



ASHLAND COUNTY

Board of Developmental Disabilities

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# **2020 Annual Report**

## DALE-ROY SCHOOL AND EARLY INTERVENTION PROGRAM

### *Early Intervention*

Early Intervention provides services to children from birth until turning age 3. ACBDD currently employs one full time Developmental Specialist and contracts for a part-time Developmental Specialist. This past year, we transitioned to using telehealth services through Enable My Child for therapy support. Starting the fall of 2020, we utilize the ACBDD Speech Pathologist one day per week for speech support. We have team members from various agencies for vision services, hearing services, nutritional support and mental health support. All services are typically provided in natural settings such as the home environment or community settings. During the COVID-19 pandemic, we are providing alternative access to services through phone and videoconferencing. Enrollment has averaged around 40 children per month.

### *School Age Services*



Dale-Roy School currently has 4 school aged classrooms for students aged 5-22. Students receive instruction in academics, self-care skills, independent living skills, community skills, fine arts, and vocational skills and access all supports indicated in their IEPs. The Unique Learning Curriculum is utilized to support academics and address content standards. Students age 16 and older participate in work experiences within the school and at community settings with the Dale-Roy School job coach based on individualized assessments for transition needs. Dale-Roy School has implemented a Positive Behavior Intervention and Supports Plan which is a school wide system of behavioral expectations and methods of reinforcing positive behaviors. We have continued to participate in training opportunities to develop our skills for delivering interventions for students with autism and all developmental disabilities. Enrollment capacity is 32. Due to the COVID-19 pandemic, families were offered the choice for remote learning for the 2020-21 school year and we currently have 5 students participating in remote learning. We scheduled two weeks for the entire school to participate in remote learning due to potential exposures around holidays. We also use remote learning as needed for individual classrooms due to COVID-19 exposures or staffing issues. We have iPads for every student and use Google Classrooms, Unique Learning online platform, as well as other online tools for remote learning.

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## **Transportation**

An integral part of educational services to our students includes safe and reliable transportation to and from Dale-Roy School. Every school day we transport students from throughout Ashland County. Our fleet of vehicles includes school buses and vans. Wheelchair transport capabilities are also needed and are available on various vehicles. We currently operate four routes, one for each classroom, to maintain separation from other students due to Covid 19 restrictions. These four routes include two school buses and two school vans.

All drivers are either school bus or school van certified based upon the type of vehicle that they operate. To help meet the needs of the students that we transport, a bus aide is assigned to each vehicle. These aides provide additional assistance with loading /unloading and during the route. All transportation staff are CPR and first aid certified. They also receive additional training throughout the year to help maintain and enhance their skills.

In 2020, even with a reduction of student in-person days, we completed 5,231 student trips. The establishment of a transportation direct phone number helps to give parents/guardians the ability to relay pick-up and drop-off changes 24 hours a day.

## SERVICE AND SUPPORT ADMINISTRATION 2020 ANNUAL REPORT

The Service and Support Administration (SSA) Department of the Ashland County Board of DD assists individuals with developmental disabilities and their families understand and access available options for area resources. SSAs help promote and facilitate health, safety and independence of individuals with disabilities. SSA Staff determine eligibility for County Board services, assess needs, develop person-centered plans for desired outcomes, and monitor service delivery for compliance and satisfaction. The SSA Department is focusing on three areas of service coordination: Provider Development, Free Choice of Provider, and Transition Planning.

