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**MEDINA COUNTY BOARD OF DEVELOPMENTAL DISABILITIES
ACHIEVES 100% COMPLIANCE AND HIGHEST ACCREDITATION FROM STATE**

Medina, Ohio, August 27, 2018 – The Medina County Board of Developmental Disabilities (MCBDD) is pleased to announce that it has been accredited by the Ohio Department of Developmental Disabilities (DODD) for a period of three years, the highest accreditation an organization may receive.

“Receiving this level of accreditation shows the dedication of our staff to maintaining our community’s trust and support as we embrace our role in improving the lives of people with developmental disabilities,” said Superintendent Jon Bluebond. “Our staff is highly committed to the work they do.”

On August 15 and 16, the Ohio DODD’s seven member State Review Team was on site at MCBDD to take a look at the agency’s daily operations and processes while also evaluating the agency’s ability to help people with developmental disabilities become engaged and connected within the community. Accreditation reviews are conducted by the Ohio DODD Office of Provider Standards and Review to ensure that agencies are meeting standards as outlined in 371 areas of the Ohio Administrative Code. Based on the results of a review, a County Board of DD is awarded an accreditation of from one to three years.

As the community resource responsible for connecting, coordinating and funding services for individuals of all ages with developmental disabilities, the Medina County Board of DD supports more than 1250 individuals in Medina County. The MCBDD helps with everything from early intervention and education opportunities for children to employment and community inclusive living for adults. When an agency such as MCBDD is DODD-accredited, it means it has passed an in-depth, on-site review and has met rigorous guidelines for operations, service and quality.

Upon completing the review, DODD delivers a survey report that highlights the strengths of an organization and provides recommendations for improvement. The MCBDD summary covered 53 areas of documentation requirements and approximately 830 possible areas and points of review. The MCBDD received compliance in all areas, a 100% compliance rate and no recommendations were given. DODD Review Team Manager, Beth Chambers stated, “We very rarely see an organization that is able to achieve a 100% compliance rating. You have reason to be proud of the array and quality of the supports and services offered by the MCBDD in your county.”

Highlights from the review summary included the MCBDD’s dedication to individualized person-centered planning to allow services to be more meaningful in improving lives, as well as the MCBDD’s culture of collaboration at all levels, inside and outside of the agency, with other local agencies and the community in general. The overall commitment to doing the “right things for the right reasons” was noted by the panel of reviewers.

MCBDD Assistant Superintendent Annie Finnerty, who is responsible for overseeing and managing all compliance and quality assurance for the agency's services and programs, and was the MCBDD coordinator for the review said, "This outstanding achievement shows that the MCBDD continues to be true to its mission of empowering people with developmental disabilities. I am very grateful to work with a professional staff that know how to put the needs of the people and families we serve first and work each day to improve the services and support available in our county."

For more information on the MCBDD, visit www.mcbdd.org.

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About MCBDD

The Medina County Board of DD is the community resource responsible for connecting, coordinating and funding services for individuals of all ages with developmental disabilities. We help with everything from early intervention and education opportunities for children to employment and community inclusive living for adults. The mission of the Medina County Board of Developmental Disabilities is to promote and empower over 1250 individuals with developmental disabilities, from birth to death, to live, learn work and socialize in their communities.