

Annual Report

Fiscal Year 2019



Department of
Developmental Disabilities

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Director Jeff Davis, at podium, addresses an Ohio Statehouse press conference about increasing compensation for direct support professionals.

Letter from the Director

As the director of the Ohio Department of Developmental Disabilities, I am pleased to present the Fiscal Year 2019 Annual Report.

I would like to begin by thanking my predecessor Director John Martin. Director Martin spent more than a decade leading the department and implemented some very positive changes in Ohio's developmental disability system.

As the Ohio Department of Developmental Disabilities moves

forward, we are committed to improving the lives of people we support through better service delivery, and we will accomplish this through collaborative and unified efforts.

I am truly grateful to Governor Mike DeWine for the opportunity to lead DODD and greatly look forward to our time working together.

Supporting Ohioans

The Ohio Department of Developmental Disabilities, known as DODD, is committed to improving the quality of life for Ohioans with developmental disabilities and their families.

Offering support across the lifespan of people with developmental disabilities, the department oversees a statewide system of services that focus on ensuring health and safety, supporting access to community participation, and increasing opportunities for meaningful employment.

The department is made up of eight divisions, including the office of the director, fiscal administration, human resources,

Front Cover:

Claythan receives Early Intervention services in Hamilton County.

Elizabeth, an EI development specialist, along with Claythan's family and EI team, developed goals and strategies for his

family to use at home.



information technology services, legal and oversight, Medicaid development and administration, policy and strategic direction, and residential resources.

Throughout the state, more than 90,000 Ohioans access services by working with their county board of developmental disabilities, direct support providers (DSP), and provider agencies to get the support they need to live the life they want.

Each Ohio county is served by its county board of developmental disabilities, which implements services and supports to people. DODD supports county boards by providing training and technical assistance.

**Carly and Chad,
Erie and
Morrow
Counties:**

Carly says, "I speak up for myself when I need to."

Chad explains, "I speak up for myself -- tell people how I feel."



Additionally, independent service providers, certified by

DODD, provide services for people with disabilities and their families through a person-centered plan developed and authorized in partnership with the county boards.

Enrolling in a home and community-based services waiver is one way a person with developmental disabilities can receive person-centered services.

Nearly 40,000 people with developmental disabilities are enrolled in a waiver with access to services while living on their own, with family, with a roommate, or with a direct support professional.

Jordy, Fairfield County:

Using assistive technology glasses, Jordy, who is blind, can have someone remotely describe what is in front of him.



Helping people live better lives wherever they choose to live, work, and spend their day


Early Intervention

The [Ohio Early Intervention \(EI\)](#) program provides coordinated services to parents of infants and toddlers with disabilities or developmental delays in Ohio.

EI is grounded in the philosophy that young children learn best from familiar people in familiar settings. EI teams work with families in their home or other places they spend time to develop a coordinated plan to enhance that child's learning and development.

23,400+

Ohio children who received EI services in FY19



Heidi's mom, Holly, is excited when she can share her daughter's progress with Rebecca, a county board developmental specialist.

**Heidi,
Muskingum
County**



"They're awesome. Every single one of them. (My coworkers) make my day so much better."

**Faith,
Licking County**

Employment First

Since [Employment First](#) launched in 2012, the initiative has seen a 40-percent increase in the number of people participating in integrated employment services, where they earn an average of \$9 per hour and work an average of 18 hours per week.

The Community Life Engagement team concentrates on ensuring people eligible for developmental disabilities services have the opportunity to work and thrive in their communities through state-of-the-art planning and supports that focus on their talents and interests.

2,500+

Ohioans with disabilities who have found employment through the Employment First partnership

Multi-System Youth

Several collaborative efforts to serve multi-system youth are underway at DODD. [Strong Families, Safe Communities](#) is managed by DODD and the Ohio Department of Mental Health and Addiction Services to support children in crisis who present a risk to themselves, their families, or others because of mental illness or an intellectual disability. Supports available include crisis response, respite, and trauma-informed services.

