

2022 PROGRESS SUMMARY

COMMUNITY

Goals

- **Ensure transition options are available and appropriate for individuals throughout their life**
- **Increase support of providers to ensure opportunities for Community Connections, Self-Determination and Employment**

Primary Strategies:

- Work collaboratively with schools to assist students in transition from school to community
- Work collaboratively with Family Children First Council (FCFC) to ensure transition supports are available to children at all stages of transition
- Work collaboratively with providers to increase community involvement and/or employment for individuals
- Educate individuals, families and providers of the benefits and availability of assistive and supportive technology
Increase awareness in our community of the risk for abuse of persons with developmental disabilities

Progress:

- **A school age work group was recently established to develop a process to better serve youth ages 3-22 including transition services and supports. This process is on-going**
- **SSAs and EISCs continue to work with FCFC to request and provide needed supports and services for youth throughout all stages of transition**
- **SSAs continue to educate individuals, providers, and families on the availability and benefits of utilizing assistive technology/remote monitoring. SSAs discuss and evaluate the benefits at each ISP meeting (at least annually). We plan to collaborate with Kelly Schuck, DODD on how to better move the technology movement forward in Morrow County**
- **Creation of Community and Provider Outreach Department - frequent calls and emails with providers to ensure they have the necessary resources and to provide technical assistance if needed. Developed a provider survey to solicit more specific information regarding training or other resources and supports that would be valuable**
- **Creation of School-Age Transition Workgroup - to determine priorities, needs, and resources needed**
- **Host an annual School Age to Adult Transition Camp**
- **Outreach team volunteered at two local school events: "Real Money, Real World" (Mt. Gilead) & "Reality Store" (Northmor)**
- **Coordinated local police officers to read a book about inclusion to all Morrow County third graders and provided a book to each county library**
- **Participation in Regional Provider Coordination Workgroup**
- **Participation in OACB Regional Public Relations/Communications workgroup**
- **Hosted "Supported Decision Making" training with Josh Young for all staff**
- **Participated in "Transition" Resource Fair at Tri-Rivers JVS**
- **Participated in Amish Community Resource Fair for Early intervention Awareness**
- **Attended Tech Fest hosted by the Clearwater COG**
- **Participated in the Resource Fair at The Tomorrow Center for school-aged students**

2022 PROGRESS SUMMARY

COLLABORATION

Goal

- **Increase the number of quality service providers to meet the needs in Morrow County**

Primary Strategies:

- Work with the Clearwater Council of Governments (COG) to expand provider capacity into Morrow County
- Provide training opportunities for current and new providers
- Work with the local transportation collaborative to increase affordable and appropriate transportation options

Progress:

- **Participation on the Morrow County Area Transit (MCAT) Advisory Workgroup**
- **Participation on the Mobility Management workgroup - to plan for transportation within the county, including possible walking paths or sidewalks for safer foot traffic**
- **Transition of Whetstone Industries to MARCA - privatization process completed Jan 3, 2022 with a subsequent transition period this year(2022) to ensure adult services are sustainable**
- **Planning for training opportunities in 2023 for providers including joint events with county board staff**

CONTINUITY

Goal

- **Ensure sustainability of county board services**

Primary Strategies:

- Increase local funding by at least 25% by seeking approval of additional local funding
- Seek alternative funding like grants and other available resources to extend local funding
- Reduce the number of individuals in the county waiting for services

Progress:

- **Reorganized after privatization - developed position responsibilities of leadership and administrative personnel to maximize participation in Medicaid Administrative Claiming (MAC) and evaluated all positions to maximize the opportunity to receive grant or other reimbursement funding**
- **Levy request on 2022 May primary failed. Evaluated levy results and adjusted communication and awareness plans**
- **Utilized the wait list assessment process to identify the greatest and most immediate needs to provide waiver-funded services when possible, stretching local funding**
- **Assessed the possibility of refinancing current supported living services to draw down Medicaid funding and extend the use of local funding to meet other local, non-Medicaid funded services**
- **Allocated a portion of one-time funding for long-term capital projects**

COMMUNICATION

Goal:

- **Improve messaging throughout the county**

• **Primary Strategies:**

- Equip and empower Ambassadors to share the Board's mission and purpose, utilizing the "3-30-3" tool
- Improve the county board's presence in school districts
- Create a new Speakers' Bureau and plan and track opportunities to share messaging in the community
- Expand the use of social media and enhance our website to be a useful resource for our community

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COMMUNICATION (cont'd)

Progress:

