

# *Medina County*

## *Board of Developmental Disabilities*

*The Mission of the Medina County Board of Developmental Disabilities is to promote and empower individuals with developmental disabilities to live, learn, work, and socialize as citizens in the community.*



**March 25, 2024**

- **Regular Board Meeting: 5:00 p.m.**
- **Executive Session: Following General Session (if needed)**

*The MCBDD Board Meeting will be held in Board Conference Rooms 1 & 2.*

*Attendees are requested to follow all posted safety guidelines.*

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**MEDINA COUNTY BOARD OF DEVELOPMENTAL DISABILITIES**  
**Regular Board Meeting Agenda**  
**March 25, 2024**

- I. Call to Order (5:00 p.m.)**
- II. General Session**
  - A. Pledge of Allegiance**
  - B. Mission Statement Affirmation**
  - C. Recognition**
    - 1. Suzanne Barnes Brown
  - D. Approval of Minutes**
    - 1. Approval of the Minutes from the Regular Board Meeting, February 26, 2024
  - E. Presentations**
    - 1. DD Awareness – Patti (no attachment)
    - 2. 2023 Action Plan Year-End Summary – Stacey Maleckar
    - 3. 2023 Annual Report – Stacey Maleckar
  - F. Follow-Up**
  - G. Old Business - No Old Business**
  - H. New Business**
    - 1. Excess Property Resolution #10-24 (ACTION)
  - I. Reports Review**
    - a. Superintendent's Report
    - b. Financial Reports:
      - Revenue
      - Expenditures
      - Cash Balance
      - Cash Flow
    - c. Voucher Reports & Resolution #11-24 (ACTION)
    - d. Enrollee Statistics Report
    - e. Personnel Control Report
    - f. 2024 Action Plan Dashboard
- III. Open Forum (Board Policy Ch. 2, Sec. 4 E)**
  - The Board maintains discretion to hold an Open Forum
  - Five (5) minutes allotted per speaker
  - Forty-five (45) minutes, total of (9) speakers
- IV. Executive Session**
- V. Adjournment**

**The next Regular Board Meeting is scheduled for April 22, 2024**

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# Meeting Minutes

**MEDINA COUNTY BOARD OF DEVELOPMENTAL DISABILITIES**  
**Regular Board Meeting Minutes**  
**February 26, 2024**

**I. Call to Order**

The MCBDD Regular Board Meeting was called to order by Board President Andy Olah at 5:03 p.m. Other Board Members present included the following: Wayne Carroll, Dave Hartman, Lisa Dreaden, Mark Gryskiewicz, and Sandra Thomas Fain. Ann Salek arrived at 5:04 p.m.

Staff present included the following: Stacey Maleckar, Annie Finnerty, Shannon Lees, Diana Davis, Sabrina Johnson, Carey Bates, Celeste Bajorek, Patti Hetkey, Bobby Richards, Ed Dryer, and Christie Kimbler.

Others present included the following: Keisha Thomas and Sarah Piatt.

**II. General Session**

**A. Pledge of Allegiance**

The Pledge of Allegiance was recited.

**B. Mission Statement Affirmation**

The Mission Statement was recited.

**C. Approval of Minutes**

**1. Approval of the Minutes from the Nominating Committee Meeting, January 22, 2024**

A Motion was made by Mr. Hartman, seconded by Mr. Carroll, to approve the Minutes from the Nominating Committee Meeting on January 22, 2024. The Motion was approved with a unanimous “yes” vote.

**2. Approval of the Minutes from the Annual Organizational Meeting, January 22, 2024**

A Motion was made by Mr. Carroll, seconded by Ms. Salek, to approve the Minutes from the Annual Organization Meeting on January 22, 2024. Ms. Thomas Fain abstained. All others voted “yes.” The Motion was approved.

**3. Approval of the Minutes from the Regular Board Meeting, January 22, 2024**

A Motion was made by Ms. Salek, seconded by Mr. Carroll, to approve the Minutes from the Regular Board Meeting on January 22, 2024. Ms. Thomas Fain abstained. All others voted “yes.” The Motion was approved.

**D. Presentation**

The presentation by Ms. Maleckar on the Annual Report and Final 2023 Action Plan Summary was deferred to the March Board Meeting.



### **E. Discussion Items**

#### **1. Board Member Self Evaluations**

Mr. Carroll stated he felt there should be a focus on question #12, “I believe we can improve our seven-member Board’s functioning by...” Mr. Carroll stated there were some good responses to this question. He asked Ms. Maleckar to compile the results and report at the March Board Meeting. The Board was also asked to send any training topic requests to Ms. Maleckar. The Board was in agreement that they appreciate both the online training options and the in-person options i.e. from an outside source.

### **F. Old Business**

There was no Old Business.

### **G. New Business**

#### **1. Excess Property Resolution #06-24 (ACTION)**

A Motion was made by Ms. Thomas Fain, seconded by Mr. Gryskiewicz, to approve Resolution #06-24 to declare the requested items as Excess Property and usable by the MCBDD. The Motion was approved with a unanimous “yes” vote.

#### **2. Appropriation Transfer Resolution #07-24 (ACTION)**

A Motion was made by Mr. Carroll, seconded by Ms. Thomas Fain, to approve Resolution #07-24 to authorize the Medina County Auditor to make the following appropriation transfers (\$5,000.00) from School Age Salary to School Age Salary Subs:

From:	To:	Amount:
33001013-50030 School Age Salary	33001013-50032 School Age Salary Subs	\$5,000.00

Mr. Hartman asked why this is needed so early in the year. Ms. Davis responded that this is in preparation for leaves of absence in the future. The Motion was approved with a unanimous “yes” vote.

#### **3. Procurement Card Use Resolution #08-24 (ACTION)**

A Motion was made by Ms. Thomas Fain, seconded by Mr. Hartman, to approve Resolution #08-24 to request authorization from the Medina County Commissioners for use of the following new procurement cards and cancellation of use:

Procurement Card	Name on Card	Number of Cards	Fund #	Fund Name
Home Depot	Medina Co Bd of MRDD Res Svs	2	3300	General Fund
	Diane Gearing		3315	Donated Fund
	Angela Keys		2855	Capital Fund
			2856	Sales Tax Fund

Home Depot

Medina Co Bd of MRDD Res Svs  
Phyllis Sveda

Cancel due to retirement

The Motion was approved with a unanimous “yes” vote.

#### **4. Revised Annual School Services Resolution #35-23 (ACTION)**

A Motion was made by Ms. Salek, seconded by Mr. Carroll, to approve Revised Resolution #35-23 regarding the provision of school services; specifically, that the MCBDD will no longer provide specialized preschool services beginning with the 2024-2025 school year. Ms. Thomas Fain asked why this decision was made. Ms. Maleckar stated that we have seen a significant decrease in the need for preschool placements and a significant increase in the need for school age placements. There are only two preschoolers identified for the 2024-2025 school year; however, in the last few weeks, there were six requests for school age placement. In addition, over the last few years, the school districts have increased their ability to provide preschool services. Mr. Carroll asked how many of the districts use Head Start as their preschool. Ms. Bajorek stated that we do not have that information; however, she will look into it and get back with the Board. Mr. Carroll stated he has concerns about the needs of kids being met and the satisfaction of stakeholders. He would like to see a mechanism for feedback from the stakeholders. Mr. Carroll also stated that we put in our policy our commitment to continue providing school services because not all of the LEAs were able to provide those services. He also noted the difficulty the parents face in regard to finding out their child has a developmental disability and locating specialized services. He wants to make sure we have SSAs who are working with the 3-5 age group of kids, as well as their parents. Ms. Maleckar stated that there are eligibility benchmarks in place for this. Mr. Olah recapped that what Mr. Carroll is asking for is how the structure is going to unfold and for a mechanism for stakeholder feedback. Mr. Hartman stated he is disappointed in the fact that we are making philosophy changes in 48 hours; that we are giving the preschool up this week when it doesn't go into effect until fall. He feels this is last minute and the Board should have known about it two months ago. Mr. Hartman also expressed concern about the parents. Ms. Finnerty stated that we are continuing to provide EI and school age services; the only change is in the 3-5 age group. Ms. Maleckar apologized for not bringing to the Board sooner, but stated that there is a lot in place in regard to the eligibility benchmarks and just before a child turns three, we meet with the school district regarding what the needs and options are. Ms. Dreaden stated her experience with the MCBDD in regard to her daughter from EI on was wonderful. Mr. Carroll asked if there is an open-door policy for preschools like there is for school districts. Ms. Maleckar was not able to answer this question. Mr. Carroll will write up a list of questions/concerns regarding preschool and submit to Ms. Maleckar. After much discussion, Mr. Olah proposed regular reporting regarding this. Ms. Maleckar stated we can report quarterly on this data. The number of eligible children ages 3-5 will be provided to the Board at the March Board Meeting. The Motion was approved with a unanimous “yes” vote.

#### **5. 2025 MCBDD Agency Calendar & 2024-2025 Windfall School Calendar (ACTION)**

A Motion was made by Ms. Thomas Fain, seconded by Mr. Gryskiewicz, to approve the 2025 MCBDD Agency Calendar & 2024-2025 Windfall School Calendar as presented. Mr. Hartman asked what is accomplished at In-Service Day. Ms. Maleckar stated it is a day that we can

provide CEU training for those who need to maintain certification and/or licensure, as well as all agency training. The Motion was approved with a unanimous “yes” vote.

## **H. Reports Review**

- Superintendent’s Report
    - Ms. Maleckar reviewed the Superintendent’s Report and addressed questions from the Board.
    - Additional topics discussed included:
      - The universal changing table is now ready in the newest MCBDD bathroom renovation. We are now on the map.
      - We are getting info out about the solar eclipse and safe viewing.
  - Financial Reports – Ms. Bates reviewed the following:
    - Revenue
      - \$7,478.08 – 4<sup>th</sup> QCY23 Sales Tax.
      - No donations received.
      - Ms. Bates reviewed the process for donation allocation.
    - Expenses
      - Two months of dental expenses (Jan/Feb).
      - Emergency housing & emergency respite.
      - \$92,132.32 – 2<sup>nd</sup> Q24 State Admin Fee.
      - Liability insurance and auto – 3% increase from last year.
      - \$20,000.00 – Inclusive playground (2023 expense).
      - DSP-U Internship Grant/workforce training/referral (2023 expense).
      - \$4,000.00 – DSP curriculum.
      - Annual memberships: OACB, Chambers, etc.
      - \$1,437,812.00 – 3<sup>rd</sup> QFY24 Medicaid Match – five individuals in a DC.
      - \$346K – PY23 expenses paid in January, 2024.
    - Cash Balance
      - \$35M in Cash Balance.
      - Reserve amounts updated to 2024 budget. General reserve to be revised once full budget opens.
    - Cash Flow
      - \$2.6M used of fund balance.
  - Voucher Report
    - Board Member questions were addressed.
- A Motion was made by Ms. Salek, seconded by Ms. Thomas Fain, to approve Resolution #09-24 to approve the Financial Reports for January, 2024. The Motion was approved with a unanimous “yes” vote.
- Ms. Maleckar stated that we received the official three-year CARF Accreditation and thanked all who worked so hard during the survey. Three small recommendations were received.
  - Enrollee Stats
    - The Board was given a Revised Enrollee Stat document.
  - Personnel Control Report

- Ms. Maleckar reviewed.

**III. Open Forum**

There were no speakers.

**IV. Executive Session**

No Executive Session was held.

**V. Adjournment**

A Motion was made by Ms. Thomas Fain, seconded by Mr. Hartman, to adjourn the meeting at 6:11 p.m. The Motion was approved with a unanimous “yes” vote.

**FOR APPROVAL**

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Board Chair  
Medina County Board of DD

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Board Secretary  
Medina County Board of DD

# Presentation

# 2023 Action Plan Year-End Summary



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# 2022-2024 Strategic Plan Recap



## Provider Support

### FOCUS AREA 1

Foster collaborative environments which promote understanding and trust to empower providers in service provision.

## Initiatives

1. Address the Direct Support Professional (DSP) workforce crisis.
2. Create a collaborative provider network.
3. Coordinate opportunities that promote a culture of excellence.
4. Address service gaps and increase provider capacity.

## Transitions

Enhance connections and resources for individuals and families to navigate through life transitions.

### FOCUS AREA 2



1. Address the gaps between eligibility benchmarks.
2. Address the school to adult transition to promote independence and self-advocacy.
3. Assist families with future planning.



### FOCUS AREA 3

## Community Membership

Promote a county-wide culture that gives individuals the opportunity to be active members in the community.

1. Address the need for reliable and flexible transportation options.
2. Increase housing options.
3. Increase integrated employment opportunities.
4. Promote an inclusive culture within the community while promoting self-advocacy.

# FOCUS AREA 1

**PROVIDER SUPPORT** - Foster collaborative environments which promote understanding and trust to empower providers in service provision.

## 1. DSP WORKFORCE CRISIS

**Collaborate with at least two school districts on Direct Support Professional (DSP) Career Path Curriculum.**

DSP-U has been implemented as a partnership with the Medina County Career Center. Black River High School has been approached and is interested in implementing DSP-U in the 2024/2025 school year.

**Develop one new retention support opportunity for providers.**

After gathering feedback and information from local providers and other county boards, a new DSP Recruitment and Retention Program has been developed and will be implemented in 2024. Areas of support include free trainings such as CPR and First Aid, new employee training reimbursement, screening of applicants, career fairs and marketing materials. Six provider agencies have chosen to participate in the program.

**Evaluate and make recommendations for Employee Support Network (ESN) Success Coach Program.**

After analyzing the ESN Success Coach Program for effectiveness and value, the decision was made to restructure the program into the DSP Recruitment and Retention Program. This will allow Success Coaches to be located within provider agencies instead of an outside third party.

## 2. COLLABORATIVE PROVIDER NETWORK

**Develop a recruitment advisory group as a follow up to the DSP Magnet Academy.**

The recruitment advisory group was developed. Out of recommendations from this group, strategies will be utilized in the new DSP Recruitment and Retention program.

**Continue Service and Support Administration (SSA) and Provider Mingles with specific agenda topics to build collaboration.**

The SSA and Provider Mingles were held quarterly at various locations including local provider sites. Various topics were presented including: Free Choice of Provider, Billing Authorizations, Positive Behavior Supports and Community Integration. The attendance included a total of 164 SSAs and providers. They will continue in 2024.

**Create and maintain effective relationships by SSAs sending an average of 120 postcards per month to providers.**

SSAs continued to send postcards throughout the year to acknowledge and thank the DSPs; though they did find they were repeating information. SSAs did receive feedback that providers have appreciated receiving the cards and the process will continue.

## 3. CULTURE OF EXCELLENCE

**Develop at least two provider agency front-line supervisor trainings.**

Four topic areas have been identified for front line supervisory training. Trainings will be implemented in 2024. They will include:

- Professionalism and Self-Development for Supervisors
- Enhancing Personal and Professional Relationships on the Team
- Elements of Effective Team Communication
- Skills Required to Guide, Manage and Monitor a Team

**Expand DSP appreciation efforts by at least one new opportunity.**

Three DSP appreciation events were completed in 2023. They included an event at the Cleveland Zoo, cards and cookies sent to all DSPs in the county and gift baskets provided to agencies to raffle off for DSP Appreciation Month. The DSP monthly spotlight continued in 2023 as well.

**Implement at least three staff trainings/activities that focus on the culture statement and customer services.**

Multiple staff trainings/activities have been implemented. They include the following: Staff Summer Kick-Off with team building activities; DEI training during October in-service day; Management DISC/communication training Management Emotional Intelligence training. The SSA Department had various trainings with emphasis on communication.

**Update Provider Website.**

The updated provider website was completed by the end of December 2023. The site contains an updated look, navigation and information about current provider support programs, training, and certification. Additional information will be added in 2024.

## 4. PROVIDER CAPACITY

**Develop an incentive opportunity for providers to increase the use of remote support monitoring.**

It was determined that a financial incentive to providers would not have been effective to increase remote support use. The primary barrier is the comfort level of use for individuals and families. A promotional campaign with general information and introduction of remote support was conducted in Fall 2023.

**Increase referrals and active providers for career planning services.**

A total of eight providers have been trained in Discovery and other career planning services. Increased total number of referrals for career planning from one to nine referrals.

**Implement a collaborative process with behavioral health providers to serve individuals with challenging behaviors.**

Due to receiving the "Keeping Families Together (KFT)" grant, which focused on supporting individuals with challenging behaviors, a trained behavior team will work alongside a direct support professional to assist in stabilizing an individual in their home.