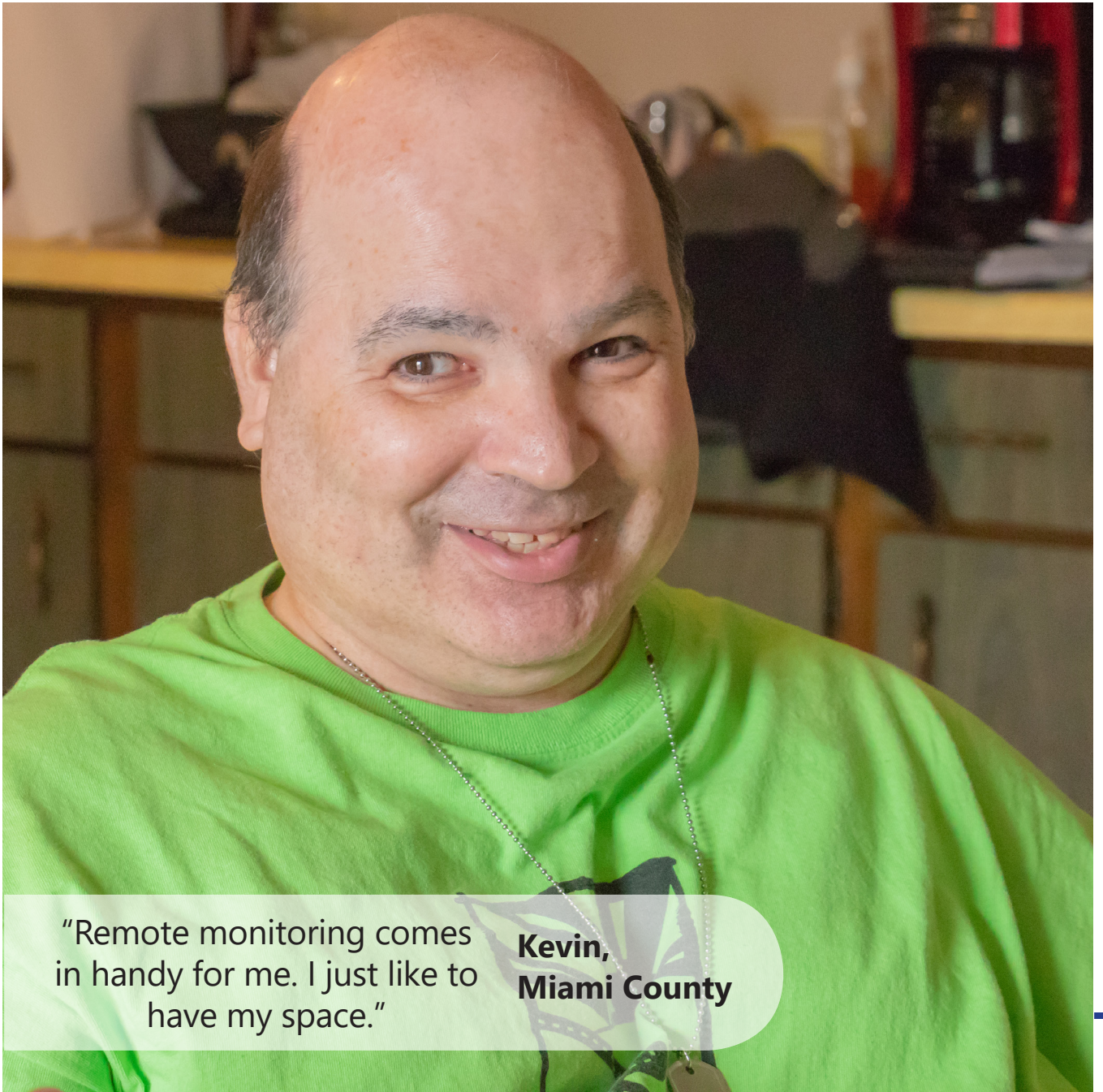
Accessing psychiatric services for youth continues to be a need across the state. DODD has partnered with Wright State University to provide Telepsychiatry services for youth who are enrolled in Medicaid and have a dual diagnosis of [Mental Illness and Intellectual Disability](#).

200+ Young Ohioans statewide who receive Telepsychiatry services

**William and Laurie,
Tuscarawas County**

This mom and son have learned more about each other through a youth respite program that focuses on how families can work together.





“Remote monitoring comes in handy for me. I just like to have my space.”