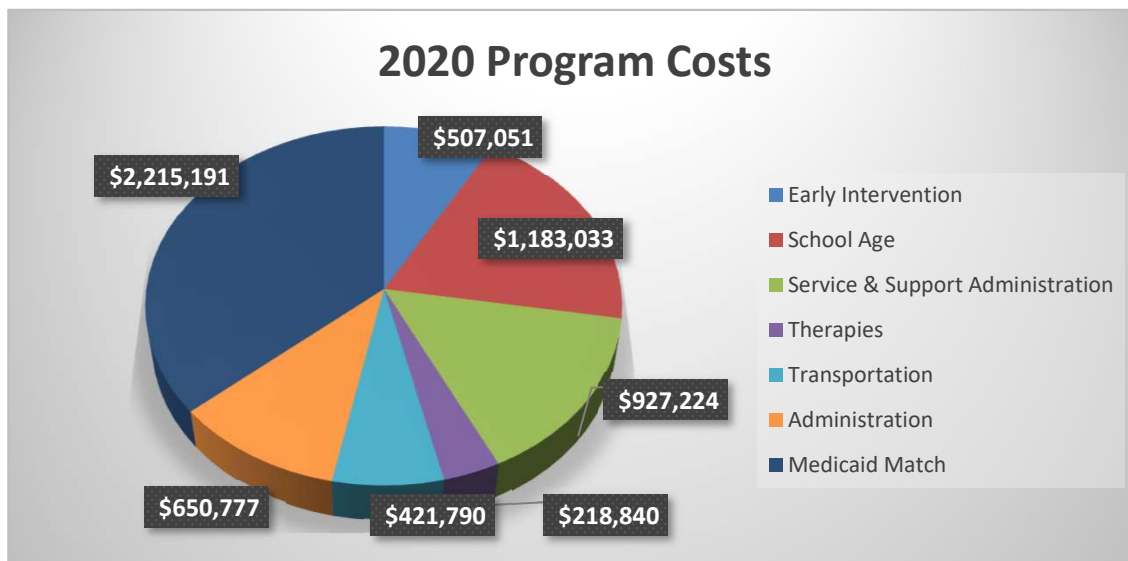
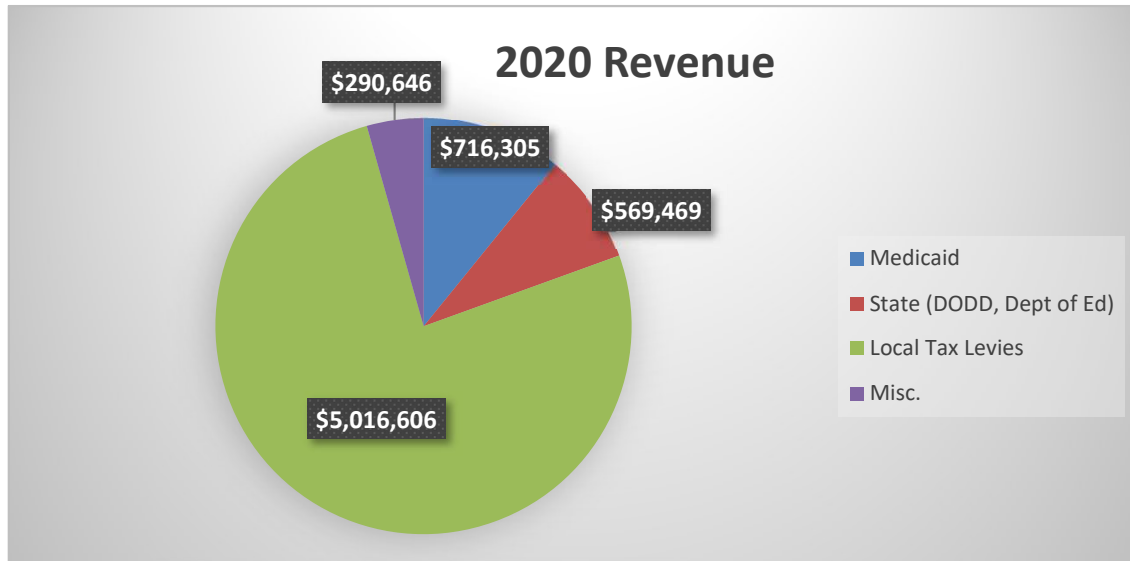
**Provider Development and Support:** In 2020 the SSA Department offered provider support related to the COVID-19 pandemic. Personal Protective Equipment (PPE) and other essential household items were delivered to several providers, and continue to be available upon request. On 5/7/20 the SSA Department visited several congregate living homes to leave a very important “thank you” for our Direct Support Professionals (DSPs), for providing care, comfort, and companionship to the people we serve during the COVID-19 health crisis. In these challenging times, we are so grateful for their dedication to support people with developmental disabilities.

**Free Choice of Provider:** To better facilitate the Free Choice of Provider process between Individuals, SSAs and Providers, we have developed a Free Choice of Provider (FCOP) Profile and Referral Process. The SSA gathers the information related to a Provider search from the individual/guardian and the profile is distributed via our Provider listserv. Interested Providers can respond directly to the SSA.

**Transition Planning:** Transition Planning allows for an SSA to assist students in Ashland County Schools in planning for post-high school graduation life. Transition Planning begins at age 14 and focuses on discovering the student’s preferences, interests, and needs. We now have an SSA dedicated to coordinating services for transition age individuals. This SSA helps transition age individuals explore what options are available for work, further education or training, and community living as the individual transitions into adulthood.

Month:	January	February	March	April	May	June
# Receiving SSA Services	217	220	220	220	232	232
Month:	July	August	September	October	November	December
# Receiving SSA Services	235	236	230	229	229	231

## FINANCIAL OVERVIEW



	<u>2018</u>	<u>2019</u>	<u>2020</u>
Revenue	\$ 6,492,318	\$ 7,076,281	\$ 6,593,026
Expenditures	\$ 6,373,720	\$ 5,595,447	\$ 6,123,905
Net Margin	\$ 118,598	\$ 1,480,834	\$ 469,121