

## The Ohio Department of Developmental Disabilities

The Ohio Department of Developmental Disabilities (DODD) is responsible for overseeing a statewide system of supports and services for people with developmental disabilities and their families.

The mission of DODD is continuous improvement of the quality of life for Ohio's citizens with developmental disabilities and their families. Our vision is that Ohio's citizens with developmental disabilities and their families will experience lifestyles that provide opportunities for personal security, physical and emotional well-being, full community participation, productivity, and equal rights.

Ohio's DD system supports approximately 90,000 citizens— providing services that assure individual health and safety, provide residential services and support, increase opportunities for meaningful employment, and foster full and complete community inclusion and participation.

DODD's role is to provide leadership, oversight, and funding for 88 county boards, hundreds of providers, and thousands of individuals and families. Each of Ohio's 88 counties has a County Board of Developmental Disabilities, which implement all services and supports. In addition, there are thousands of independent service providers, certified by DODD, that work with County Boards to provide services under the Boards' management.

DODD maintains a Central Office in Columbus, where most of its administration, program management and leadership functions occur. There are also ten residential Developmental Centers around the state, which provide temporary residential placement and offer programs developed to teach skills needed for a move to a less intensive, more community-based setting. The Developmental Centers also provide extensive outreach services to county boards and other providers, including case consultation and staff training.

### VALUES

#### *The Ohio Department of Developmental Disabilities will:*

Provide leadership in the development of public policy that supports self-determination principles of freedom, support, authority, responsibility, and confirmation.

Conduct business in an ethical manner, and within a formally-structured quality management system.

Develop sustainable resources that are consistently and equitably distributed and administered.

Increase the capacity of state and local systems to support individuals and families.

Work collaboratively with partners and stakeholders to establish statewide policy that positively affects the day-to-day lives of individuals and their families.

Communicate and promote, throughout the developmental disabilities system, an environment of open dialogue about system issues and changes as they are developed and implemented.