**Kevin,
Miami County**

Supportive Technology

Supportive technology helps a person accomplish a task or provide care from a distance. Supportive technology includes two Medicaid services, Assistive Technology and Remote Support. Assistive Technology can support someone who wants more independence, like using a device that can turn off a stove when they are not using it.

Remote Support offers a person more independence while having the support of a direct support professional provider even when the provider is not in their home with them.

1,000+ Ohioans with developmental disabilities who use supportive technology

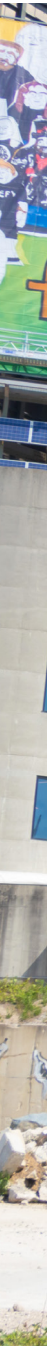
Supporting Families

The Family Advisory Council and Ohio's Community of Practice for Supporting Families supports people with disabilities and their loved ones. The [Family Advisory Council](#) provides a way for DODD to hear directly from family members about the issues that affect their lives and provides the opportunity for families to learn from DODD staff on current initiatives.

Ohio's Community of Practice for Supporting Families provides families a space to connect with one another and professionals who support Ohioans with disabilities in order to create better practices to assist families across the lifespan.

22,000+

People who tuned into DODD's Facebook Live broadcasts of family focused events in FY19





Henry, Franklin County

Henry had his artwork commissioned into a 100-foot mural to celebrate Columbus's Franklinton area. His parents, Tom and Amy, and sister, Sophie, celebrated the reveal.

Residential Facilities

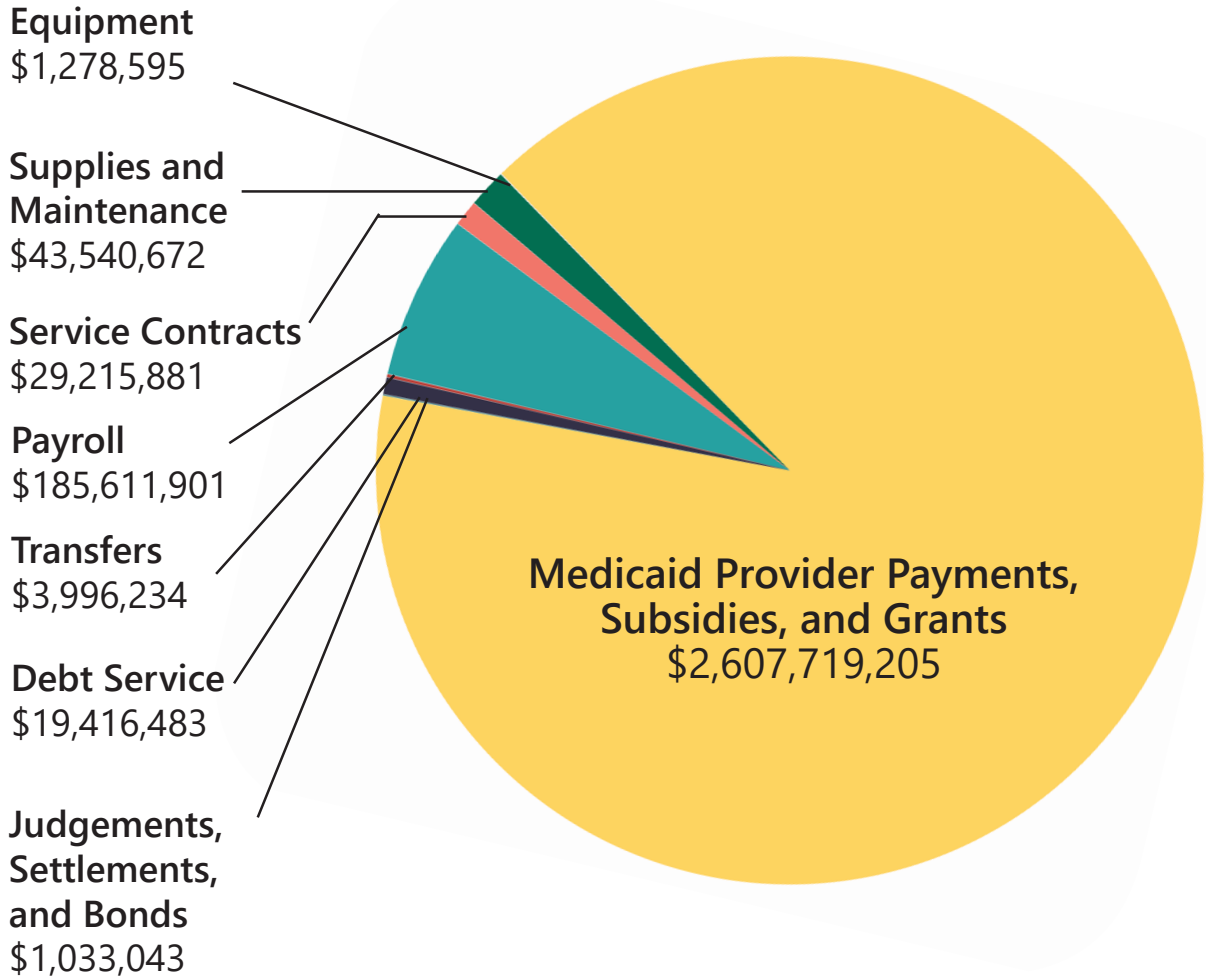
Intermediate care facilities, known as ICFs, and Ohio's eight state-run developmental centers, known as DCs, are [residential facilities](#) that remain an important component of the developmental disabilities service system.

