

Lake County

Board of Developmental Disabilities

In the 1950's, through the tireless advocacy of families, neighbors, community and political leaders, Lake County was one of the first counties in Ohio to develop local programs and services for individuals with developmental disabilities, so that loved ones were not excluded from public life, nor relegated to access services in distant locations segregated from their families and communities.

Through the ensuing decades, the LCBDD has remained an innovative leader in Ohio—responsive to the needs and voices of the thousands of individuals we have served—empowering them to engage in their communities and live full, meaningful lives. This success could not have been achieved without the unwavering dedication of the county board staff and the incredible spirit of a community that truly embodies unity while recognizing and supporting the diverse abilities and contributions of all its citizens.

County Board services are funded by federal and state dollars, plus local tax dollars. In accordance with the Ohio Revised Code, the LCBDD programs and operations are governed by a seven-member board, of which five members are appointed by Lake County Commissioners and two by the Lake County Probate Judge.

Our story is the story of the individuals and families we serve, and also the story of our inclusive and caring Lake County community.

In the ever-changing landscape of federal and state regulations and mandates, the LCBDD's overriding vision remains constant: to offer Lake County citizens the highest-quality, most-inclusive, collaborative, and person-centered services and supports available within our resources.

We strive to uphold our mission throughout everything we do and each decision we make. County Board employees, community members, local organizations and businesses, as well as the people we serve and their families, help us succeed in carrying out our mission.

~ Elfie Roman, LCBDD Superintendent



Our mission is to **empower** individuals with developmental disabilities to **engage** in activities that **enrich** their lives and contribute to their community. Our mission helps us achieve our vision, which is to offer Lake County citizens the highest-quality, most-inclusive, collaborative, and person-centered services and supports available within their resources.



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