# FOCUS AREA 2

**TRANSITIONS** - Enhance connections and resources for individuals and families to navigate through life transitions.

## 1. GAPS BETWEEN ELIGIBILITY BENCHMARKS

**Create a process to determine needed resources for children transitioning from Early Intervention (EI) to County Board eligibility.**

Process completed for Early Intervention Services transition including a new road map being created. SSA and EI staff were trained on how to discuss the road map.

**Update MCBDD service information materials to be given to families at eligibility benchmark transitions**

Eligibility resources are up to date on the website. Videos to assist families with the expectation of transitioning will be developed in 2024.

**Develop and implement a process to ensure families receive MCBDD information and materials at eligibility benchmark transitions.**

A process was developed including a letter that is sent to families shortly before the child's 3rd birthday. The MCBDD staff then discuss at a family meeting, the letter and provide a flier that discusses the eligibility process for children age 3-5.

## 2. SCHOOL TO ADULT TRANSITION

**Continue evaluation of the current transition process.**

Surveys were sent to school districts. The largest gap was for individuals with higher needs. A spreadsheet was developed to track students that are transitioning from school. The spreadsheet includes what services were obtained in the last year and will follow them and their services for 5 years. Met with other county board to research transition programs to determine what may work in Medina County before and after high school.

**Implement a collaborative process to support graduating students in preparation for transition to adult options.**

A tool was developed to identify needs to access multidisciplinary supports to aid in transition to adult programming. SSAs will use this tool in the process of transition.

**Present the new leadership curriculum opportunity to current transition students receiving advocacy training in at least two schools.**

Advocacy training was completed at the Medina County Career Center and Black River schools.

## 3. FUTURE PLANNING FOR FAMILIES

**Create Multidisciplinary Training and Resource Committee to analyze, evaluate, and recommend training opportunities which focus on transition, future planning, and annual training needs.**

The committee has been created and a vision and goal for the committee was developed. The committee will meet monthly to review all agency trainings and to make recommendations for changes and future trainings.

**Develop a QR code for input, feedback, and recommended trainings.**

The feedback form and QR code were created and implemented. Analytics will provide data related to QR code usage.



# FOCUS AREA 3

**COMMUNITY MEMBERSHIP** - Promote a county-wide culture that gives individuals the opportunity to be active members in the community.

## 1. TRANSPORTATION OPTIONS

Transition individuals who access Medina County Public Transit (MCPT) as a non-medical transportation provider by the end of 2023.

The transition of individuals has started and will be completed by February 2024.

**Develop a partnership with an area agency to propose a new transportation project in Medina County.**

There have been ongoing barriers to developing a partnership and no partnership has occurred. Transportation continues to be a need and challenging. Ideas will continue to be developed in 2024.

## 2. HOUSING OPTIONS

**Formalize a process for identifying capital housing needs and acquisitions.**

Guidelines have been created. SSA Manager will survey SSAs each year to gather data to determine housing needs. The Board will be presented with the data in the 2nd quarter of the year. This annual assessment will help plan future housing needs.

**Develop a one-page educational profile on the benefits of renting to people with intellectual and developmental disabilities.**

The one-page education flyer was created. It was shared with the Housing Network agencies so that they could provide it to landlords. It is also posted on the MCBDD website.

**Develop and implement an assessment for matching potential roommate selection.**

A roommate matching tool has been developed and implemented. It will assist individuals and SSAs when searching for housing options. The Ombudsman has received it as a resource also. Guidelines were created to support SSA usage.

## 3. INTEGRATED EMPLOYMENT OPPORTUNITIES

**Develop a training program for providers for community employment services.**

Training was developed and given to providers in the areas of job development, community-based assessments and OOD. Powerpoint presentations were also created for job training, career exploration and individual employment supports.

**Develop a process to monitor a person's progress on the path to employment.**

The process is the Employment Navigator will monitor and update Path to Employments for individuals in Brittco. They will contact the SSA for individuals on Path 2 and attend the annual meeting as needed.

**Participate in two events with the Medina County Employment Collaborative to engage the business community.**

The Medina County Employment Collaborative participated in two events as a part of National Disability Employment Awareness Month. One event was with the Regional Employment Collaborative and one was with Summit County DD.

## 4. INCLUSIVE CULTURE

**Partner with providers to develop a program to connect individuals to community recreational and volunteer activities.**

Information was gathered from providers and other county boards regarding inclusive community activities. No program with providers was developed at this time. The strategy will expand in 2024 to organizations outside of providers.

**Collaborate with the Early Childhood Resource Center to support child care providers to enroll and continue to support children with developmental disabilities.**

Project Open House created a pilot project with two center-based care providers and two home-based providers. Staff from each of the organizations spent the day at Windfall Preschool to learn about working with children with special needs.

**Identify three new community partners for Committed to Inclusion Project.**

Three community partners were identified and one promotional video was completed.

**Implement the Advocacy Leadership Program**

Four individuals participated in the inaugural class of the Advocacy Leadership Program in 2023. It was a great success. The program will be ongoing yearly.

#### 2023 Management Team

Stacey Maleckar, Superintendent

Annie Finnerty, Assistant Superintendent

Carey Bates, Director of Business

Sabrina Johnson, Director of Service and Support Administration

Diana Davis, Director of Human Resources

Ed Dryer, Director of Community Supports and Development

Celeste Bajorek, Director of Children's Services

Bobby Richards, Director of Facilities and Technology

Shannon Lees, Executive Administrator

Patti Hetkey, Community Relations Manager



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# medina county board of developmental disabilities - 2023 Annual Report -



## 2023

was a year filled with remarkable achievements, growth, and notable moments for people with developmental differences in Medina County. We saw our community embracing inclusion and welcoming people with developmental differences into their daily lives and activities. We applaud the commitment the residents of Medina County show in supporting those who need it most. Your efforts are vital to the success and well-being of the people and families we serve and have played an invaluable role towards full community inclusion. This commitment helps about 1500 of our neighbors with developmental differences connect to the resources to lift them into independence.

Together we are moving forward to creating nurturing environments and set a foundation for lifelong success for people with developmental disabilities. We are truly grateful for your support for our agency and those we serve. We look forward to continuing our mission for many years to come.



Stacey Maleckar  
Superintendent

## Critical Needs Increasing, We Continue To Serve

### Service Areas:

- Early Intervention
- Therapy
- Windfall School
- Transition
- Assistive Technology
- Advocacy
- Employment
- Case Management
- Funding
- Training
- Family Support
- Health and Safety

**1490** number of people served  
15% increase\*

**363** children ages 0-3 in Early Intervention Services  
45% increase\*

**795** children ages 3-22  
16% increase\*

**695** adults over age 22  
14% increase\*

\*December 2020

**137**  
staff members

9% decrease  
since December  
2020

## 2023 Notables

- Worked with Medina County Career Center for DSP-U Program to find and train quality caregivers.
- Created and graduated the first class of the Leadership Academy for people with developmental differences to learn leadership skills to use in the community.
- Worked with local housing landlords and resources to educate on the benefits of renting to people with disabilities.
- Worked with Project Open House to help local childcare centers understand and learn how to better serve and welcome toddlers with developmental disabilities into inclusive learning environments.
- Hosted the "DD Dialogues" elected officials roundtable to bring together community to talk about important issues in the DD field.
- Received a 5-Star Step Up to Quality Rating - highest rating - for Windfall Preschool.
- Received grant funding - no additional cost to local taxpayers - for capital improvements to increase accessibility in existing 35+ year old building.



MCBD  
Website

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## Provider System Support

*The MCBDD works with local service providers to meet the needs of people with developmental disabilities each and every day. The MCBDD knows that community inclusion and success of people with disabilities could not happen without their partnership.*

## 2023 State Performance Audit Results

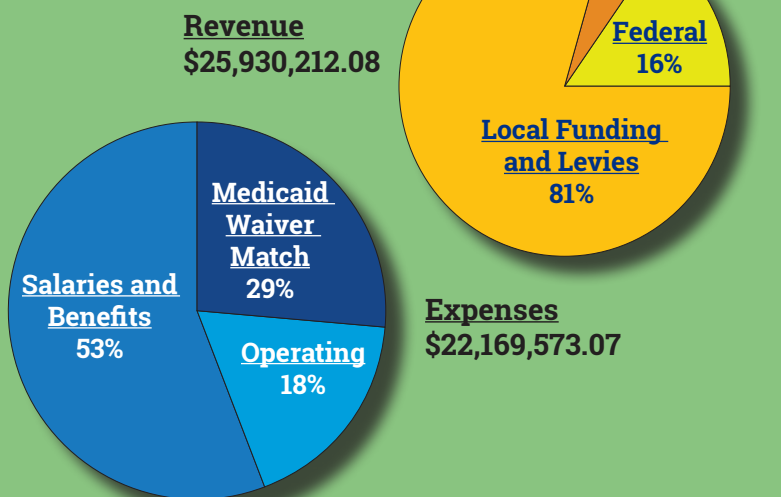
In 2023, the MCBDD received the results of an intensive nine-month performance audit by the State of Ohio Auditor's Office. The audit team reviewed several years of financial data, policies, procedures, best practices, reports and other documentation during the audit process. The results of the performance audit gave an additional outside third-party perspective and insight into the MCBDD's overall financial position while also evaluating the agency's financial processes in helping provide services to people with developmental disabilities.

### Highlights of the audit results revealed the MCBDD:

- Takes conservative approach to financial forecasting and practices.
- Projects future revenues and expenditures more accurately than peers and state averages.
- Maintains both cash balance and non-operational accounts in line with its peers and the Ohio average for county boards of DD.
- Has salaries within the ranges of peer salaries for staff positions.
- Has expenditures in line with peers per individuals served.

Full audit results can be found at [www.mcbdd.org](http://www.mcbdd.org)

## Fiscal 2023



## Medicaid Funding 628 people rely on Medicaid Waivers

**\$6.4 million**  
**MCBDD's Medicaid Waiver Match Costs**

44% increase since December 2020

When a person is given a "waiver" it is to access Medicaid funding sources to help pay for the services they need. MCBDD is mandated by the federal Medicaid program to be responsible for 40% of Medicaid Waiver costs. Once a person receives a waiver, it is considered a lifelong funding source (as long as need-based requirements continue to be met) and typically increases each year; this results in annual increased costs to MCBDD.

**MCBDD's 40% Waiver Match funding allowed local providers to receive Medicaid payments totaling \$27,334,049**

**324**

number of requests for through Provider Supports Programs

**147**

number of classes offered to train caregivers in medication administration classes

**2023 MCBDD Funding to Local Provider System Support \$826,460.61**

**228**

number of caregivers trained in CPR and first aid certification

**160**

number of background checks and assistance offered and completed free of charge for provider staff during hiring processes

**299**

number of providers we work with to provide needed services to people with disabilities and their families

**86 Agency Providers**  
**213 Independent Providers**

## Contributing at the State Level

County Boards in the state have voluntarily contributed additional funding to help providers address the ongoing Direct Support Professionals (DSP) workforce shortage. These funds are meant to help increase DSP wages to better attract and retain quality caregivers in the developmental disabilities field.

**MCBDD's 2023 Cost \$535,042.74**

The mission of the Medina County Board of Developmental Disabilities is to promote and empower individuals with developmental disabilities to live, learn, work and socialize in the community.

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# Follow Up

## **Follow-Up Information**

March 25, 2024

1. Compile results of Board Member Self Evaluation #12.
  - Ms. Maleckar will give verbal report at Board Meeting.
2. How many county districts use Head Start as their preschool.
  - Ms. Bajorek heard back from five out of seven districts; two of those districts responded that they have a couple of children in Head Start. They will send an Itinerant teacher to that Head Start if the child is already enrolled there, to support the child's IEP needs. Sometimes families prefer to have their child stay in Head Start, if already enrolled, for the daycare component.
3. Number of eligible children ages three to five.
  - As of 2/29/24, there were 100 eligible children ages three to five.

# New Business





**RESOLUTION #10-24**

**March 25, 2024**

**MEDINA COUNTY BOARD OF DEVELOPMENTAL DISABILITIES**

**EXCESS PROPERTY**

A motion was made by \_\_\_\_\_, and seconded by \_\_\_\_\_, to declare the attached items as excess property and unusable by the Medina County Board of Developmental Disabilities.

**Explanation:**

The MCBDD Maintenance and/or IT Departments have inspected and evaluated these items and determined that the items are unneeded. This property will be sold through auction or other means as specified in ORC 307.12, Disposition of Unneeded, Obsolete or Unfit Personal Property.

**THE MOTION WAS CARRIED AND ASSIGNED RESOLUTION #10-24.**

\_\_\_\_\_  
Board Chair  
Medina County Board of Developmental Disabilities

March 25, 2024

**Excess Property List**

<b>Asset Tag</b>	<b>Item Description</b>	<b>Note</b>	<b>Disposal Method</b>
S5560	Elo Touch Monitor	No longer useful to agency	Auction
S5494	Acer V173 Monitor	No longer useful to agency	Auction
S5434	Acer V193 Monitor	No longer useful to agency	Auction
W3263	Acer AL1716 LCD Monitor	No longer useful to agency	Auction
S5655	Lenovo L2021wA Monitor	No longer useful to agency	Auction
6539	Lenovo ThinkPad E575	No longer useful to agency	Auction
6547	Lenovo ThinkPad E575	No longer useful to agency	Auction
6548	Lenovo ThinkPad E575	No longer useful to agency	Auction
6542	Lenovo ThinkPad E575	No longer useful to agency	Auction

<b>Asset Tag</b>	<b>Item Description</b>	<b>Note</b>	<b>Disposal Method</b>
W2001	Folding Table	Broken-unsafe	Trash
A1052	Folding Table	Broken-unsafe	Trash
S5203	Vacuum	Not Functional	Trash
S5323	Vacuum	Not Functional	Trash
S5322	Vacuum	Not Functional	Trash
6256	Vacuum	Not Functional	Trash
W1122	Filing Cabinet	Broken-unsafe	Trash
A1064	Desk Credenza	Broken	Trash

# Monthly Reports

**SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT****March, 2024****SSA**

- Congratulations went out to Andrew Derga, SSA. Mr. Derga was offered the new SSA Manager's position with a tentative start date of April. We are excited to have him joining the SSA Management Team.
- On 2/22, Tom Speaks from The Impact Group facilitated the first session of the year, of a series of trainings for the SSA Department focusing on Communication Strategies.

**COMMUNITY ENGAGEMENT**

- March is Developmental Disabilities Awareness Month and was promoted countywide, with articles in local news and social media.
- Superintendent Stacey Maleckar was interviewed on Wadsworth Community Radio about the recently received ARPA Grant and the plans around those funds.
- The MCBDD held two DD Dialogue events; one for state elected officials on 3/4 and one for local elected officials on 3/20.
- The MCBDD awarded our first annual Stand Out Champion Awards to those in Medina County who are Advocates and allies for people with developmental disabilities.
- The MCBDD attended the St. Ambrose Health Fair on Sunday, 3/3, to promote Early Intervention and developmental milestones.
- The MCBDD Donor Scholarship application deadline is 3/29. All local school districts have been provided with information to pass along to their students. This year's scholarship amount is \$1,500.00.
- The 2023 Annual Community Report and 2023 Action Plan Summary have been completed for distribution.
- The entire Independent Provider portion of our website has been revamped to be more responsive to the needs of local independent providers.
- Information related to the MCBDD's plans for the solar eclipse have been shared as well as eclipse health and safety information.
- The Public Relations Department has been working with a Kent State fashion student to gather information related to producing a line of fashionable clothing for people with disabilities.
- The MCBDD celebrated World Down Syndrome Day on 3/21 through our Colorful Socks Day.

**EARLY INTERVENTION**

- EI referrals have been slightly higher over the last two months (38 and 36 respectively).
- EI has also seen an increase in infant referrals with severe illnesses, injuries, and developmental needs, as well as an increase in infants and toddlers receiving a formal autism diagnosis.

**SCHOOL AGE AND PRESCHOOL**

- Windfall School staff participated in "Stop the Bleed" training. Each classroom has a Stop the Bleed bucket with materials needed in the event of an injury that presents itself with significant bleeding.
- Michelle Heefner, Adapted Physical Education Teacher, is training Windfall School athletes to participate in the All Medina County Track and Field Day on 5/7.

- Windfall School students celebrated St. Patrick's Day with a St. Patrick's Day parade around the school on 3/15.

