

# Welcome

A year ago, as I sat down to type these words, I was still a relative newbie to the Erie County Board of Developmental Disabilities and the Sandusky area. In fact, I was still using my GPS to find my way around.



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A year will change a lot of things, and I am now getting comfortable in my surroundings, and with the good people of Erie County. 2011 was a productive year in which we made great strides toward solidifying Erie County DD's place among the finest such organizations in the state.

We launched a year-long, strategic planning process. This involved extensive, one-on-one interviews with the individuals and families we support. We also conducted surveys with stakeholders, board members and staff. It was an extremely thorough effort to reach all our stakeholders.

From the input, we refreshed our mission statement and adopted four strategic goals for our ten year vision.

**MISSION STATEMENT:** The Erie County Board of Developmental Disabilities supports people and their families in making choices to pursue the lives they want to live.

#### Strategic Goals:

- 1) People with disabilities are equal participants in decision-making processes locally and statewide.
- 2) We have a strong stable organization capable of meeting the needs of people and families.
- 3) We have a strong presence within our community.
- 4) We have an integrated service system that includes flexible spending options.

Many of the initiatives we developed for 2012 were from input we received during our research. The over-arching theme of our strategic vision is supporting people with developmental disabilities, helping them to live and be active participants in their communities.

Our research also involved an in-depth review of projected financial obligations and revenue for the next ten years. Our funding with current expenses is stable through 2013 and we anticipate a levy request in 2014.

In addition, we reviewed trends in eligibility in order to project future enrollment for services provided by Erie DD. Those trends show we have enrolled an average of 40 adults and 60 children annually since 2008.

We expect those trends to continue. The demand for services is increasing and we must continue to analyze the financial impact of this growth so that we are prepared for the future.



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#### Our Mission

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#### Annual Notice

All policies and procedures, including the Due Process policy, are available to individuals being served by the Board, as well as parents, guardians, and service providers. If you have questions or want to request copies of any policies or procedures, call the Erie County Board of Developmental Disabilities, at 419-626-0208, or e-mail [info@eriecbdd.org](mailto:info@eriecbdd.org).

#### Board Members

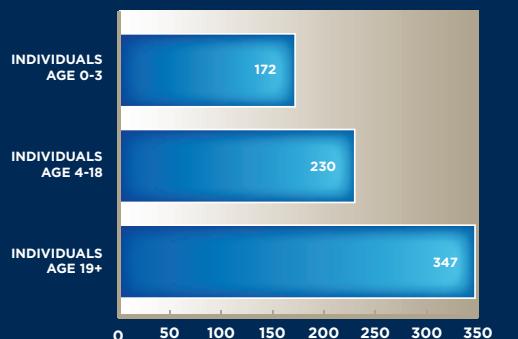
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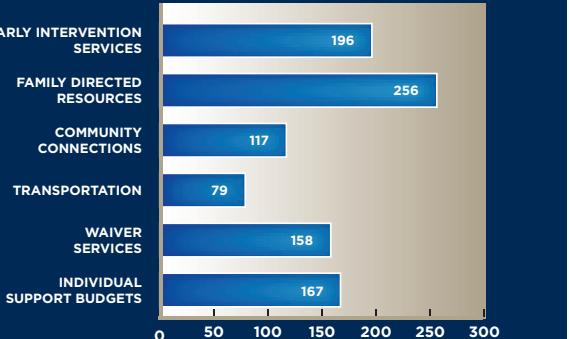
# Financials

Having created a 10-year strategic plan in 2011, the Erie County Board of Developmental Disabilities has established a strong financial position that will offer supports to individuals throughout their lifetime. As state and federal dollars continue to shrink, local funding remains our primary revenue stream. That funding comes from a 2002 levy, and we aren't projecting a return to the ballot until 2014. With that said, we expect to see a continued demand for service. Our Early Intervention program, ages birth to 3, saw an increase of 40 children served from 2010 to 2011.