- Increased email blasts of information to providers
- Increased distribution of information during DD Awareness Month in March
- Participation in OACB Regional Public Relations/Communication workgroup
- Partnered with Morrow Recycling and Morrow OSU Extension to develop volunteer opportunities
- Participated in Earth Day event at the Mt. Gilead Public Library
- Developed a newsletter for distribution to local churches and quarterly Township Trustee Meetings, and civic groups
- Developed an Early Intervention Newsletter for distribution to families and community resources
- Hosted an information and resource booth at the Morrow County Fair
- Assisted with the reorganization of Aktion Club and People First Group - planning to develop ambassadors of willing participants and possible speakers' bureau
- Developed awareness material and increased distribution during National Disability Employment Month in October
- Expanded use of social media for awareness and use of tools to increase views
- Participated in monthly Community Services meetings to share information and learn of available resources in our community
- Hosted "Trunk or Treat" event for the community and shared resource information (Early Intervention Team)

COMMITMENT

Goal

1. Ensure commitment to our community

Primary Strategies:

- Commit to individuals and families to ensure they receive services and supports they need (as resources permit)
- Commit to strengthen person-centered planning by focusing on the individual and their vision for the future and putting them at the center of their ISP, thus reinforcing the vision that all people with developmental disabilities lead fulfilling lives;
- Commit to support the opportunity for community inclusion for individuals with developmental disabilities
- Commit to support the providers' ability to meet the needs of individuals with developmental disabilities
- Commit to being good stewards of tax payers dollars

Progress:

- Two individuals volunteered and participated at Morrow Recycling "Green Crusaders" Summer Camp
- Several individuals volunteered and participated in Earth Day activities at Mt. Gilead Public Library
- Developed and implemented a local Medicaid management function to ensure the efficient use of Medicaid funds. This position collaborates with the SSA team to strengthen person-centered planning, ensure it is utilized effectively, that community inclusion is planned and appropriate for each person and to provide support to providers to enhance their ability to meet the needs of individuals, especially during the workforce challenges and system changes
- SSAs continued their focus on the individual and their vision for the future. This focus is putting the individual at the center of their ISP process. SSAs continually SSAs continued their focus on the individual and their vision for the future. This focus is putting the individual at the center of their ISP process. SSAs continually participated in trainings that provided education about Person Centered Planning as well as PCP tools. Plan to utilize the new OISP as another tool, which is reportedly more focused on person-centered planning along with Life Course Tools to promote the individuals' dreams and goals for the future
- Invited local People First officers and providers to meet DODD Director Hauck and Deputy Director Jeremiah Wagner (who is also a Morrow County resident) and discussed current progress and concerns

2023 KEY INITIATIVES

PRIORITY: COMMUNITY

GOALS:

- Ensure transition options are available and appropriate for individuals throughout their life
- Increase support of providers to ensure opportunities for Community Connections, Self-Determination, Self-advocacy and Employment

STRATEGIES:

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INITIATIVES:

- CB will participate in the Morrow County Business-Education Partnership Action Team
- Restore transition school-age workgroup
- Explore ideas to expand resources to support families' transition from EI to school
- Explore developing an Employer Advisory Council to collaborate with the county board and providers to ensure successful business-employee relationships
- Explore other county boards for ideas to expand employment opportunities, navigation and provider support

PRIORITY: COLLABORATION

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INITIATIVES

- Participate at job and resource fairs to share CB resources, DD employment career paths (e.g. DSP)
- Host a Recognition lunch/resource fair for local providers and survey topics of interest for 2023 training
- Offer trauma-informed training for providers
- Participate on two advisory boards: Regional Transportation Advisory Board and the local transportation collaborative

PRIORITY: CONTINUITY

GOAL:

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2023 KEY INITIATIVES

PRIORITY: CONTINUITY (cont'd)

INITIATIVES

- Evaluate the possibility of a levy request for November 2023 ballot
- Evaluate the possibility of applying for a BWC safety grant for improved workplace safety
- Collaborate with local agencies to partner in gaining grant funding for local resources
- Explore ways to provide services and supports more cost effectively, to increase resources and maximize local funding available, to address: the growth in number of people supported (emergencies and the wait list) within the constraints of the county board's resources
- Seek other grants to strengthen local resources

PRIORITY: COMMUNICATION

GOAL:

- Improve messaging throughout the county

STRATEGIES:

- Improve the county board's presence in school districts and community
- Create a Speaker's Bureau and empower Ambassadors to share messaging in the community
- Expand the use of social media, enhance our website, and use expanded technology to be useful resources for our community

INITIATIVES:

- Plan and implement a 2nd grade reading awareness project, partnering with individuals with DD
- Plan and track opportunities to share messaging in the community
- Explore the use of our building as a polling site for county elections

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INITIATIVES

- Restructure SSA capacity to provide increased support to school-age families
- Explore retention ideas to stabilize SSA staffing
- Participate in *We Thrive Together* to broaden opportunities for individuals to meet others, establish friendships and expand knowledge
- Explore the use of available technologies to improve efficiencies and expand the availability of resources