## **COMMUNITY SUPPORTS & DEVELOPMENT DEPARTMENT**

### **Community Partnerships**

- The MCBDD recently partnered with The Improvaneers to hold an eight-week program called Improv to Advocacy. The Improv to Advocacy program is designed to use improvisation to build social and self-advocacy skills in a fun, game-centered, and group environment. A total of eight individuals attended the program; very positive reviews were received!

### **Past Trainings and Presentations**

Date	Title of Training	Presenter	Target Audience
2/15/2024	STABLE Accounts <i>Attendance: 28</i>	Alaina Bowers, External Affairs Officer, Ohio Treasurer's Office	Individuals/Families/Other Stakeholders
2/21/2024	Independent Provider Meet & Greet <i>Attendance: 7</i>	MCBDD Staff	Independent Providers
2/22/2024	Transportation Options: Medina County Public Transit <i>Attendance: 28</i>	Shannon Rine, Director, Medina County Public Transit	Individuals/Families/Other Stakeholders
3/13/2024	Frontline Supervisor Training: Professionalism & Self-Development for Supervisors <i>Attendance: 12</i>	Crystal Brodzinski, Community Projects Supervisor, MCBDD	Agency frontline supervisors/DSPs
3/21/2024	MUI Stakeholders Meeting/MUI Training	Nik Pokrzywa, Investigative Agent, MCBDD	Individuals/Families/Other Stakeholders Providers

### **Upcoming Trainings and Presentations**

Date	Title of Training	Presenter	Target Audience
3/27/2024	SSA/Provider Mingle: Self-Advocacy	Molly Usner & Courtney Jordan, MCBDD	Providers SSAs
4/4/2024	Job Coaching	Jason Dresden, Employment Navigator, MCBDD	Providers

### **Advocacy**

#### **Monthly Meeting**

- The meeting was held on 2/27; though it was a scheduling conflict for some of the Advocates, 19 individuals attended the morning meeting, and two attended the evening meeting.
- Discussion topics included the following:
  - Opportunities being offered at various library locations;
  - Who attended the Medina Ice Festival, and what their favorite sculpture was;
  - A news article regarding a Virginian music teacher who won a Grammy for her inclusive orchestra;

- Starbucks redesigning their shops to be more inclusive and adaptive for customers and employees, through their Inclusive Spaces Framework;
- Items seen at the grocery store that may seem unnecessary and not worth the markup (ex: pre-diced veggies) but to someone who's suffered a stroke, it makes a huge difference in their lives; and
- Those in attendance who livestreamed a party for DD Awareness, and Advocacy Day, from the Statehouse on 3/12.
- Our next meeting will be held via Zoom on 3/26 from 10:30 a.m. - 11:15 a.m. and 5:30 p.m. - 6:15 p.m.

#### Curriculum Training at Medina County Career Center (MCCC)

- The Advocacy Curriculum Training continues at the MCCC supporting transition students as they strengthen their skills in advocacy, communication, listening, problem solving, and more.
- We also covered listening, problem solving, compromise, and rights and responsibilities that come with them, disclosing your disability, and personal space.
- Due to teacher absences and Spring Break, Ms. Wendt's already fast paced class will delay the early completion of the course and wait to graduate on 4/2.

#### People Together Program

- On 2/16, two Advocates, along with Molly Usner, Community Resource Coordinator (CRC), spoke at Buckeye Elementary to educate the students on their disabilities while highlighting their achievements with a kindness and acceptance message. They showed the students that even though they may have differences, they are just like them with commonalities. There were 42 students and three staff present.
- On 3/1, Ms. Usner and three Advocates spoke at Buckeye Elementary to 43 students and three staff. Also in attendance was one Advocate's sister and their two nieces. Another Advocate's provider observed the program for the first time. The Advocates did a wonderful job of relating to the students and showcasing their accomplishments, such as Logan's medals from Special Olympics Swimming competition the previous weekend at Bowling Green State University. The students asked great questions i.e. could Ashley still cry even though she doesn't have real eyes. The Advocates are scheduled to speak on 5/10 at Hinckley Elementary and lastly at Buckeye Elementary. While at Buckeye Elementary we had a potential new Advocate observing the presentation to make sure they are fully comfortable with the program and would like to join.
- Also, we are actively working on recruiting more Advocates to take part in the People Together program.

#### Leadership Academy

- Applications for our next Leadership Academy are being accepted and we already have received interest. The extension deadline for applications ended on 3/15. Classes will begin on 4/16, from 9:30 a.m. - 11:30 a.m. on the third Tuesday of the month for a six-month period. We are looking forward to this next class and assisting them in achieving their goals.

Provider Support**DSP Spotlight**

**Jessica Burkey** was recognized for the March DSP Spotlight. Jessica has worked as a DSP for 10 years, and currently is working for Nurturing Hands and Hearts. Jessica was nominated by her Supervisor Sandra Arline, who praised Jessica for having a heart of gold and a true gift when it comes to serving individuals with developmental differences.

When asked about her favorite part about being a DSP, Jessica replied *“My favorite thing about being a DSP is bringing joy to the individuals lives and being able to make them smile even if they are having a rough day”* Congratulations Jessica!!!

**OPERATIONS**Aktion Club

- Medina Aktion Club continues to meet on Mondays at 1:00 p.m. by Zoom and in-person with The Link - Medina and Midwest. On behalf of Aktion Club, The Link - Medina delivered treat bags to an assisted living home in Medina for Valentine’s Day. Aktion Club is gearing up to support all the spring fundraises for the Medina Special Olympic Boosters.

**SPECIAL OLYMPICS OHIO MEDINA COUNTY BOARD OF DD****Totals: 168 Athletes; 25 Unified Partners**

116 Bowling Athletes; 25 Unified Partners

32 Basketball Athletes

20 Swim Athletes

Bowling

- Nationals Bowling consisted of four Athletes and four Unified Partners; it took place in Las Vegas. One doubles team brought home the BRONZE medal; a four-person unified team and the other doubles team brought home Fourth and Fifth Place finishes. The last day of Bowling is scheduled on 4/29 and the Spring Banquet is TBD.

Basketball

- Three Basketball Skills Athletes competed at the Indoor State Winter Games held at Bowling Green State University and brought home two GOLD and one SILVER medal. These three Athletes are NEW to the S.O. Medina Program and did an outstanding job!

Swim

- Eight Swim Athletes competed at the Indoor State Winter Games at Bowling Green State University (originally had a quota of nine Athletes, but one became ill and couldn’t compete). Medina Athletes brought home five GOLD, four SILVER, two BRONZE, three Fourth Place and one Fifth Place finish to end the season. The Swim Banquet was held on 2/29.

**ADDITIONAL INFORMATION:**

- Wadsworth YMCA Pickleball continues on Tuesday evenings from 6:30 p.m. - 7:30 p.m. weekly; 14 Athletes continue to participate (two non-athletes, support people). TOTAL: 16 enrolled.

- S.O. Ohio has collaborated with local YMCAs to offer free membership to the current S.O. Athletes in the state. S.O. Medina currently has 22 Athletes signed up for the free membership.
- S.O. Medina County is collaborating with MCCC with regard to communications for local high school-age students with disabilities encouraging them to get involved with S.O. Medina County sports and events. We are also collaborating on the S.O. Ohio Unified Champion Schools initiative; partnering on future S.O. Unified Champion Schools events being held and organized at MCCC. A Cornhole/Pickleball event is currently scheduled on 4/23 through S.O. Ohio Unified Champion Schools at MCCC and S.O. Medina will have a table at the event.
- The Cleveland Polar Plunge was held on 2/24; S.O. Medina Coaches and Athletes participated in the event.
- S.O. Medina is collaborating with S.O. Ohio to support the development of a fitness program, Fitness Assessment Health Initiative, for Athletes ages 8 - 21. This event took place on 3/6 in the Windfall School gym.
- The Knights of Columbus Free Throw Competition is scheduled on 3/24 at Windfall School gym.
- Spring sports sign-ups have begun. Spring sports will begin in March/April 2024 and include Volleyball, Tennis, Powerlifting, Track and Field, and Bocce.
- The Raymond Biegel Memorial Volleyball/Cornhole Tournament is scheduled on 5/11.
- Fiona's Car Show is scheduled at MCBDD on 6/8 with rain date of 6/15.
- Track and Field Day is scheduled on 5/7 at Cloverleaf High School.
- The Medina County Sports Hall of Fame is scheduled on 6/14.
- The Medina Invitational is scheduled for the weekend of 5/31-6/2.
- Regional Track and Field is scheduled on 4/28 at Bedford High School.
- Regional Bocce is scheduled on 5/11 at Woodridge High School.
- Regional Powerlifting, Volleyball, and Tennis will be held at the Medina Invitational on 6/1 and 6/2.
- State Summer Games are scheduled on the weekend of 6/28-30.



**MEDINA COUNTY BOARD OF DEVELOPMENTAL DISABILITIES**  
**MONTHLY STATEMENT OF RECEIPTS**  
**ALL FUNDS**  
**2/29/2024**

					VARIANCE ANALYSIS				% OF BUDGET RECEIVED
ACCT	TITLE	BUDGETED RECEIPTS	JAN	FEB	YTD RECEIPTS CURRENT YEAR	YTD RECEIPTS PRIOR YEAR	INCREASE (DECREASE)	% INCR. (DECR.)	
									16.67%
2856-40008	SALES TAX REVENUE	27,000	7,478	-	7,478	6,542	936	14.31	27.70
3300-40001	REAL ESTATE TAX (3)	17,745,841	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
3300-40009	ST PYMT IN LIEU OF TAXES	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
3300-40011	ROLLBACK/HOMESTEAD TAX (2)	2,100,475	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
3300-40250	FEES	3,300	300	300	600	1,150	(550)	(47.83)	18.18
3300-40420	GENERAL REIMBURSEMENTS	1,062,100	92,945	179,496	272,441	173,126	99,315	57.37	25.65
3300-40435	MEDICAID SETTLEMENT (7)	1,297,000	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
3300-40438	TARGETED CASE MGT (5)	1,160,239	84,189	61,760	145,949	154,655	(8,706)	(5.63)	12.58
3300-40439	WAIVER INCOME (5)	7,000	2,087	1,556	3,642	-	3,642	-	52.04
3300-40440	MAC	598,000	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
3300-40599	OTHER REVENUE	12,000	620	7,533	8,153	6,348	1,805	28.44	67.94
3300-40601	GRANTS - FEDERAL (4)	128,700	3,244	10,496	13,740	2,332	11,408	489.22	10.68
2855/3300-40602	GRANTS - STATE (4)	313,500	834	-	834	1,262	(428)	(33.91)	0.27
3300-40606	OOD	20,000	7,144	1,846	8,991	22,690	(13,699)	(60.38)	44.95
3300-40612	DEPT OF ED SUBSIDY	560,000	53,126	53,377	106,502	118,608	(12,105)	(10.21)	19.02
3300-40710	RENT	116,000	9,262	9,262	18,524	18,584	(60)	(0.32)	15.97
3315/3300-40712	REFUNDS	3,500	-	-	-	503	(503)	(100.00)	-
3300-40799	OTHER NON-REVENUE (9)	-	-	-	-	70	(70)	(100.00)	-
3315-40072	DONATIONS (6)	5,000	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
3315-40503	INTEREST	4,500	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
	<b>GRAND TOTALS</b>	<b>25,164,155</b>	<b>261,230</b>	<b>325,624</b>	<b>586,854</b>	<b>505,869</b>	<b>80,984</b>	<b>16.01</b>	<b>2.33</b>
check:			261,229.62	325,624.24	586,853.86	505,869.39			
2855-40450	TRANSFERS (8)	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	
					586,853.86	505,869.39	80,984.47		

## Footnotes:

1. This report combines all funds for MCBDD (General, Capital, Capital Sales Tax and Donated).
2. Rollback/ Homestead is the portion of Real Estate Taxes that are paid by the State twice a year.
3. Real Estate taxes are received twice a year typically in April and August or September.
4. Grants - Federal (Title XX, National School Lunch, Title VI), Grants - State (RAP, Capital Assistance Grants (Housing), Other State Grants)
5. Medicaid payments (Waiver & Targeted Case Management) - 2024 waiver revenue is Transit NMT waiver billing (which must end 2/28/24).
6. Donations received (3315-40072):
7. Medicaid Settlement - cost report and waiver match reconciliations. For CY24, we expect FY22 waiver match reconciliation and CY21 cost report settlement (budgeted for
8. Cash transfer from general fund to capital improvement fund - no cash transfers expected in CY24.
9. Other Non-revenue - insurance premiums PT staff (moved to 40420 general reimbursements in 2023)

**MEDINA COUNTY BOARD OF DEVELOPMENTAL DISABILITIES  
MONTHLY EXPENDITURE STATEMENT  
ALL FUNDS  
FEBRUARY 2024**

							YTD VARIANCE ANALYSIS					
ACCT	TITLE	INITIAL BUDGET	BUDGET CHANGES	ADJUSTED BUDGET	JAN	FEB	YTD BUDGET	YTD EXPENDED	YTD PRIOR YEAR	INCREASE (DECREASE)	UNSPENT BALANCE 2023	% SPENT
												16.67%
VARIOUS	SALARIES (5)	8,616,283	-	8,616,283	635,626	630,360	1,325,582	1,265,986	1,225,372	40,614	7,350,297	14.69
3300-50060	WORKERS COMP	86,085	-	86,085	6,356	6,304	13,244	12,660	12,206	454	73,425	14.71
3300-50070	UNEMPLOYMENT	68,862	-	68,862	-	-	10,594	-	1,532	(1,532)	68,862	-
3300-50080	PERS	986,805	-	986,805	72,848	72,859	151,816	145,707	141,036	4,671	841,098	14.77
3300-50081	MEDICARE	124,827	-	124,827	8,679	8,599	19,204	17,278	16,701	577	107,549	13.84
3300-50082	STRS	218,424	-	218,424	15,813	16,478	33,604	32,291	29,744	2,547	186,133	14.78
3300-50090	HOSPITALIZATION	2,552,437	-	2,552,437	184,657	188,252	392,683	372,909	348,347	24,562	2,179,528	14.61
3300-50091	DENTAL INSURANCE	135,413	-	135,413	19,578	-	22,569	19,578	20,398	(820)	115,835	14.46
3300/3315-50100	SUPPLIES	178,815	-	178,815	2,647	7,007	29,803	9,654	18,584	(8,930)	169,161	5.40
3300-50200	MATERIALS	17,350	-	17,350	204	402	2,892	605	1,609	(1,004)	16,745	3.49
3300-50230	REPAIRS	51,300	-	51,300	2,104	1,166	8,550	3,270	4,025	(755)	48,030	6.37
3300-50250	EMERGENCY RELIEF	25,000	-	25,000	2,308	-	4,167	2,308	-	2,308	22,692	9.23
3300-50450	FEES	390,150	-	390,150	92,132	1,066	65,025	93,198	82,959	10,239	296,952	23.89
3300-50515	PROPERTY & LIABILITY INS	61,300	-	61,300	24,216	-	10,217	24,216	-	24,216	37,084	39.50
3300-50536	VEHICLE INSURANCE	9,000	-	9,000	9,000	-	1,500	9,000	-	9,000	-	100.00
3300-50540	ADVERTISING	41,600	-	41,600	862	10,413	6,933	11,275	12,418	(1,143)	30,325	27.10
3300/3315-50541	PRINTING	7,050	-	7,050	118	-	1,175	118	-	118	6,932	1.67
3300/3315-50560	TRAVEL	123,750	-	123,750	14,818	3,352	20,625	18,170	15,569	2,602	105,580	14.68
3300/3315-50580	CONTRACT SERVICES	2,425,747	-	2,425,747	153,866	374,570	404,291	528,435	456,601	71,834	1,897,312	21.78
3300-50590	SPECIAL PROJECTS	444,000	-	444,000	27,089	4,030	74,000	31,120	19,745	11,375	412,880	7.01
3300-50600	GASOLINE	4,500	-	4,500	237	122	750	360	282	78	4,140	7.99
3300/3315-50610	OTHER EXPENSE (3)	81,005	-	81,005	49,677	9,101	13,501	58,778	59,633	(855)	22,227	72.56
VARIOUS	UTILITIES	265,150	-	265,150	21,540	9,648	44,192	31,187	43,744	(12,557)	233,963	11.76
3300/3315-50711	RENTALS	7,000	-	7,000	229	303	1,167	533	175	358	6,467	7.61
3300/3315-50780	EQUIPMENT	92,950	-	92,950	5,958	4,045	15,492	10,003	40,725	(30,722)	82,947	10.76
2855-50580	CONTRACT SERVICES (CI)	25,000	-	25,000	500	3,200	4,167	3,700	-	3,700	21,300	14.80
2855-50590/50780	CAPITAL PROJECTS/EQUIP (CI)	593,000	-	593,000	122,359	167,193	98,833	289,552	271,366	18,186	303,448	48.83
2856-50590	CAPITAL PROJECTS (SALES TAX)	27,000	-	27,000	-	-	4,500	-	-	-	27,000	-
SUBTOTAL - EXPENDITURES		17,659,803	-	17,659,803	1,473,420	1,518,470	2,781,073	2,991,890	2,822,772	169,118	14,667,913	16.94
3300-50623	MEDICAID LOCAL MATCH (2)	8,418,000	-	8,418,000	1,475,795	37,983	1,403,000	1,513,778	1,201,906	311,871	6,904,223	17.98
GRAND TOTALS		26,077,803	-	26,077,803	2,949,215	1,556,453	4,184,073	4,505,668	4,024,678	480,989	21,572,136	17.28
PRIOR YEAR CARRYOVER (4)					346,322	186,305		532,627	573,933	(41,306)		
check:		26,077,803	0	26,077,803	2,949,214.60	1,556,452.90	4,184,073	4,505,667.50	4,024,678.27		21,572,136	
3300-50960	TRANSFERS (6)	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
3300-50981	RESERVE GENERAL (7)	8,685,895	(141,615)	8,544,280	-	-	8,544,280	-	8,665,888	(121,608)	8,544,280	-
2855-50981	RESERVE CAPITAL (7)	2,183,357	-	2,183,357	-	-	2,183,357	-	2,801,357	(618,000)	2,183,357	-
TOTAL RESERVE AMOUNTS:		10,869,252	(141,615)	10,727,637	-	-	10,727,637	-	11,467,245	(739,608)	10,727,637	-