State fiscal year 2019 saw residential facilities continue to modernize services and infrastructure, downsizing large facilities in favor of smaller settings while creating more opportunities for residents to engage in community life and employment.

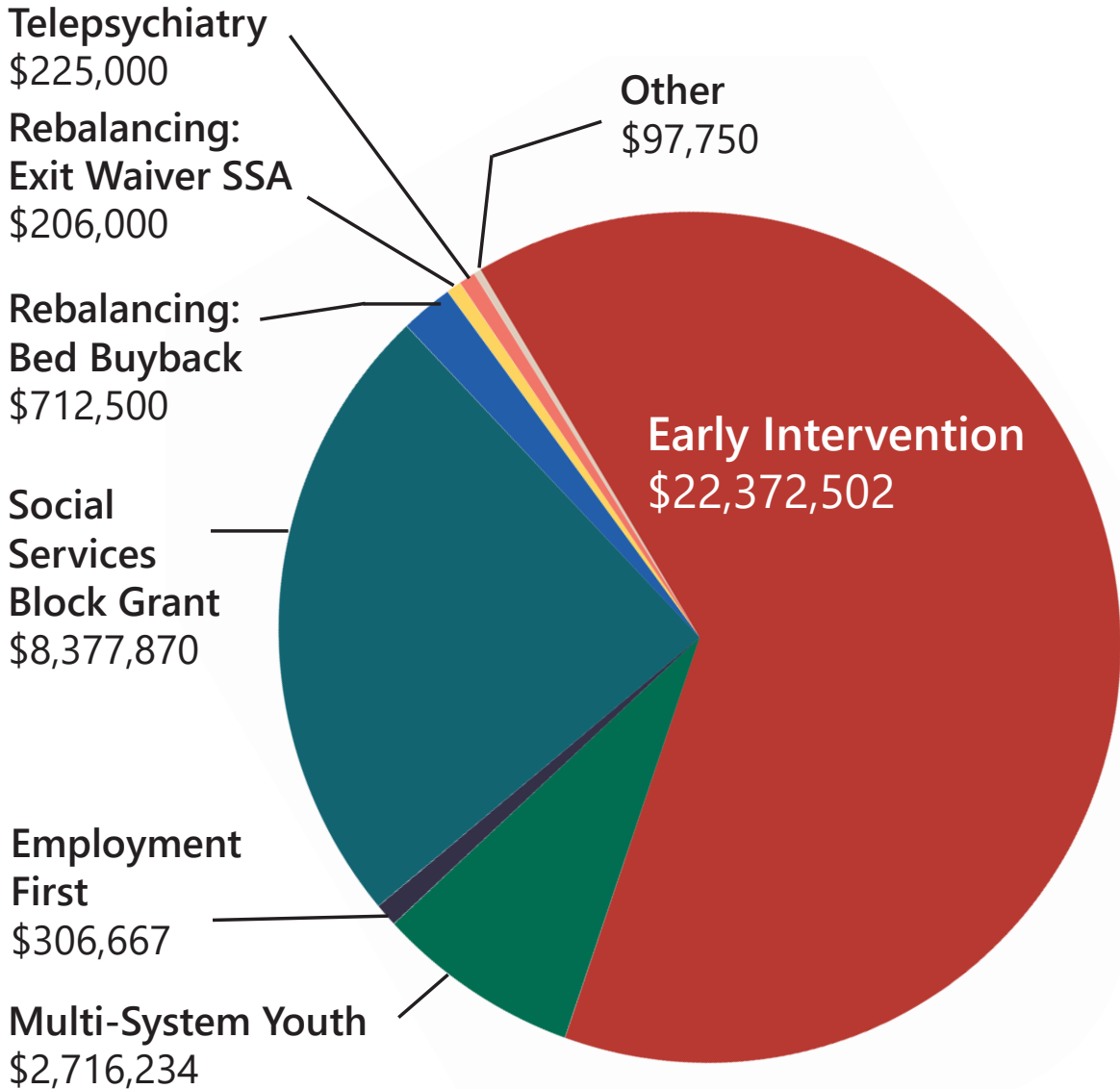
625+

Ohioans with disabilities
who receive supports in
developmental centers

Fiscal Year 2019 Expenditures



Grant Expenditures



Expenditures by Programs

Intermediate Care Facilities

