. For us, this meant hosting vaccination clinics at Beacon School (in partnership with the Athens City-County Health Department), working closely with state and local partners to ensure individuals who receive our services were able to receive the vaccine, and we even offered a financial incentive to ACBDD staff who received the vaccine.

In addition to vaccination efforts, we continued operations as close to normal as possible, with several safety protocols in place. We are grateful for the flexibility of our staff, to the resilience of those we serve, and to the community for their continued support of what we do.



Ken R Davis



In the summer of 2021, we resumed hosting an in-person summer camp. For the first time, it was organized by Integrate Athens, and the agency created a new Camp Assistant role. This role offered a leadership opportunity to young people with the professional experience and potential to grow in the profession. It also brought the unique perspective of a person living with a disability to the summer camp team

About Our Agency

Since its inception in 1957, the ACBDD has provided individuals opportunities to learn, grow, and enrich their lives. We provide quality services by assessing individual needs and creating individual plans. We help to integrate individuals with developmental disabilities into their community as valued citizens.

Our Mission & Vision

Our mission is to serve our community with compassion, innovation and transparency.

Our vision is an integrated and inclusive Athens County.

Our Core Values

Respecting Everyone
Spending Responsibly
Thriving Communities
Working Together
New Ideas
Openness
Honesty
Reliability

2021 by the Numbers



In the summer of 2021, *PersonnelPlus* resumed its in-person services focused on enhancing employment skills for youth. During Step Into Work, staff worked with eight young people in various work activities.

703



Number of children and adults assisted by the ACBDD

98%



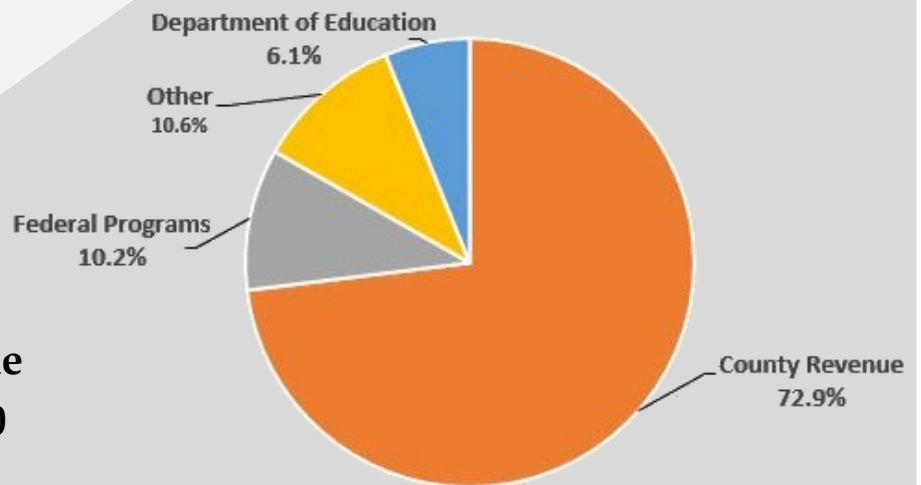
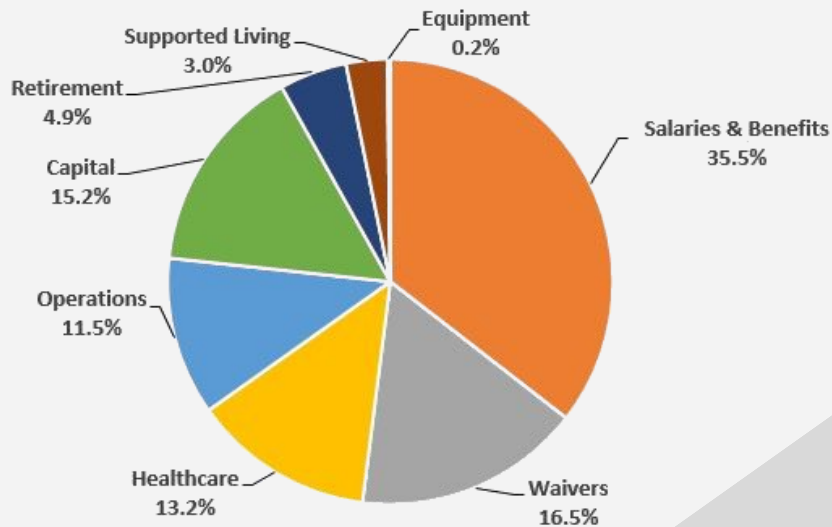
Percentage increase in individuals assisted in 2021, compared to 2011

96



Number of individuals who received help from *PersonnelPlus* to find and retain employment

2021 by the Numbers



425



Number of those receiving case management services through the Service & Support Division