36,947,055

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**FOOTNOTES:**

1. This report combines all funds for MCBDD (General, Capital, Sales Tax and Donated); Initial Budget is the initial approved 2024 Budget. Budget changes are for appropriation transfers, increases or decreases that occur after the initial budget is approved. Adjusted budget is current budget net of budget changes.
2. Local Match includes quarterly payments plus 5th invoice to DODD for Medicaid match, as well as match for those individuals living in a DC.
3. Other Expense includes one-time payments (e.g. professional memberships - OACBDD, OPRA, Chambers, etc.).
4. Prior Year Carry-over is 2023 expenses paid in 2024.
5. Salaries - three pay months (May and November 2023).
6. Transfers- This is not an expense but is needed to transfer money from the general fund to the capital improvement fund (none needed for 2024)
7. Reserve - Designated reserve accounts covered by ORC 5705.222 (C)

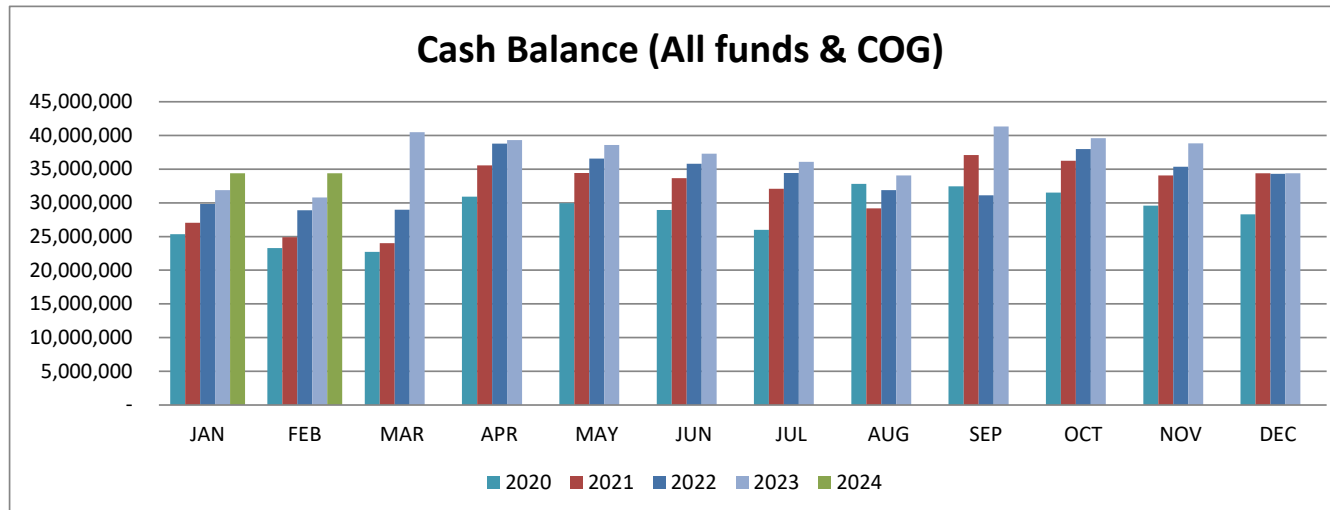
**MEDINA COUNTY BOARD OF DEVELOPMENTAL DISABILITIES**  
**CASH BALANCE FOR MONTH ENDING:**

February 29, 2024

			CURRENT YEAR	PRIOR YEAR	NET CHANGE
<b>FUND #</b>	<b>2855</b>	Capital Fund	2,648,380.04	2,800,497.10	(152,117.06)
	<b>2855</b>	Capital Fund Reserve	2,183,357.00	2,801,357.00	(618,000.00)
	<b>2856</b>	Capital Sales Tax Fund	15,499.69	18,258.19	(2,758.50)
	<b>3300</b>	General Fund	20,606,830.78	16,334,367.80	4,272,462.98
	<b>3300</b>	General Fund Reserve	8,544,280.00	8,665,888.00	(121,608.00)
	<b>3315</b>	Donated Fund	74,800.07	92,145.24	(17,345.17)
	<b>NA</b>	Residential Fund- Held by NEON	308,591.82	76,353.68	232,238.14
		<b>TOTALS</b>	<b>34,381,739.40</b>	<b>30,788,867.01</b>	<b>3,592,872.39</b>
		<b>RESERVE TOTAL</b>	<b>10,727,637.00</b>	<b>11,467,245.00</b>	<b>(739,608.00)</b>
		<b>TOTALS LESS RESERVES</b>	<b>23,654,102.40</b>	<b>19,321,622.01</b>	<b>4,332,480.39</b>

Note 1: Cash held by NEON is used to pay Supported Living and Family Support Services

Note 2: Reserve accounts in accordance with ORC 5705.222

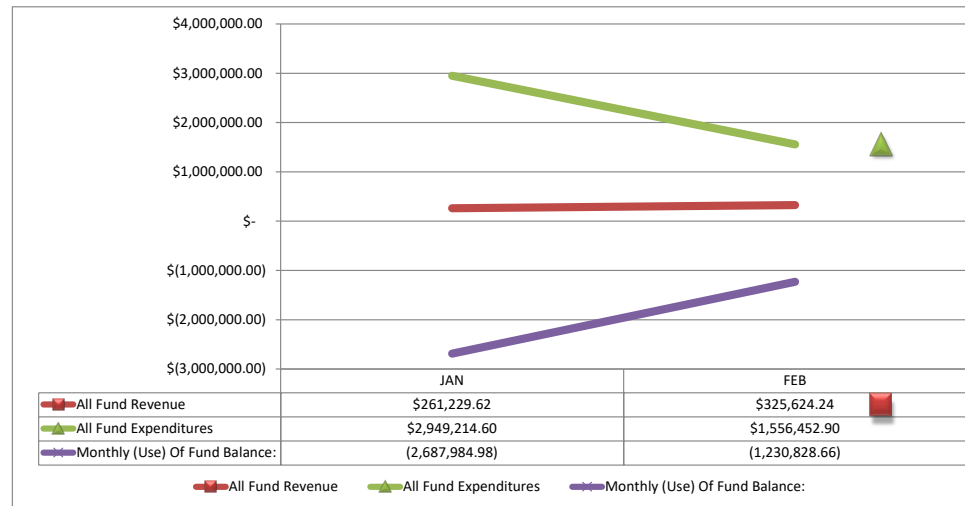


MEDINA COUNTY BOARD OF DEVELOPMENTAL DISABILITIES MONTHLY CASH FLOW 1/31/2024					
FUND	DESCRIPTION	BEGINNING BALANCE	JAN	FEB	YTD TOTAL
2855	Capital Improvements Revenue		\$ -	\$ -	\$ 5,124,989.14
2855	Capital Improvements Expenses		\$ 122,858.67	\$ 170,393.43	\$ 293,252.10
	<b>Total Cash Available:</b>	<b>\$ 5,124,989.14</b>	<b>\$ 5,002,130.47</b>	<b>\$ 4,831,737.04</b>	<b>\$ 4,831,737.04</b>
2856	Capital Sales Tax Revenue		\$ 7,478.08	\$ -	\$ 15,499.69
2856	Capital Sales Tax Expenses		\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
	<b>Total Cash Available:</b>	<b>\$ 8,021.61</b>	<b>\$ 15,499.69</b>	<b>\$ 15,499.69</b>	<b>\$ 15,499.69</b>
3300	General Fund Revenue		\$ 253,751.54	\$ 325,624.24	\$ 33,363,206.18
3300	General Fund Expenditures		\$ 2,826,355.93	\$ 1,385,739.47	\$ 4,212,095.40
	<b>Total Cash Available:</b>	<b>\$ 32,783,830.40</b>	<b>\$ 30,211,226.01</b>	<b>\$ 29,151,110.78</b>	<b>\$ 29,151,110.78</b>
3315	Donated Fund Revenue		\$ -	\$ -	\$ 75,120.07
3315	Donated Fund Expenditures		\$ -	\$ 320.00	\$ 320.00
	<b>Total Cash Available:</b>	<b>\$ 75,120.07</b>	<b>\$ 75,120.07</b>	<b>\$ 74,800.07</b>	<b>\$ 74,800.07</b>
ALL	All Fund Revenue		\$ 261,229.62	\$ 325,624.24	\$ 38,578,815.08
ALL	All Fund Expenditures		\$ 2,949,214.60	\$ 1,556,452.90	\$ 4,505,667.50
	<b>Total Cash Available:</b>	<b>\$ 37,991,961.22</b>	<b>\$ 35,303,976.24</b>	<b>\$ 34,073,147.58</b>	<b>\$ 34,073,147.58</b>
		check	35,303,976.24	34,073,147.58	34,073,147.58

Monthly (Use) Of Fund Balance: (2,687,984.98) (1,230,828.66) (3,918,813.64)

**FOOTNOTES:**

(1) Funds held at NEON are not included here since money available is already included as a transfer from Fund 3300, earmarked for Supported Living and Family Support Services (NEON balance 2/29/24: \$308,591.82)



Sum of AMOUNT	Fund			
Vendor	2855	3300	3315	Grand Total
<b>AIRGAS USA LLC</b>				
NU-OXYGEN TANK RENTAL FEES-01/01/24-01/31/24		\$ 28.83		\$ 28.83
<b>AIRGAS USA LLC Total</b>		<b>\$ 28.83</b>		<b>\$ 28.83</b>
<b>ALINKO, LLC</b>				
CS-WEBITE DESIGN		\$ 546.00		\$ 546.00
<b>ALINKO, LLC Total</b>		<b>\$ 546.00</b>		<b>\$ 546.00</b>
<b>AMAZON CAPITAL SERVI</b>				
A/ES/ASM/SSAS/M-CENTRAL SUPPLY INVENTORY		\$ 119.26		\$ 119.26
BO-SUPPLIES		\$ 15.90		\$ 15.90
M-SUPPLIES		\$ 89.99		\$ 89.99
NU-SUPPLIES		\$ 254.20		\$ 254.20
PS/SA-SUPPLIES		\$ 238.46		\$ 238.46
<b>AMAZON CAPITAL SERVI Total</b>		<b>\$ 717.81</b>		<b>\$ 717.81</b>
<b>AMERICAN RED CROSS H</b>				
CS-FIRST AID/CPR STAFF-01/14/24 & 01/22/24 (PW/DH)		\$ 228.00		\$ 228.00
CS-FIRST AID/CPR-01/26/24 (DH)		\$ 38.00		\$ 38.00
<b>AMERICAN RED CROSS H Total</b>		<b>\$ 266.00</b>		<b>\$ 266.00</b>
<b>ANN TUBBS HOUSING FO</b>				
CRC-RESIDENTIAL DAMAGES (RS)		\$ 1,370.40		\$ 1,370.40
<b>ANN TUBBS HOUSING FO Total</b>		<b>\$ 1,370.40</b>		<b>\$ 1,370.40</b>
<b>ARMSTRONG CABLE SERV</b>				
AT/M-INTERNET SERVICES-02/15/24-03/14/24		\$ 304.90		\$ 304.90
<b>ARMSTRONG CABLE SERV Total</b>		<b>\$ 304.90</b>		<b>\$ 304.90</b>
<b>ASIAN SERVICES IN AC</b>				
EI-INTERPRETER SERVICES-01/23/24 (GS)		\$ 114.66		\$ 114.66
EI-INTERPRETER SERVICES-01/25/24 (GS)		\$ 55.00		\$ 55.00
<b>ASIAN SERVICES IN AC Total</b>		<b>\$ 169.66</b>		<b>\$ 169.66</b>
<b>B &amp; H PHOTO</b>				
EI-SUPPLIES		\$ 49.42		\$ 49.42
<b>B &amp; H PHOTO Total</b>		<b>\$ 49.42</b>		<b>\$ 49.42</b>
<b>BERNARDI KIM</b>				
CS-MILEAGE REIMBURSEMENT		\$ 52.93		\$ 52.93
<b>BERNARDI KIM Total</b>		<b>\$ 52.93</b>		<b>\$ 52.93</b>
<b>BORDEN DAIRY</b>				
DS-SUPPLIES		\$ 127.05		\$ 127.05
<b>BORDEN DAIRY Total</b>		<b>\$ 127.05</b>		<b>\$ 127.05</b>
<b>BRITTCO LLC</b>				
IT-SOFTWARE MONTHLY SUBSCRIPTION-FEB 24		\$ 3,550.00		\$ 3,550.00
<b>BRITTCO LLC Total</b>		<b>\$ 3,550.00</b>		<b>\$ 3,550.00</b>
<b>BRODZENSKI CRYSTAL</b>				
CS-TRAVEL REIMBURSEMENT		\$ 14.74		\$ 14.74
<b>BRODZENSKI CRYSTAL Total</b>		<b>\$ 14.74</b>		<b>\$ 14.74</b>
<b>BUEHLERS FOOD MARKET</b>				
DF-CO-GIFT CARDS FOR 2024 MONTHLY DSP SPOTLIGHT			\$ 300.00	\$ 300.00
<b>BUEHLERS FOOD MARKET Total</b>			<b>\$ 300.00</b>	<b>\$ 300.00</b>
<b>CAPITAL CHOICE OFFIC</b>				
CI-SIX PERSON CUBICLE SYSTEM FOR SSA-FINAL PAYMENT	\$ 7,538.50			\$ 7,538.50
SSA/MS-EQUIPMENT (FURNITURE)		\$ 2,730.00		\$ 2,730.00
<b>CAPITAL CHOICE OFFIC Total</b>	<b>\$ 7,538.50</b>	<b>\$ 2,730.00</b>		<b>\$ 10,268.50</b>
<b>CARASOFT TECHNOLOGY</b>				
IT-DOCUSIGN RENEWAL		\$ 14,893.25		\$ 14,893.25
<b>CARASOFT TECHNOLOGY Total</b>		<b>\$ 14,893.25</b>		<b>\$ 14,893.25</b>
<b>CLEVELAND CLINIC FOU</b>				
T-DRIVER PHYSICAL-01/29/24 (PK)		\$ 75.00		\$ 75.00
<b>CLEVELAND CLINIC FOU Total</b>		<b>\$ 75.00</b>		<b>\$ 75.00</b>
<b>COLUMBIA GAS OF OHIO</b>				
M-GAS-01/01/24-01/16/24		\$ 655.81		\$ 655.81
M-GAS-12/14/23-12/31/23		\$ 655.81		\$ 655.81
<b>COLUMBIA GAS OF OHIO Total</b>		<b>\$ 1,311.62</b>		<b>\$ 1,311.62</b>