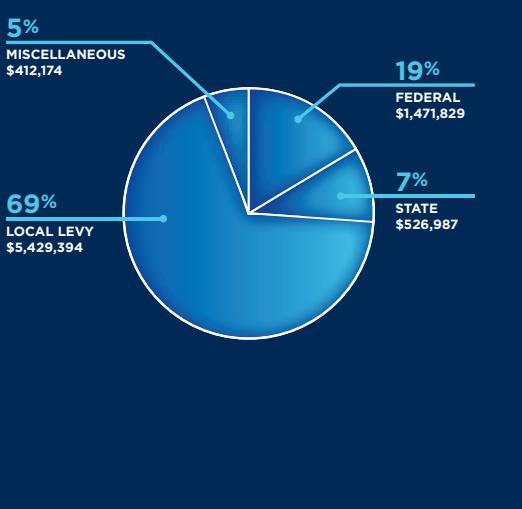
## Eligible Individuals Served



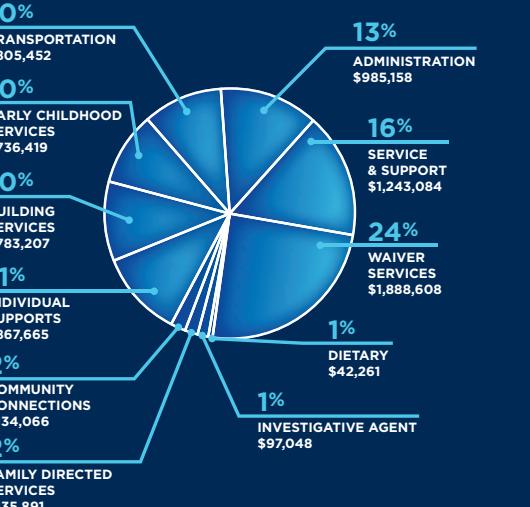
## Number of Individuals Served by Service Area



**Total Revenues: \$7,840,384**



**Total of Expenditures By Department: \$7,718,858**



# Profile



**Harry Miller**, who receives services from the Erie County Board of Developmental Disabilities, was honored with an 2011 ESDY award by the Ohio Self Determination Association. The ESDY Awards are the highest honors presented by the OSDA and are awarded to individuals with developmental disabilities who exemplify self determination, and individuals who support them. Harry is an Ohio Leader for Project STIR, having just completed his second training. He serves as president of the Erie County Self Determination Group.



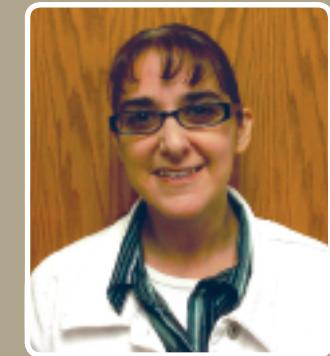
**William Hillman** broke into the publishing world in 2011 with his debut novel, Taking Up the Chase, a collection of five stories featuring the same characters. William has autism and receives services from the Erie County Board of Developmental Disabilities. The book was published by iUniverse, a self-publishing company. William wrote the book in nine months and is currently working on a sequel.



**Gianna Grace Musser** became one of Sandusky's youngest celebrities when she was named the March of Dimes 2011 Ambassador for the Cleveland Region. The daughter of Jeff and Gigi Musser, Gianna participates in Help Me Grow and Early Intervention through the Erie County Board of Developmental Disabilities.



**Jean Kreidler**, who is a Service and Support Administrator (SSA) with the agency, joined Harry as a 2011 ESDY award winner. Gloria Tiller, who receives services through Erie DD, stated in her nomination that Jean, her SSA, "is the kind of person who cares about us having choices and she is willing to stand up for us and the things we want out of our lives." Jean and Harry received their ESDY awards at the OSDA conference in Dublin.



**Michelle "Shelli" Perdue** received the Steve Lippert Award for her work in creating a Vacation Bible School program for special needs children. She has facilitated, organized and directed the special needs group's VBS program for four years, earning the award that recognizes individuals for their service to people with developmental disabilities through advocacy and support.

# Snapshot

State funding of county developmental disabilities agencies continues to fall. Because of this, we must be vigilant in safeguarding our local dollars. This chart shows the decline in state funding over the past 10 years. In 2001, state funding made up 20 percent of our budget. Last year, it was down to 7 percent, and we expect that number to drop further.