\$518,356,132

Developmental Centers

\$186,305,069

Other Community

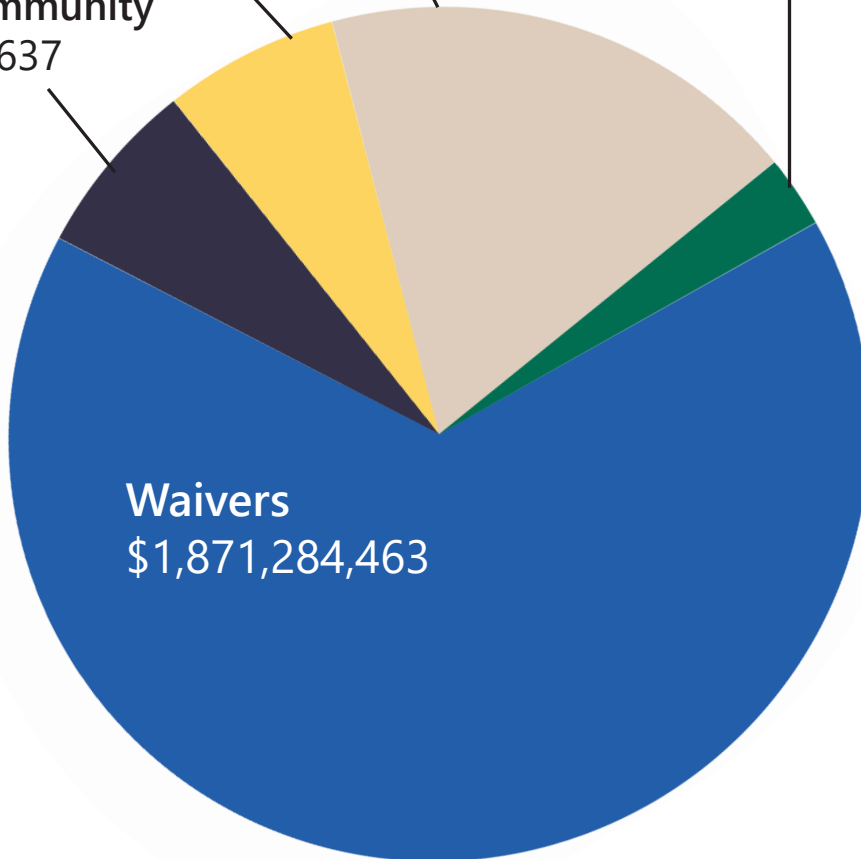
\$188,868,637

Central Office

\$77,862,746

Waivers

\$1,871,284,463





DODD Director Jeff Davis and Governor Mike DeWine visit athletes at the 2019 Special Olympics.

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Olympics

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Special Olympics Athlete Cloth
Let me win.
But if I cannot win,
let me be brave
in the attempt.