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Vendor	2855	3300	3315	Grand Total
<b>CONSTELLATION NEWENE</b>				
M-GAS-DEC 23		\$ 1,860.84		\$ 1,860.84
<b>CONSTELLATION NEWENE Total</b>		<b>\$ 1,860.84</b>		<b>\$ 1,860.84</b>
<b>CONSUMER SUPPORT SER</b>				
CRC-NMT-12/1/23-12/29/23 (MC/MD/MR/CW)		\$ 1,516.26		\$ 1,516.26
<b>CONSUMER SUPPORT SER Total</b>		<b>\$ 1,516.26</b>		<b>\$ 1,516.26</b>
<b>CRITZER KELLY</b>				
OT-MILEAGE REIMBURSEMENT		\$ 131.51		\$ 131.51
<b>CRITZER KELLY Total</b>		<b>\$ 131.51</b>		<b>\$ 131.51</b>
<b>CROSS CREEK APARTMEN</b>				
CRC-RENTAL ASSISTANCE-MAR 24 (LM)		\$ 512.00		\$ 512.00
<b>CROSS CREEK APARTMEN Total</b>		<b>\$ 512.00</b>		<b>\$ 512.00</b>
<b>CROWN COMMERCIAL CON</b>				
MR733 WORKSHOP RESTROOM RENOVATION	\$ 81,502.18			\$ 81,502.18
MR733 WORKSHOP RESTROOM RENOVATION-PAY APP #2	\$ 45,206.75			\$ 45,206.75
<b>CROWN COMMERCIAL CON Total</b>	<b>\$ 126,708.93</b>			<b>\$ 126,708.93</b>
<b>CYBERNETICS</b>				
CI-DRIVE REPLACEMENT SET	\$ 9,534.00			\$ 9,534.00
<b>CYBERNETICS Total</b>	<b>\$ 9,534.00</b>			<b>\$ 9,534.00</b>
<b>DERGA ANDREW</b>				
SSA-MILEAGE REIMBURSEMENT		\$ 50.92		\$ 50.92
<b>DERGA ANDREW Total</b>		<b>\$ 50.92</b>		<b>\$ 50.92</b>
<b>E.S. BEVERIDGE &amp; ASS</b>				
HR-COBRA ADMIN SERVICES-FEB 24		\$ 102.00		\$ 102.00
<b>E.S. BEVERIDGE &amp; ASS Total</b>		<b>\$ 102.00</b>		<b>\$ 102.00</b>
<b>EASTERSEALS CENTRAL</b>				
CRC-ADS- 01/03/24-01/31/24 (MES/LW)		\$ 787.50		\$ 787.50
CRC-NMT- 01/03/24-01/31/24 (MES)		\$ 268.00		\$ 268.00
<b>EASTERSEALS CENTRAL Total</b>		<b>\$ 1,055.50</b>		<b>\$ 1,055.50</b>
<b>ENHANCE ABILITY LLC</b>				
CS-DSP WORKFORCE SUPPORT/TRAINING REIMBURSEMENT		\$ 1,500.00		\$ 1,500.00
<b>ENHANCE ABILITY LLC Total</b>		<b>\$ 1,500.00</b>		<b>\$ 1,500.00</b>
<b>ENVELOPE CONSULTING</b>				
CI-MR733 (RESTROOM ALTERATIONS) ARCHITECT SERVICES	\$ 3,200.00			\$ 3,200.00
<b>ENVELOPE CONSULTING Total</b>	<b>\$ 3,200.00</b>			<b>\$ 3,200.00</b>
<b>ESC OF MEDINA COUNTY</b>				
NU-SUPERVISION/SUB. SVCS-2ND QTR FY24 (OCT-DEC 23)		\$ 5,581.26		\$ 5,581.26
<b>ESC OF MEDINA COUNTY Total</b>		<b>\$ 5,581.26</b>		<b>\$ 5,581.26</b>
<b>FAIRLAWNGIG</b>				
M-BUSINESS STATIC 13/BUSINESS BASIC-2/16-3/15/24		\$ 600.00		\$ 600.00
<b>FAIRLAWNGIG Total</b>		<b>\$ 600.00</b>		<b>\$ 600.00</b>
<b>FIRST COMMUNICATIONS</b>				
M-TELEPHONE-FEB 24		\$ 2,942.69		\$ 2,942.69
<b>FIRST COMMUNICATIONS Total</b>		<b>\$ 2,942.69</b>		<b>\$ 2,942.69</b>
<b>FULTON SAVANAH</b>				
SSA-MILEAGE REIMBURSEMENT		\$ 91.79		\$ 91.79
<b>FULTON SAVANAH Total</b>		<b>\$ 91.79</b>		<b>\$ 91.79</b>
<b>GENE PTACEK &amp; SON FI</b>				
M-FIRE SUPPRESSION INSPECTION-01/31/24		\$ 633.00		\$ 633.00
<b>GENE PTACEK &amp; SON FI Total</b>		<b>\$ 633.00</b>		<b>\$ 633.00</b>
<b>GOLD CARE SERVICES</b>				
CRC-RESPIRE SERVICES-JAN 24 (KB)		\$ 1,200.00		\$ 1,200.00
<b>GOLD CARE SERVICES Total</b>		<b>\$ 1,200.00</b>		<b>\$ 1,200.00</b>
<b>GORDON FOOD SERVICE</b>				
FSLP-CAFETERIA GROCERIES\DS-CATERING-01/25/24		\$ 655.25		\$ 655.25
<b>GORDON FOOD SERVICE Total</b>		<b>\$ 655.25</b>		<b>\$ 655.25</b>

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<b>GRAPHIC ENTERPRISES</b>				
A-COPIER MAINTENANCE-12/28/23-12/31/23		\$ 11.32		\$ 11.32
ASM-COPIER MAINTENANCE-12/28/23-12/31/23		\$ 15.82		\$ 15.82
BO/A/ES/ASM/SSAS COPIER MAINTENANCE-1/1/24-1/27/24		\$ 846.35		\$ 846.35
BO-COPIER MAINTENANCE-12/28/23-12/31/23		\$ 1.69		\$ 1.69
ES-COPIER MAINTENANCE-12/28/23-12/31/23		\$ 35.57		\$ 35.57
PRINTER MAINTENANCE-01/01/24-01/31/24		\$ 525.00		\$ 525.00
PRINTER MAINTENANCE-02/01/24-02/29/24		\$ 525.00		\$ 525.00
SSAS-COPIER MAINTENANCE-12/28/23-12/31/23		\$ 29.64		\$ 29.64
<b>GRAPHIC ENTERPRISES Total</b>		<b>\$ 1,990.39</b>		<b>\$ 1,990.39</b>
<b>GREENLEAF FAMILY CEN</b>				
CRC-INTERPRETER SVCS-01/19/24-01/25/24 (RS)		\$ 600.00		\$ 600.00
CRC-INTERPRETER SVCS-01/26/24-01/31/24 (RS)		\$ 480.00		\$ 480.00
CRC-INTERPRETER SVCS-02/01/24-02/08/24 (RS)		\$ 720.00		\$ 720.00
CRC-INTERPRETER SVCS-JAN 24		\$ 670.00		\$ 670.00
<b>GREENLEAF FAMILY CEN Total</b>		<b>\$ 2,470.00</b>		<b>\$ 2,470.00</b>
<b>HAPPY CARE CONNECTIO</b>				
CRC-RENTAL ASSISTANCE-MAR 24 (MM)		\$ 322.00		\$ 322.00
<b>HAPPY CARE CONNECTIO Total</b>		<b>\$ 322.00</b>		<b>\$ 322.00</b>
<b>HEEFNER MICHELLE</b>				
PS/SA-MILEAGE REIMBURSEMENT		\$ 8.04		\$ 8.04
<b>HEEFNER MICHELLE Total</b>		<b>\$ 8.04</b>		<b>\$ 8.04</b>
<b>HOME DEPOT CREDIT SE</b>				
M-MATERIALS		\$ 105.70		\$ 105.70
PS/SA-SUPPLIES		\$ 43.92		\$ 43.92
<b>HOME DEPOT CREDIT SE Total</b>		<b>\$ 149.62</b>		<b>\$ 149.62</b>
<b>HUMPHREY DEBBIE</b>				
EI-MILEAGE REIMBURSEMENT		\$ 139.36		\$ 139.36
<b>HUMPHREY DEBBIE Total</b>		<b>\$ 139.36</b>		<b>\$ 139.36</b>
<b>HUNTINGTON NATIONAL</b>				
SSAS-CONFERENCE LODGING-01/08/24 (BS)		\$ 163.77		\$ 163.77
SSAS-CONFERENCE LODGING-01/08/24 (CK)		\$ 163.77		\$ 163.77
<b>HUNTINGTON NATIONAL Total</b>		<b>\$ 327.54</b>		<b>\$ 327.54</b>
<b>INDEPENDENT EMPLOYME</b>				
CRC-NMT 1/1/24-1/13/24		\$ 2,358.40		\$ 2,358.40
CRC-NMT-01/14/24-01/24/24		\$ 2,412.00		\$ 2,412.00
CRC-NMT-01/28/24-02/10/24		\$ 2,840.80		\$ 2,840.80
<b>INDEPENDENT EMPLOYME Total</b>		<b>\$ 7,611.20</b>		<b>\$ 7,611.20</b>
<b>INTERVENTION FOR PEA</b>				
CRC-ADS & NMT-01/03/24-01/31/24 (LC)		\$ 439.40		\$ 439.40
CS-DSP-U PROVIDER INTERNSHIP GRANT		\$ 484.15		\$ 484.15
<b>INTERVENTION FOR PEA Total</b>		<b>\$ 923.55</b>		<b>\$ 923.55</b>
<b>INVO HEALTHCARE ASSO</b>				
OT-COTA SERVICES-01/01/24-01/31/24		\$ 4,714.31		\$ 4,714.31
<b>INVO HEALTHCARE ASSO Total</b>		<b>\$ 4,714.31</b>		<b>\$ 4,714.31</b>
<b>IRON MOUNTAIN INC</b>				
A-SERVICE PERIOD-12/27/23-12/31/23		\$ 14.27		\$ 14.27
A-STORAGE/SERVICE PERIOD-01/01/24-02/29/24		\$ 326.70		\$ 326.70
<b>IRON MOUNTAIN INC Total</b>		<b>\$ 340.97</b>		<b>\$ 340.97</b>
<b>JACK CONNIE</b>				
AT-MILEAGE REIMBURSEMENT		\$ 173.53		\$ 173.53
<b>JACK CONNIE Total</b>		<b>\$ 173.53</b>		<b>\$ 173.53</b>
<b>JAEGER AMBER</b>				
EI-MILEAGE REIMBURSEMENT		\$ 127.30		\$ 127.30
<b>JAEGER AMBER Total</b>		<b>\$ 127.30</b>		<b>\$ 127.30</b>
<b>JOHNSON CONTROLS SEC</b>				
M-FIRE ALARM SERVICE CONTRACT-03/01/24-05/31/24		\$ 313.03		\$ 313.03
<b>JOHNSON CONTROLS SEC Total</b>		<b>\$ 313.03</b>		<b>\$ 313.03</b>

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<b>JOHNSON SABRINA</b>				
SSAS-TRAVEL REIMBURSEMENT		\$ 167.50		\$ 167.50
<b>JOHNSON SABRINA Total</b>		<b>\$ 167.50</b>		<b>\$ 167.50</b>
<b>KAPTEIN MEGAN</b>				
PT-MILEAGE REIMBURSEMENT		\$ 96.21		\$ 96.21
<b>KAPTEIN MEGAN Total</b>		<b>\$ 96.21</b>		<b>\$ 96.21</b>
<b>KIMBLER CHRISTIE</b>				
ES-TRAVEL REIMBURSEMENT		\$ 160.00		\$ 160.00
<b>KIMBLER CHRISTIE Total</b>		<b>\$ 160.00</b>		<b>\$ 160.00</b>
<b>KIRKPATRICK SHERRI</b>				
BO-MILEAGE REIMBURSEMENT		\$ 63.11		\$ 63.11
<b>KIRKPATRICK SHERRI Total</b>		<b>\$ 63.11</b>		<b>\$ 63.11</b>
<b>KREBS JOHN</b>				
ASM-TRAVEL REIMBURSEMENT		\$ 10.05		\$ 10.05
<b>KREBS JOHN Total</b>		<b>\$ 10.05</b>		<b>\$ 10.05</b>
<b>LANGUAGE LEARNING AS</b>				
SP/OT/PT-THERAPY SERVICES-JAN/FEB 24		\$ 27,342.91		\$ 27,342.91
<b>LANGUAGE LEARNING AS Total</b>		<b>\$ 27,342.91</b>		<b>\$ 27,342.91</b>
<b>LARLHAM HATTIE</b>				
CRC-ADS-DEC 23		\$ 326.97		\$ 326.97
CRC-ADS-JAN 24		\$ 533.25		\$ 533.25
CRC-IES-JAN 24		\$ 82.50		\$ 82.50
CRC-INDIVIDUAL EMPLOYMENT SUPPORT-DEC 23		\$ 182.40		\$ 182.40
<b>LARLHAM HATTIE Total</b>		<b>\$ 1,125.12</b>		<b>\$ 1,125.12</b>
<b>LAVOY CYNTHIA</b>				
PBS-MILEAGE REIMBURSEMENT		\$ 494.80		\$ 494.80
<b>LAVOY CYNTHIA Total</b>		<b>\$ 494.80</b>		<b>\$ 494.80</b>
<b>LENOVO (UNITED STATE</b>				
IT-EQUIPMENT (WORKSTATION OBS COMPUTER)		\$ 1,315.00		\$ 1,315.00
SSA-SUPPLIES (LAPTOP WARRANTY)		\$ 163.90		\$ 163.90
<b>LENOVO (UNITED STATE Total</b>		<b>\$ 1,478.90</b>		<b>\$ 1,478.90</b>
<b>MAJKRZAK ASHLEY</b>				
EI-MILEAGE REIMBURSEMENT		\$ 62.91		\$ 62.91
<b>MAJKRZAK ASHLEY Total</b>		<b>\$ 62.91</b>		<b>\$ 62.91</b>
<b>MALECKAR STACEY</b>				
A-MILEAGE REIMBURSEMENT		\$ 144.78		\$ 144.78
<b>MALECKAR STACEY Total</b>		<b>\$ 144.78</b>		<b>\$ 144.78</b>
<b>MCGARVEY STACY</b>				
CS-MED CERT TRAINING PRESENTATIONS-01/10 & 17/24		\$ 3,000.00		\$ 3,000.00
<b>MCGARVEY STACY Total</b>		<b>\$ 3,000.00</b>		<b>\$ 3,000.00</b>
<b>MEDINA COUNTY ENGINE</b>				
M-SUPPLIES (BULK SALT FOR PARKING LOT/SIDEWALKS)		\$ 263.13		\$ 263.13
<b>MEDINA COUNTY ENGINE Total</b>		<b>\$ 263.13</b>		<b>\$ 263.13</b>
<b>MEDINA COUNTY HEALTH</b>				
DS-FOOD SERVICE OPERATION LICENSE		\$ 433.00		\$ 433.00
<b>MEDINA COUNTY HEALTH Total</b>		<b>\$ 433.00</b>		<b>\$ 433.00</b>
<b>MEDINA COUNTY SANITA</b>				
M-WATER/SEWER-01/01/24-01/31/24		\$ 879.08		\$ 879.08
M-WATER/SEWER-12/12/23-12/31/23		\$ 323.06		\$ 323.06
<b>MEDINA COUNTY SANITA Total</b>		<b>\$ 1,202.14</b>		<b>\$ 1,202.14</b>
<b>MEDINA COUNTY TRANSI</b>				
CRC-NMT-JAN 24		\$ 3,376.20		\$ 3,376.20
<b>MEDINA COUNTY TRANSI Total</b>		<b>\$ 3,376.20</b>		<b>\$ 3,376.20</b>
<b>MEDINA CREATIVE HOUS</b>				
CRC-HOUSING SUBSIDY-FEB 24		\$ 1,401.65		\$ 1,401.65
<b>MEDINA CREATIVE HOUS Total</b>		<b>\$ 1,401.65</b>		<b>\$ 1,401.65</b>
<b>MEDINA GLASS COMPANY</b>				
CI-WINDOW SEALING-SCHOOL/ADMIN/COURTYARD/SOUTHSIDE	\$ 23,412.00			\$ 23,412.00
<b>MEDINA GLASS COMPANY Total</b>	<b>\$ 23,412.00</b>			<b>\$ 23,412.00</b>