66



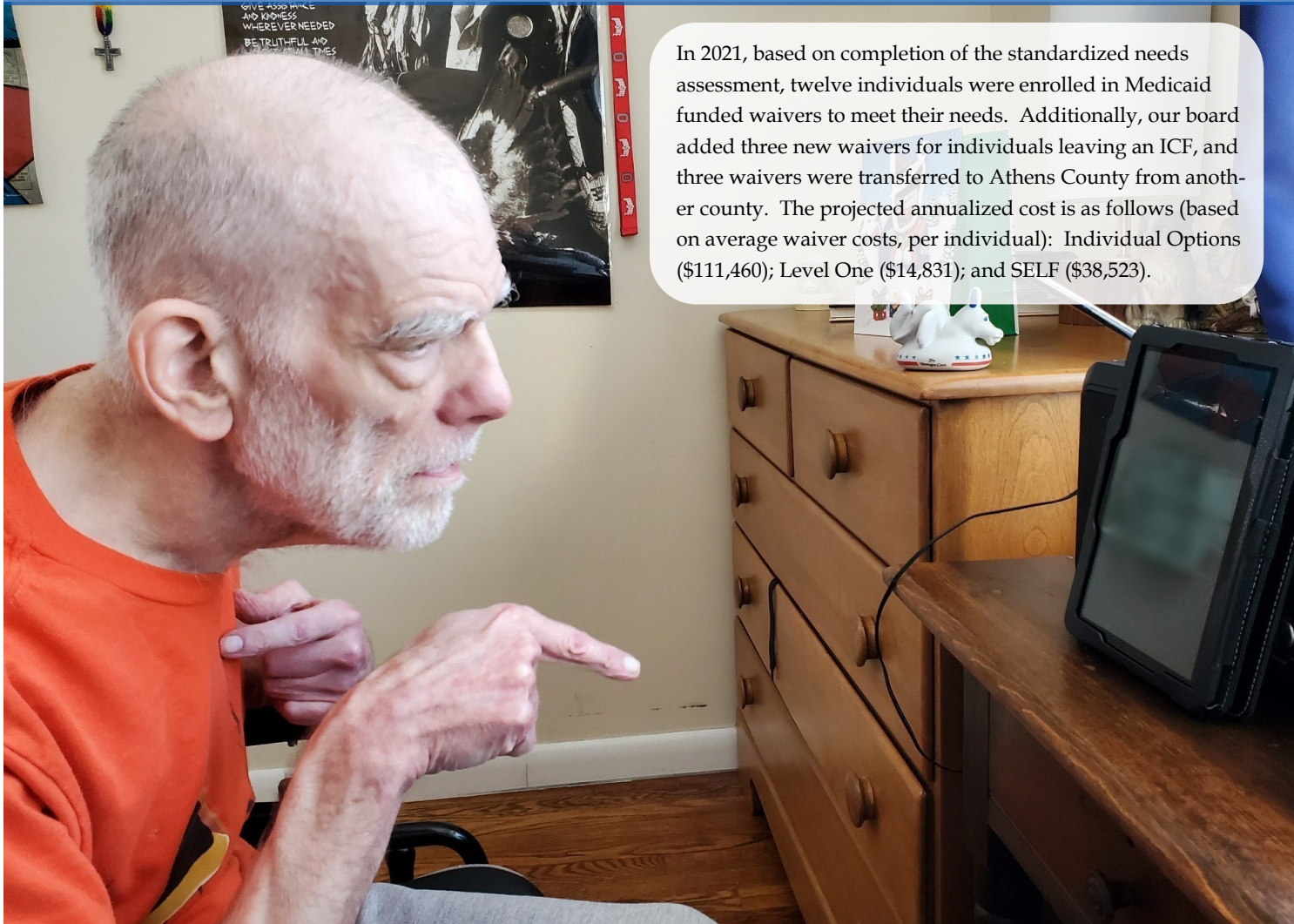
Number of young people age 3-21 who are enrolled in Preschool or Beacon School

72,378



Number of miles traveled for school, Summer Camp, employment-related services, and other supports

2021 by the Numbers



In 2021, based on completion of the standardized needs assessment, twelve individuals were enrolled in Medicaid funded waivers to meet their needs. Additionally, our board added three new waivers for individuals leaving an ICF, and three waivers were transferred to Athens County from another county. The projected annualized cost is as follows (based on average waiver costs, per individual): Individual Options (\$111,460); Level One (\$14,831); and SELF (\$38,523).

58



Number of children from birth through age 3 participating in Early Intervention

210



Number of individuals supported to live safely in their chosen community setting

84



Number of partners working with Integrate Athens on inclusive opportunities

The ACBDD In 2022 and beyond

In the years to come, we will continue to work toward our vision of creating an integrated and inclusive Athens County. Specifically, we plan to focus on these areas:

Employment



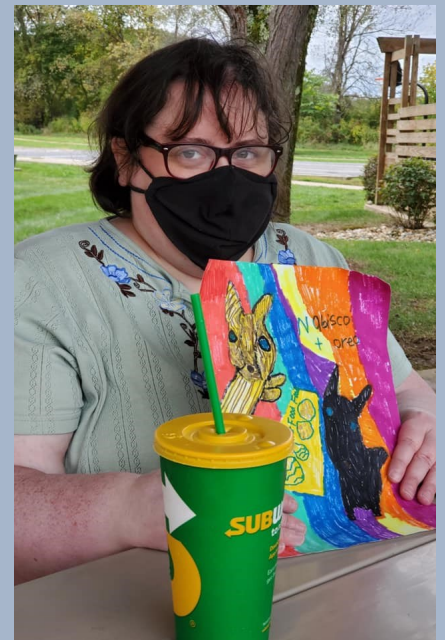
We will increase the services provided to transition-age youth and offer a variety of services that prepare individuals for employment. Services will include programs such as Summer Youth Employment, Step Into Work, Pre-Employment Transition Services, and many others.

HCBS



In 2022, the ACBDD anticipates enrolling up to four individuals to receive home and community based waiver services (HCBS). These services will be phased in based on the assessed need of the individual and the use of the free choice of provider process.

Other Inclusion Efforts



For individuals we serve of all ages, we will continue to empower them in their choices, help them build resiliency, and expand their connections with their community. We will do this by building partnerships that support inclusivity, expand educational expectations, enhance supports for our workforce, and nurture natural leadership abilities.

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Our friend Willow was one of several hundred individuals who took advantage of the vaccine clinics hosted at Beacon School, in partnership with the Athens-City County Health Department.



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