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<b>MEDTOX LABORATORIES</b>				
HR-ANNUAL ADMIN FEE FOR RANDOM DRUG TESTING		\$ 50.00		\$ 50.00
<b>MEDTOX LABORATORIES Total</b>		<b>\$ 50.00</b>		<b>\$ 50.00</b>
<b>MICROSOFT</b>				
IT-MS 365 AUDIO CONFERENCING-01/24/24-01/20/25		\$ 2,160.00		\$ 2,160.00
<b>MICROSOFT Total</b>		<b>\$ 2,160.00</b>		<b>\$ 2,160.00</b>
<b>MIDWEST INNOVATIONS</b>				
CRC-ADS & NMT 1/2-1/5/24 (JS/JH)		\$ 1,180.33		\$ 1,180.33
CRC-ADS & NMT 1/8-1/12/24 (JS/JH)		\$ 1,243.39		\$ 1,243.39
CRC-ADS & NMT-01/22/24-01/26/24 (JS/JH)		\$ 1,207.45		\$ 1,207.45
CRC-ADS & NMT-01/29/24-01/31/24 (JS/JH)		\$ 998.10		\$ 998.10
CRC-ADS & NMT-02/01/24-02/02/24 (JS/JH)		\$ 513.00		\$ 513.00
CRC-ADS & NMT-02/05/24-02/09/24 (JS/JH)		\$ 951.05		\$ 951.05
M-CUSTODIAL SERVICES-DEC 23		\$ 416.00		\$ 416.00
<b>MIDWEST INNOVATIONS Total</b>		<b>\$ 6,509.32</b>		<b>\$ 6,509.32</b>
<b>MUSIC IZZ GROOVY - M</b>				
PS/SA-MUSIC THERAPY SERVICES-01/29/24		\$ 275.00		\$ 275.00
<b>MUSIC IZZ GROOVY - M Total</b>		<b>\$ 275.00</b>		<b>\$ 275.00</b>
<b>NEON</b>				
CRC-2024 ANNUAL MEMBERSHIP FEES		\$ 8,000.00		\$ 8,000.00
FSS SUBSIDY TRANSFER		\$ 102,000.00		\$ 102,000.00
SSA-MUI INVESTIGATIONS-JAN 24		\$ 3,554.47		\$ 3,554.47
SSA-PCR MILEAGE (CE) & QARN MILEAGE (MK)-JAN 24		\$ 77.05		\$ 77.05
SSA-QARN MILEAGE 12/23 (MK)		\$ 27.51		\$ 27.51
SUPPORTED LIVING EXPENSES		\$ 150,000.00		\$ 150,000.00
<b>NEON Total</b>		<b>\$ 263,659.03</b>		<b>\$ 263,659.03</b>
<b>NEWCOMER-HAAS JENNIF</b>				
SSA-MILEAGE REIMBURSEMENT		\$ 129.98		\$ 129.98
<b>NEWCOMER-HAAS JENNIF Total</b>		<b>\$ 129.98</b>		<b>\$ 129.98</b>
<b>NORTHERN MEDINA COUN</b>				
CE-REG. FEE-11/15/23 (RZ)		\$ 25.00		\$ 25.00
CE-REG. FEE-12/20/23 (RZ)		\$ 13.01		\$ 13.01
CE-REGISTRATION FEE 12/20/23 (RZ)		\$ 16.99		\$ 16.99
<b>NORTHERN MEDINA COUN Total</b>		<b>\$ 55.00</b>		<b>\$ 55.00</b>
<b>OHIO ASSOCIATION OF</b>				
SSAS-REGISTRATION FEE-01/24/24 (SJ)		\$ 50.00		\$ 50.00
<b>OHIO ASSOCIATION OF Total</b>		<b>\$ 50.00</b>		<b>\$ 50.00</b>
<b>OHIO SELF DETERMINAT</b>				
A-ANNUAL MEMBERSHIP FEE-2024		\$ 760.00		\$ 760.00
<b>OHIO SELF DETERMINAT Total</b>		<b>\$ 760.00</b>		<b>\$ 760.00</b>
<b>ONEBRIDGE SUPPORT SE</b>				
CRC-ADS-01/04/24-01/26/24 (MW)		\$ 162.00		\$ 162.00
CRC-ADS-01/04/24-01/26/24 (RF)		\$ 844.75		\$ 844.75
<b>ONEBRIDGE SUPPORT SE Total</b>		<b>\$ 1,006.75</b>		<b>\$ 1,006.75</b>
<b>OSCBDD</b>				
A-ANNUAL DUES-2024		\$ 75.00		\$ 75.00
<b>OSCBDD Total</b>		<b>\$ 75.00</b>		<b>\$ 75.00</b>
<b>PAINTCLE 3 LLC</b>				
M-MATERIALS		\$ 295.92		\$ 295.92
<b>PAINTCLE 3 LLC Total</b>		<b>\$ 295.92</b>		<b>\$ 295.92</b>
<b>PALASIK MEGAN</b>				
SP-MILEAGE REIMBURSEMENT		\$ 155.57		\$ 155.57
<b>PALASIK MEGAN Total</b>		<b>\$ 155.57</b>		<b>\$ 155.57</b>
<b>PITNEY BOWES GLOBAL</b>				
A-POSTAGE METER LEASE-01/01/24-03/29/24		\$ 166.74		\$ 166.74
A-POSTAGE METER LEASE-12/30/23-12/31/23		\$ 1.68		\$ 1.68
<b>PITNEY BOWES GLOBAL Total</b>		<b>\$ 168.42</b>		<b>\$ 168.42</b>
<b>REINHARDT SUPPLY COM</b>				
M-SUPPLIES		\$ 1,779.80		\$ 1,779.80
<b>REINHARDT SUPPLY COM Total</b>		<b>\$ 1,779.80</b>		<b>\$ 1,779.80</b>

Sum of AMOUNT	Fund			
Vendor	2855	3300	3315	Grand Total
<b>REPUBLIC SERVICES IN</b>				
M-TRASH-02/01/24-02/29/24		\$ 571.54		\$ 571.54
<b>REPUBLIC SERVICES IN Total</b>		<b>\$ 571.54</b>		<b>\$ 571.54</b>
<b>SAINT AMBROSE PARISH</b>				
CR-HEALTH & WELLNESS FAIR BOOTH SPACE-03/03/24		\$ 35.00		\$ 35.00
<b>SAINT AMBROSE PARISH Total</b>		<b>\$ 35.00</b>		<b>\$ 35.00</b>
<b>SANDICARE LLC</b>				
CRC-ADS & NMT-01/03/24 & 01/05/24 (MT)		\$ 332.70		\$ 332.70
CRC-ADS & NMT-01/10/24 & 01/12/24 (MT)		\$ 332.70		\$ 332.70
CRC-ADS & NMT-01/17/24- (MT)		\$ 109.85		\$ 109.85
CRC-ADS & NMT-01/24/24-01/26/24 (MT)		\$ 219.70		\$ 219.70
CRC-ADS & NMT-01/31/24-02/02/24 (MT)		\$ 332.70		\$ 332.70
CRC-ADS & NMT-02/07/24-02/09/24 (MT)		\$ 332.70		\$ 332.70
CRC-ADS-01/02/24 (MB)		\$ 169.25		\$ 169.25
CRC-ADS-01/08/24-01/10/24 (MB)		\$ 460.36		\$ 460.36
CRC-ADS-01/16/24 (MB)		\$ 169.25		\$ 169.25
CRC-ADS-01/22/24-01/24/24 (MB)		\$ 338.50		\$ 338.50
CRC-ADS-01/29/24-01/31/24 (MB)		\$ 507.75		\$ 507.75
CRC-ADS-02/05/24-02/07/24 (MB)		\$ 507.75		\$ 507.75
<b>SANDICARE LLC Total</b>		<b>\$ 3,813.21</b>		<b>\$ 3,813.21</b>
<b>SCOZZARO CHRISTINE</b>				
EI-MILEAGE REIMBURSEMENT		\$ 127.97		\$ 127.97
<b>SCOZZARO CHRISTINE Total</b>		<b>\$ 127.97</b>		<b>\$ 127.97</b>
<b>SCRIPTYPE PUBLISHING</b>				
PR-ADVERTISING & PRINTING 2024		\$ 1,563.60		\$ 1,563.60
<b>SCRIPTYPE PUBLISHING Total</b>		<b>\$ 1,563.60</b>		<b>\$ 1,563.60</b>
<b>SMITH AMY C</b>				
SO-MILEAGE REIMBURSEMENT		\$ 160.13		\$ 160.13
<b>SMITH AMY C Total</b>		<b>\$ 160.13</b>		<b>\$ 160.13</b>
<b>SNAP GOURMET FOODS</b>				
FSLP-CAFETERIA GROCERIES-FEB 24		\$ 2,593.31		\$ 2,593.31
<b>SNAP GOURMET FOODS Total</b>		<b>\$ 2,593.31</b>		<b>\$ 2,593.31</b>
<b>SOCIETY FOR HANDICAP</b>				
A-OMBUDSMAN SERVICES-JAN 24		\$ 913.85		\$ 913.85
CRC-ADS-08/02/23-08/30/23 (BW)		\$ 830.37		\$ 830.37
CRC-ADS-09/01/23-09/29/23 (BW)		\$ 727.74		\$ 727.74
CRC-ADS-10/02/23-10/30/23 (BW)		\$ 839.70		\$ 839.70
CRC-ADS-10/12/23-10/26/23 (JP)		\$ 129.75		\$ 129.75
CRC-ADS-11/01/23-11/29/23 (BW)		\$ 444.73		\$ 444.73
CRC-ADS-11/02/23-11/30/23 (JP)		\$ 173.00		\$ 173.00
CRC-ADS-12/07/23-12/28/23 (JP)		\$ 173.00		\$ 173.00
CRC-ADS-12/13/23-12/27/23 (BW)		\$ 684.20		\$ 684.20
CRC-NMT-08/02/23-08/30/23 (BW)		\$ 491.76		\$ 491.76
CRC-NMT-09/01/23-09/29/23 (BW)		\$ 430.29		\$ 430.29
CRC-NMT-10/02/23-10/30/23 (BW)		\$ 532.74		\$ 532.74
CRC-NMT-10/12/23-10/26/23 (JP)		\$ 122.94		\$ 122.94
CRC-NMT-11/01/23-11/29/23 (BW)		\$ 286.86		\$ 286.86
CRC-NMT-11/02/23-11/30/23 (JP)		\$ 163.92		\$ 163.92
CRC-NMT-12/07/23-12/28/23 (JP)		\$ 163.92		\$ 163.92
CRC-NMT-12/13/23-12/27/23 (BW)		\$ 409.80		\$ 409.80
<b>SOCIETY FOR HANDICAP Total</b>		<b>\$ 7,518.57</b>		<b>\$ 7,518.57</b>
<b>SOMMERS BRIAN</b>				
SSAS-TRAVEL REIMBURSEMENT		\$ 261.84		\$ 261.84
<b>SOMMERS BRIAN Total</b>		<b>\$ 261.84</b>		<b>\$ 261.84</b>
<b>SPECIAL OLYMPICS OF</b>				
SO-SPECIAL OLYMPICS BUDGET-JAN 24		\$ 1,167.00		\$ 1,167.00
<b>SPECIAL OLYMPICS OF Total</b>		<b>\$ 1,167.00</b>		<b>\$ 1,167.00</b>
<b>STATE INDUSTRIAL PRO</b>				
M-AIR CARE PROGRAM		\$ 326.18		\$ 326.18
M-WATER TREATMENT PROGRAM		\$ 809.67		\$ 809.67
<b>STATE INDUSTRIAL PRO Total</b>		<b>\$ 1,135.85</b>		<b>\$ 1,135.85</b>

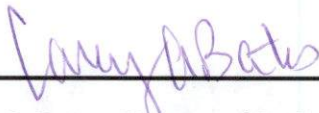
Sum of AMOUNT	Fund			
Vendor	2855	3300	3315	Grand Total
<b>SURVEYMONKEY INC</b>				
CR-ANNUAL TEAM ADVANTAGE PLAN		\$ 900.00		\$ 900.00
<b>SURVEYMONKEY INC Total</b>		<b>\$ 900.00</b>		<b>\$ 900.00</b>
<b>TALBERT'S COMMERCIAL</b>				
A/ES/ASM/SSAS/M-CENTRAL SUPPLY INVENTORY		\$ 174.11		\$ 174.11
<b>TALBERT'S COMMERCIAL Total</b>		<b>\$ 174.11</b>		<b>\$ 174.11</b>
<b>THE GAZETTE</b>				
PR-ADVERTISING & PRINTING-12/9/23		\$ 600.00		\$ 600.00
<b>THE GAZETTE Total</b>		<b>\$ 600.00</b>		<b>\$ 600.00</b>
<b>THE GEOPFERT COMPANY</b>				
M-CONTRACT REPAIRS (HEAT PUMP REPAIR-BCR 1 & BCR 2		\$ 551.18		\$ 551.18
M-CONTRACT REPAIRS (HEAT PUMP REPAIR-WORKSHOP GYM)		\$ 615.00		\$ 615.00
<b>THE GEOPFERT COMPANY Total</b>		<b>\$ 1,166.18</b>		<b>\$ 1,166.18</b>
<b>THE IMPROVANEER METH</b>				
CS-IMPROVANEER METHOD ADVOCACY PROGRAM		\$ 1,500.00		\$ 1,500.00
<b>THE IMPROVANEER METH Total</b>		<b>\$ 1,500.00</b>		<b>\$ 1,500.00</b>
<b>THE POST NEWSPAPERS</b>				
CR-ADVERTISING & PRINTING-2024		\$ 8,249.67		\$ 8,249.67
<b>THE POST NEWSPAPERS Total</b>		<b>\$ 8,249.67</b>		<b>\$ 8,249.67</b>
<b>T-MOBILE</b>				
TELEPHONE-01/01/24-01/28/24		\$ 1,637.51		\$ 1,637.51
TELEPHONE-12/29/23-12/31/24		\$ 121.43		\$ 121.43
<b>T-MOBILE Total</b>		<b>\$ 1,758.94</b>		<b>\$ 1,758.94</b>
<b>TREASURER STATE OF O</b>				
CRC-WAIVER LOCAL MATCH-01/01/24-01/31/24 (ES)		\$ 7,596.55		\$ 7,596.55
CRC-WAIVER LOCAL MATCH-01/01/24-01/31/24 (JM)		\$ 7,596.55		\$ 7,596.55
CRC-WAIVER LOCAL MATCH-01/01/24-01/31/24 (JW)		\$ 7,596.55		\$ 7,596.55
CRC-WAIVER LOCAL MATCH-01/01/24-01/31/24 (MD)		\$ 7,596.55		\$ 7,596.55
CRC-WAIVER LOCAL MATCH-01/01/24-01/31/24 (MR)		\$ 7,596.55		\$ 7,596.55
HR-BCI/FBI CHECKS & RAPBACKS-JAN 24		\$ 569.00		\$ 569.00
<b>TREASURER STATE OF O Total</b>		<b>\$ 38,551.75</b>		<b>\$ 38,551.75</b>
<b>TRNSFRM</b>				
IT-VEEAM BACKUP REPLICATION VM RENEWAL		\$ 3,299.99		\$ 3,299.99
<b>TRNSFRM Total</b>		<b>\$ 3,299.99</b>		<b>\$ 3,299.99</b>
<b>UNITED DISABILITY SE</b>				
CRC-INDIVIDUAL EMPLOYMENT SUPPORT-01/26/24 (BR)		\$ 16.50		\$ 16.50
<b>UNITED DISABILITY SE Total</b>		<b>\$ 16.50</b>		<b>\$ 16.50</b>
<b>VIAQUEST DAY AND EMP</b>				
CRC-ADS & NMT-01/02/24-01/30/24 (ES)		\$ 1,490.15		\$ 1,490.15
<b>VIAQUEST DAY AND EMP Total</b>		<b>\$ 1,490.15</b>		<b>\$ 1,490.15</b>
<b>WACHSBERGER DIANA</b>				
SP-MILEAGE REIMBURSEMENT		\$ 110.65		\$ 110.65
SP-TRAVEL REIMBURSEMENT		\$ 36.20		\$ 36.20
<b>WACHSBERGER DIANA Total</b>		<b>\$ 146.85</b>		<b>\$ 146.85</b>
<b>WADSWORTH AREA CHAMB</b>				
CR-WINDOW SPACE RENTAL FOR MARCH 2024		\$ 100.00		\$ 100.00
<b>WADSWORTH AREA CHAMB Total</b>		<b>\$ 100.00</b>		<b>\$ 100.00</b>
<b>WALMART COMMUNITY</b>				
EI/DF-CS-SUPPLIES-WINTER TODDLER PLAYGROUP-01/24/2		\$ 118.86	\$ 20.00	\$ 138.86
<b>WALMART COMMUNITY Total</b>		<b>\$ 118.86</b>	<b>\$ 20.00</b>	<b>\$ 138.86</b>
<b>WEX BANK</b>				
T-GASOLINE-JAN 24		\$ 122.40		\$ 122.40
<b>WEX BANK Total</b>		<b>\$ 122.40</b>		<b>\$ 122.40</b>
<b>WINDFALL INDUSTRIES</b>				
A/CE/M-VARIABLE AGREEMENT-DEC 23		\$ 2,048.74		\$ 2,048.74
CRC-ADS-DEC 23 (ES/GV)		\$ 951.50		\$ 951.50
CRC-INDIVIDUAL EMPLOYMENT SUPPORT-FEB-DEC23		\$ 523.80		\$ 523.80
CRC-NMT-05/25/23-12/28/23 (LS)		\$ 69.00		\$ 69.00
<b>WINDFALL INDUSTRIES Total</b>		<b>\$ 3,593.04</b>		<b>\$ 3,593.04</b>
<b>ZIEMKIEWICZ ROBERT</b>				
CE-MILEAGE REIMBURSEMENT		\$ 47.91		\$ 47.91
<b>ZIEMKIEWICZ ROBERT Total</b>		<b>\$ 47.91</b>		<b>\$ 47.91</b>
<b>Grand Total</b>	<b>\$ 170,393.43</b>	<b>\$ 462,988.04</b>	<b>\$ 320.00</b>	<b>\$ 633,701.47</b>

**Financial Statements for the month of February 2024**

The following financial reports are submitted for acceptance by the Board of the Medina County Board of Developmental Disabilities:

1. **Statement of Revenue for the period ending February 29, 2024.**
2. **Statement of Expenses for the period ending February 29, 2024.**
3. **Statement of Cash Balance for the period ending February 29, 2024.**
4. **Statement of Monthly Cash Flow for the period ending February 29, 2024.**
5. **Voucher Reports for the month of February 2024.**

By:

**Carey A. Bates, Director of Business**

3/11/24

**Date**

By:

**Stacey Maleckar, Superintendent**

3/11/24

**Date**

Note: There should be a motion and a roll call vote to accept the statements as presented.



**RESOLUTION #11-24**

**March 25, 2024**

**ACCEPTANCE OF FINANCIAL STATEMENTS**  
**FOR THE MONTH OF FEBRUARY, 2024**

A motion was made by \_\_\_\_\_, and seconded by \_\_\_\_\_, to authorize the Board to accept the financial reports for the month of February, 2024.

**THE MOTION WAS CARRIED AND ASSIGNED RESOLUTION #11-24.**

\_\_\_\_\_  
Board Chair  
Medina County Board of Developmental Disabilities

## ENROLLEE STATS - BRITTCO 2024

	2023		2024											
	NOV GK	DEC GK	JAN	FEB	MAR	APR	MAY	JUNE	JULY	AUG	SEPT	OCT	NOV	DEC
<b>UNDUPLICATED COUNT</b>														
Total <b>ELIGIBLE</b> Children - Active/Age 0-22	800	795	*854	853										
Total <b>ELIGIBLE</b> Adults - Active/23+	693	695	*699	704										
Total <b>ELIGIBLE</b> Individuals	1493	1490	*1553	1557										
<b>EDUCATION</b>														
Early Intervention	367	363	335	341										
Windfall Preschool + Peers	14	14	13	13										
Windfall School School Age	32	32	41	41										
<b>COMMUNITY EMPLOYMENT SERVICES</b>														
OOD	8	8	8	8										
<b>SERVICE&amp;SUPPORT ADMIN</b>														
# Individuals Found Eligible	10	4	10	20										
# Individuals Assigned to SSA/I & R	1238	1237	1198	1207										
<b>INDIVIDUALS SERVED BY FUNDING</b>														
Waivers	621	619	628	627										
Supported Living	14	12	11	11										
Family Support Services	110	110	50	63										

\*Change in Eligible Children/Adult Count Due To Data Cleanup in Brittco.

**Personnel Control Report**  
**As of 3-12-24**

Non-union  
OEA Union  
AFSCME Union (SSAs only)

Authorized Working Titles	Board Authorized Positions	Superintendent Authorized Positions	Number Positions Filled	Number of Openings	Comments Board Approved Resolutions
<b>Administrative &amp; Support Staff</b>					
Superintendent	1	1	1	0	
Assistant Superintendent	1	1	1	0	
Executive Administrator	1	1	1	0	
Director of Business	1	1	1	0	
Director of Human Resources	1	1	1	0	
Conf Financial Data Specialist	1	1	1	0	
Confidential Business Clerk	1	1	1	0	
Human Resources Clerk	1	1	1	0	
Administrative Assistant	1	1	1	0	
Records Specialist	1	1	1	0	
Medicaid Services Manager	1	1	1	0	
Community Relations Manager	1	1	1	0	
Financial Waiver Data Specialist	2	2	2	0	
Community Relations Specialist	1	1	1	0	
Community Relations Associate	1	1	1	0	
Human Resources Specialist	1	1	1	0	
File Clerk	2	2	2	0	
<b>SUB TOTAL</b>	<b>19</b>	<b>19</b>	<b>19</b>	<b>0</b>	
<b>Educational Staff</b>					
Children's Services Director	1	1	1	0	
Assistant Children's Services Dir	1	1	1	0	
Early Intervention Coordinator	1	1	1	0	
Confidential Secretary	1	1	1	0	
Secretary	1	1	1	0	
Intervention Specialists	12	12	12	0	
Instructor Assistants	11	11	11	0	
Language Dev. Specialists	3	3	3	0	
Physical Therapists	2	2	2	0	
Positive Support Specialists	2	2	2	0	
School Nurse	1	1	1	0	
Occupational Therapists	2	2	2	0	
Licensed P.T. Assistant	1	1	1	0	
Developmental Specialists	5	5	5	0	
<b>SUB TOTAL</b>	<b>44</b>	<b>44</b>	<b>44</b>	<b>0</b>	
<b>Transportation</b>					
Equipment Manager	1	1	1	0	
<b>SUB TOTAL</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>0</b>	
<b>Community Services &amp; Development</b>					
Director of Community Supports & Dev	1	1	1	0	
Confidential Secretary	1	1	1	0	
Community Projects Supervisor	1	1	1	0	
Community Supports Manager	1	1	1	0	

\*Temporary Contract (TC)



Authorized Working Titles	Board Authorized Positions	Superintendent Authorized Positions	Number Positions Filled	Number of Openings	
<b>Community Services &amp; Development</b>					
Health Services Coordinator	1	1	1	0	
Secretaries	1	1	1	0	
Employment Navigator	1	1	1	0	
Economic Developer	1	1	1	0	
Community Resource Coordinator	3	3	3	0	
Individual Supports Coordinator	1	1	1	0	
Assistive Technology Assistant	1	1	1	0	
Training and Compliance Specialist	1	1	1	0	
Quality Support Specialist	1	1	1	0	
Provider Relations/Fam Sup Spec	1	1	1	0	
Assistive Technology Specialist	1	1	1	0	
<b>SUB TOTAL</b>	<b>17</b>	<b>17</b>	<b>17</b>	<b>0</b>	
<b>Service &amp; Support Admin</b>					
Srv & Support Adm Director	1	1	1	0	
Srv & Support Adm Managers	4	4	4	0	
Secretary	1	1	1	0	
Eligibility Specialists	2	2	2	0	
Eligibility Assistant	1	1	1	0	
Investigative Agent	2	2	2	0	
Service and Support Administrators	31	31	30	1	Interviews are in process
<b>SUB TOTAL</b>	<b>42</b>	<b>42</b>	<b>41</b>	<b>1</b>	
<b>Maintenance</b>					
Director of Facilities and Information Tech	1	1	1	0	
Operations Floater	2	2	2	0	
Facility Activities Manager	1	1	1	0	
Special Olympics Coordinator	1	1	1	0	
Maintenance Supervisor	1	1	1	0	
Maintenance Repairmen	1	1	1	0	
Custodians	4	4	4	0	
Operations Floater 9 mos	1	1	1	0	
Network Administrator	1	1	1	0	
IT Help Desk	1	1	1	0	
<b>SUB TOTAL</b>	<b>14</b>	<b>14</b>	<b>14</b>	<b>0</b>	
<b>AGENCY TOTALS</b>	<b>137</b>	<b>137</b>	<b>136</b>	<b>1</b>	

# 2024 Action Plan Dashboard

MARCH 2024

Barriers to completing  
by end of 2024

Concerns for completing  
by end of 2024

On track to complete  
by end of 2024

## Focus Area One

### PROVIDER SUPPORT

Foster collaborative environments which promote understanding and trust to empower providers in service provision.



DSP Workforce Crisis

Collaborative Provider  
Network

Culture of Excellence

Provider Capacity

## Highlights and Concerns

1. All interns in DSP-U are on track to complete the program by the end of the school year. Six provider agencies have opted into the Recruitment and Retention program. A recruitment listing has been developed on Indeed.com and over 50 applicants have been forwarded to provider agencies.
2. The first Provider Mingle is scheduled for 3/27/24 and the topic is "Advocacy." SSAs have sent out 90 appreciation postcards to a variety of providers.
3. A new internal succession planning process has been developed and is being put into procedure format. Four frontline supervisor trainings have been developed and scheduled for 2024 with classes already being full for this year.
4. MCBDD is working with Summit County DD to hold a Tech Expo at the Summit Mall in the fall. The Employment Navigator is creating a PowerPoint presentation to train providers in Career Planning Services.

Helping People. Building Relationships. **TOGETHER.**

# Community Engagement

## Community Engagement

### March 25, 2024

1. Celebrating Our Differences, Celebrating Ability/Helping Hands/March & April 2024
2. Provider & SSA Mingle/MCBDD/March 27, 2024
3. Upcoming Training: MUI Stakeholder's Meeting & MUI Training/MCBDD/March 21, 2024
4. Chamber Window Decorated for March is Developmental Disabilities Awareness Month/Wadsworth Area Chamber of Commerce/March 18, 2024
5. Highest Accreditation, March is DD Awareness Month, Scholarship Available, DD Dialogues/The Post/ March 15, 2024
6. MCBDD Receives Highest Accreditation Level/Medina Weekly/March 14, 2024
7. Board of Developmental Disabilities Offers Scholarship/The Gazette/March 14, 2024
8. Helping People Succeed, Celebrating Our Differences/The Gazette/March 13, 2024
9. Board of Disabilities Receives Highest Accreditation Level/The Gazette/March 9, 2024
10. Highest Accreditation, Scholarship Available, March is DD Awareness Month, DD Dialogues/The Gazette/March 9, 2024
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# CELEBRATING OUR DIFFERENCES

## March is Developmental Disabilities Awareness Month

Nationwide the month of March is celebrated as Developmental Disabilities Awareness Month, a time when our community takes a moment to raise awareness about the inclusion of people with developmental disabilities and discusses ways we can all accept and celebrate our differences.

In the 1960s, people with intellectual and developmental disabilities were often dismissed to the back rooms of family homes or underfunded state-run institutions. But President Kennedy leveraged his family's personal experience with his sister Rosemary's disability and used the power of the Presidency to create a Presidential Panel to bring attention to the needs of people experiencing life with an intellectual and developmental disability. The panel focused on experiences of exclusion from education, employment, and community participation. This was the beginning of much of the disabilities system

we experience today. A system with an emphasis on meaningful goals in providing services for people with developmental disabilities so they may achieve their best lives through more participation and independence into the community.

Developmental disabilities are more common than people realize. According to the CDC, 17% of children in the United States between the ages of three and 17 have one or more developmental disabilities or delays - that is more than five million Americans. While most developmental disabilities begin before a baby is born, some can happen after birth because of injury, infection, or other factors. Most are thought to be caused by a complex mix of factors including genetics, parental health and behaviors (such as smoking and drinking) during pregnancy, birth complications, infections, and exposure to high levels of environmental toxins, such as lead during pregnancy.

Common developmental disabilities include autism spectrum disorder, cerebral palsy, down syndrome, hearing or vision loss, learning disorders and ADHD. Living with developmental disabilities can create a variety of challenges, such as difficulties with mobility, communication, self-help, independent living and physical and mental health issues. But, regardless of how a person experiences a developmental disability, finding ways of making sure everybody has the same opportunities in every aspect of life, to the best of their abilities, is important for every thriving community.

In 1987, President Reagan recognized March as Developmental Disabilities Awareness Month to increase the public's awareness of the needs and the potential of Americans with developmental disabilities and to provide them the encouragement and opportunities they need to lead productive lives and to achieve their full potential.



This is why during March, everyone is encouraged to take time to get to know someone with a disability. Reaching out to people with disabilities helps create a better understanding that a community is connected in many ways. It allows people to work together to encourage inclusion and make the community one that is built on the abilities of all its

citizens and the unique abilities they each possess. Celebrating the differences we all have and asking us to adjust our perceptions so we see a person first and the disability second. It is a time when we can strive to welcome people with developmental disabilities into local neighborhoods, workplaces, houses of worship and schools.

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# - Provider & SSA Mingle -



## Wednesday, March 27

### 10:00 am - 11:30am

MCBDD Achievement Center  
Board Conference Room 1&2  
4691 Windfall Rd.  
Medina, OH 44256

**Registration Required**

[Click Here to  
Register Online](#)

Join the Medina County Board of DD for a gathering to meet other DD providers and professionals and learn about important information and topics.

In recognition of March being Developmental Disabilities Awareness Month, this event's topic of discussion will be self advocacy.

**ALL PROVIDERS ARE WELCOME TO ATTEND**

**For questions or to register by phone:**

**Call:** Nicole Richter, MCBDD Training Specialist  
330-725-7751 x306

**Email:** [nrichter@mcbdd.org](mailto:nrichter@mcbdd.org)





# - Upcoming Training -



## MUI Stakeholder's Meeting & MUI Training

**Thursday,  
March 21**

**1:00 pm - 3:00 pm**

This training is offered in person at the Medina County Achievement Center, 4691 Windfall Road, Medina, OH, and virtually (Microsoft Teams).

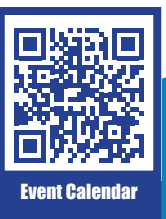
Please join the Medina County Board of DD for a review and discussion of MUIs in Medina County in 2023. During this event, the MCBDD will also provide a training on types of MUIs, as well as MUI reporting and documentation requirements.

Presented by: Nikolas Pokrzywa,  
MCBDD Investigative Agent

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**ANYONE IS WELCOME TO ATTEND**





March 18, 2024



## WADSWORTH AREA CHAMBER OF COMMERCE

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Our Chamber Window has been decorated for the Month of March by the Medina County Board of Developmental Disabilities! March is Developmental Disabilities Awareness Month; a time when we celebrate the abilities of all people! We invite you to join us as we look for new and more meaningful ways to welcome and include people with developmental differences into our community.

*[Click here to discover ways you can support people with developmental disabilities in our community!](#)*

medina county board of developmental disabilities



# Highest Accreditation

The Medina County Board of Developmental Disabilities is pleased to announce that it has been accredited by CARF International for a period of three years, the highest accreditation an organization may receive. CARF International (Commission on Accreditation of Rehabilitation Facilities), is an independent, non-profit accreditor of human service providers and networks.

During the accreditation process, the MCBDD was reviewed in areas such as leadership, strategic planning, financial planning and management, health and safety and quality of services and supports. The summary stated that the MCBDD had only three areas for recommendations for improvement in the over 960 areas that were reviewed. The summary highlighted many areas of strength and cited 12 outstanding examples. "Overall, the services provided by the MCBDD are very beneficial to the community. Individuals who would not otherwise be able to fully participate in independent living, community inclusion and competitive employment are able to fully engage in the communities with the support of MCBDD," stated the CARF panel.



Full CARF Summary is available at [www.mcbdd.org/current-news/](http://www.mcbdd.org/current-news/)

## March is DD Awareness Month

*Compassionate. Strong. Adventurous. Hardworking. Hopeful.*  
One or more of these words may describe you. They also describe people with developmental disabilities. March is Developmental Disabilities Awareness Month, a time when we celebrate the abilities of all people! The MCBDD encourages you to take time to get to know someone with a disability. Learning about people with disabilities helps create a better understanding and allows us to work together to make our community one that is built on the abilities of ALL citizens. We invite you to join us as we look for new and more meaningful ways to welcome and include people with developmental differences into our community.

## Scholarship Available

The Medina County Board of DD is offering a \$1500 scholarship to a local high school senior. Applicants must intend to enter into a field of study (i.e. special education, physical therapy, behavioral sciences, speech therapy, social work, etc.) which may provide services to people with disabilities. **Application deadline is Friday, March 29, 2024.**

Application and more information at [www.mcbdd.org/donor-scholarship/](http://www.mcbdd.org/donor-scholarship/)

## DD Dialogues

On Monday, March 4, 2024, the Medina County Board of Developmental Disabilities (MCBDD) hosted a "DD Dialogues" roundtable event at the Medina County Achievement Center. The goal of the event was to bring together state elected officials with members of the developmental disabilities community to discuss key topics related to the people and families served by the MCBDD.

The event provided an opportunity for state leaders to meet and talk with others to learn and share ideas, insights and solutions around vital and necessary support systems and resources in the disabilities field.



MCBDD Website





Committed to Inclusion

# MCBDD receives highest accreditation level



MCBDD

The Medina County Board of Developmental Disabilities has achieved a three-year accreditation from CARF International, the highest recognition possible

The Medina County Board of Developmental Disabilities (MCBDD) announced that it has been accredited by CARF International for a period of three years, the highest accreditation an organization may receive.

"Receiving a three-year accreditation from CARF shows the commitment of our agency to listening and working with families and individuals with developmental disabilities so they have the support they need to achieve success," said Superintendent Stacey Maleckar. "It is only through the combined efforts of the individuals we serve, their families, our staff, board members, and administration along with the ongoing support from our community that we were able to reach this important level of recognition."

The MCBDD received accreditation for numerous services, including Community Employment Supports, Community Employment Job Development and Employment Planning Services.

CARF International (Commission on Accreditation of Rehabilitation Facilities), is an independent, nonprofit accreditor of human service providers and networks. Through the accreditation process, CARF provides an impartial, external review of an agency and the quality of its services in meeting international-

ly recognized standards. When an agency such as the MCBDD is CARF-accredited, it means it has passed an in-depth review and has met rigorous guidelines for service and quality.

During the accreditation process, the MCBDD was reviewed in areas such as leadership, strategic planning, financial planning and management, health and safety and quality of services and supports. At the end of the accreditation review, CARF delivered a summary report that highlighted the MCBDD's strengths as well as provided recommendations for areas of improvement.

The summary stated that the MCBDD had only three areas for recommendations for improvement and three areas to expand upon what was already in place in the over 960 areas that were reviewed.

"The CARF review helps us to continue to increase the quality of our agency for the about 1,500 individuals and families in Medina County who rely on us," said Maleckar. "We are honored to receive this recognition on behalf of them and to be able to continue to provide our community with important and valuable services."

For more information or to view the entire CARF accreditation summary and report, visit <http://www.mcbdd.org/current-news>.

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ALMANAC

The Associated Press  
*Today is Thursday, March 14, the 75th day of 2024. There are 292 days left in the year.*

Today’s history

■ In 1794, Eli Whitney received a patent for his cotton gin, an invention that revolutionized America's cotton industry.  
■ In 1939, the republic of Czechoslovakia was dissolved, opening the way for Nazi occupation of Czech areas and the separation of Slovakia.  
■ In 1951, during the Korean War, United Nations forces recaptured Seoul.  
■ In 1962, Democrat Edward M. Kennedy officially launched in Boston his successful candidacy for the U.S. Senate seat from Massachusetts once held by his brother, President John F. Kennedy. (Edward Kennedy served in the Senate for nearly 47 years.)  
■ In 1964, a jury in Dallas found Jack Ruby guilty of murdering Lee Harvey Oswald, the accused assassin of President John F. Kennedy, and sentenced him to death. (Both the conviction and death sentence were overturned, but Ruby died before he could be retried.)  
■ In 1967, the body of President John F. Kennedy was moved from a temporary grave to a permanent memorial site at Arlington National Cemetery in Virginia.  
■ In 1980, a LOT Polish Airlines jet crashed while attempting to land in Warsaw, killing all 87 people aboard, including 22 members of a U.S. amateur boxing team.  
■ In 1990, the Soviet Congress of People's Deputies held a secret ballot that elected Mikhail S. Gorbachev to a new, powerful presidency.  
■ In 1995, American astronaut Norman Thagard became the first American to enter space aboard a Russian rocket as he and two cosmonauts blasted off aboard a Soyuz spacecraft, headed for the Mir space station.  
■ In 2011, Neil Diamond, Alice Cooper, Tom Waits, Darlene Love, Dr. John and Leon Rus-

sell were inducted into the Rock and Roll Hall of Fame.  
■ In 2015, Robert Durst, a wealthy eccentric linked to two killings and his wife's disappearance, was arrested by the FBI in New Orleans on a murder warrant a day before HBO aired the final episode of a serial documentary about his life. (Durst would be convicted in the shooting death of his friend, Susan Berman; he died in January 2022 while serving a life sentence in California.)  
■ In 2018, Stephen Hawking, the best-known theoretical physicist of his time, died at his home in Cambridge, England, at the age of 76; he had stunned doctors by living with the normally fatal illness ALS for more than 50 years.  
■ In 2021, female performers including Beyoncé and Taylor Swift swept the top honors at the Grammy Awards; Beyoncé's 28th win made her the most decorated woman in Grammy history.  
■ In 2022, country music legend Dolly Parton announced she was pulling out of the nominations for the Rock & Roll Hall of Fame, saying she hadn't "earned that right." (She would later reverse course and accept induction into the hall.)

Today’s birthdays

Michael Caine is 91. Composer-conductor Quincy Jones is 91. Actor Raymond J. Barry is 85. Country singer Michael Martin Murphey is 79. Rock musician Walt Parazaider (formerly with Chicago) is 79. Actor Steve Kanaly is 78. Comedian Billy Crystal is 76. Actor-writer-comedian-radio personality Rick Dees is 73. Country singer Jann Browne is 70. Actor Adrian Zmed is 70. Prince Albert II, the ruler of Monaco, is 66. Actor Laila Robins is 65. Actor Tamara Tunie is 65. Producer-director-writer Kevin Williamson is 59. Actor Elise Neal is 58. Actor Gary Anthony Williams is 58. Actor Megan Follows is 56. Rock musician Michael Bland is 55. Country singer Kristian Bush is 54. Actor Betsy Brandt is 51. Actor Grace Park is 50.

WEATHER

**TODAY:** Showers likely..... **68/45**  
**FRIDAY:** Showers likely ..... **52/34**  
**SATURDAY:** Mostly sunny ..... **55/39**  
**SUNDAY:** Chance of showers..... **46/29**

CORRECTIONS & CLARIFICATIONS

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LOTTERY

Ohio (Wednesday)

**Midday Pick 3:** 5-5-1, **Pick 3:** 6-8-6,  
**Midday Pick 4:** 3-4-8-6, **Pick 4:** 0-3-4-7,  
**Midday Pick 5:** 3-9-6-1-7, **Pick 5:** 7-8-9-6-9,  
**Rolling Cash 5:** 1-3-9-12-24,  
**Classic Lotto:** 7-21-34-36-45-49, **Kicker:** 0-9-3-0-0-5.  
**Rolling Cash 5 jackpot is \$160,000.**  
**Classic Lotto jackpot is \$7.7 million.**

Lucky for Life

**TUESDAY:** 3-13-24-36-44, **Lucky Ball:** 11.  
**WEDNESDAY:** 27-43-44-45-47, **Lucky Ball:** 18.

Mega Millions

**TUESDAY:** 2-16-31-57-64, **Mega Ball:** 24, **Megaplier:** 3.  
**Next Mega Millions jackpot is an estimated \$792 million.**

Powerball

**WEDNESDAY:** 21-29-54-59-62, **Powerball:** 4, **Power Play:** 2.  
**Next Powerball jackpot is an estimated \$559 million.**

THE GAZETTE

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Today

**Guilford Township Zoning Commission**, regular meeting, 7 p.m., Guilford Township Hall, 3800 Greenwich Road.  
**Litchfield Township Trustees**, special meeting regarding the restriction of cannabis operations in the township and to sign check for new deputy car, 5:30 p.m., annex building, 9264 Norwalk Road.  
**Medina County All Hazards Advisory Committee**, regular

meeting, 1 p.m., Lafayette Township Fire Department, 6367 Technology Lane.  
**Medina County Health Department Health Center Co-Applicant Board**, regular meeting, 11:30 a.m., Medina County Health Department, 4800 Ledgewood Drive.  
**Medina County Veterans Service Commission**, regular meeting, 4 p.m., Veterans Office, 210 Northland Drive.  
**Medina Historic Preservation Board**, regular meeting, 5 p.m.,

following by Planning Commission at 6:30 p.m., rotunda, 132 N. Elmwood Ave.  
**Medina Recreation Center Advisory Board**, regular meeting, 7:30 a.m., recreation center, 855 Weymouth Road.  
**Medina Township Trustees**, regular meeting, 7 p.m., town hall, 3799 Huffman Road.  
**York Township Board of Zoning Appeals**, regular meeting, 6:30 p.m., York Town Hall, 6609 Norwalk Road.

Friday

**Medina County Budget Commission**, regular meeting, 9 a.m., room 301, 144 N. Broadway St.  
**NOACA Air Quality Subcommittee**, regular meeting, 9 a.m., followed by Transportation Committee at 10:30 a.m., Water Quality Subcommittee at 12 p.m. and Equity Subcommittee at 1:30 p.m., NOACA, 1299 Superior Ave., Cleveland, virtual option available at [tinyurl.com/52m6rh9w](https://tinyurl.com/52m6rh9w).

ROUNDUP

Olympics, classroom activities, volunteering, job shadowing, etc.  
Interested students must complete an application and submit the form either online at [www.mcbdd.org](http://www.mcbdd.org) or through the mail before March 29 to be considered.  
Forms can be found online at [www.mcbdd.org](http://www.mcbdd.org) or by calling (330) 725-7751, ext. 318.

Brunswick Schools to host “Senior Theater” on Saturday

Senior citizens living within the Brunswick Schools community are invited to have coffee and doughnuts on Saturday before watching Brunswick Middle School Drama Club's performance of Frozen Jr. as part of Brunswick Schools' “Senior Theater” event.  
Refreshments will be served at 1 p.m. and the play will begin at 2 p.m. The event is free, but reservations are required and seats are limited. To make reservations, visit [tinyurl.com/n5mja8d4](https://tinyurl.com/n5mja8d4) or email [dallar@bcsch.org](mailto:dallar@bcsch.org).

MCEDC 2024 annual meeting with special guest Matt Tifft

Medina County Economic Development Corporation will host its annual meeting on March 21 at the Blue Heron

Event Center, 3227 Blue Heron Trace.  
The event starts at 5 p.m. for registration and networking and will be followed by dinner, including a braised short rib and chicken Marsala duo, or a stuffed portabella mushroom cap, and the program “Fast Track to Success: Speeding Out of Life's Pit Stops” by speaker Matt Tifft, a former NASCAR Race Driver and Team Owner.  
To attend, people must make reservations by today at [tinyurl.com/yk6uwx4a](https://tinyurl.com/yk6uwx4a).

Highland High School’s Class of 1974 to hold 50th reunion

Highland High School's class of 1974 will hold its 50th reunion in mid-September in Granger Township.  
On Sept. 21, the class will hold its “Denim to Diamonds” dinner and dance at Williams on the Lake, 787 Lafayette Road, at 6 p.m.  
On Sept. 22, the celebration will continue at the pavilion located at Granger Methodist Church, 1235 Medina Road, starting at noon.  
Reservations are required for dinner, which can be made by emailing [karenthompson@howardhanna.com](mailto:karenthompson@howardhanna.com) or calling/texting (330) 697-8372.

— from staff reports

FISH FRIES THROUGHOUT MEDINA COUNTY

**Brunswick United Methodist Church fish fry**, 5-6:30 p.m., on Friday, at 1395 Pearl Road, Brunswick. Adult dinners include a choice of fish (tilapia or pollock) or four pierogies; choice of macaroni and cheese, baked potato, french fries or two homemade pierogies; choice of coleslaw or applesauce; and then green beans, a roll, dessert and a beverage for \$13. Kids dinner includes three chicken strips, a choice of macaroni and cheese or french fries, then green beans, applesauce, rolls, dessert and a beverage for \$6. Dine-in or carry-out is available. Check or cash only.  
**Brunswick Veterans of Foreign Wars Post 9520 fish fry**, 5-7 p.m., every Friday through March 29, at 1439 S. Carpenter Road, Brunswick. Dinners include four pieces of perch for \$17, three pieces of cod for \$15 and six pieces of breaded shrimp for \$13, all with sides of french fries and coleslaw. Other dinners include four pierogies with applesauce and coleslaw for \$13 and four pieces of chicken with applesauce and fries for \$11. Dine-in or carry-out is available, call (330) 273-4892 after 3:30

p.m. to order ahead. Open to the public.  
**Fraternal Order of Eagles Medina Aerie 2224 fish fry**, 4-8 p.m., every Friday through March 29, at 696 Lafayette Road. Dinners include a walleye sandwich or a perch sandwich and fries for \$12, a walleye or perch dinner for \$14, mussels for \$8, a butterfly shrimp dinner for \$12 and a popcorn shrimp appetizer for \$6. A family four-pack of walleye or perch dinner costs \$50. Call (330) 723-7511 beginning at 3 p.m. to place an order.  
**Lodi American Legion Post 523 fish fry**, 5-7 p.m., every Friday through March 22, at 120 Bank St. Offering all-you-can-eat fish dinners for \$15 or \$14 for veterans and chicken finger dinners for \$10. Dinners include options like baked potato, corn, coleslaw, clam chowder and a roll.  
**Medina VFW Post 5137 fish fry**, 5-7 p.m. every Friday through March 29, at 3916 Pearl Road, Medina. Dinners include four pieces of lake perch for \$17, three pieces of pub-style battered cod for \$15, six pieces of shrimp for \$13, 12 pieces of shrimp for \$14,

six pierogies including applesauce and coleslaw for \$13 and a bowl of clam chowder for \$6. Carry-out is available starting at 4:30 p.m., people can call (330) 725-0884 to place an order between 2-6 p.m. Open to the public.  
**St. Ambrose Catholic Parish fish fry**, 4:30-7 p.m., every Friday through March 29, at 929 Pearl Road, Brunswick. Individual meals include a baked fish dinner, a fried fish dinner, and a pierogi dinner for \$13.50, including two sides. For a family of four, there is a family pack for \$50 and offers options including fried fish, baked fish and pierogies. Each week there is a weekly special; learn more at [stambrose.us/Fish-Fry](http://stambrose.us/Fish-Fry). Dine in at the Hilbert Hall gym or preorder take-out online.  
**St. Colette Catholic Church fish fry**, 4:30-7 p.m., every Friday through March 22, at 330 W. 130th St., Brunswick. Dinners include fried fish costing \$13 for one and \$15 for two, baked fish costing \$14 for one and \$16 for two, a five-piece shrimp dinner for \$17, a five-piece pierogi dinner for \$14, a mac and cheese dinner for \$12 and 10 oz. bowl of clam chowder with crackers for \$8. All dinners come with a roll, butter

and two sides. Children's meals cost \$8 including a main meal of a piece of fried fish, baked fish, mac and cheese, two pierogies or cheese pizza and a side. Takeout is available from 4:30-6:30 p.m., orders must be placed in person.  
**St. Stephen Catholic Church fish fry**, 5-7 p.m. every Friday through March 22, at Hackman Hall at 44 Britton St., West Salem. Dinners cost \$13.50 and include two pieces of battered cod with fries and coleslaw, five pieces of battered shrimp with fries and coleslaw or 6 oz. grilled salmon fillet with sweet potato fries and coleslaw. There will also be a meal including five potato and cheese pierogies for \$7. Dine-in and carry-out are available.  
**Valley City VFW Post 5563 fish fry**, 5-7:30 p.m., every Friday through March 29, at 6731 Center Road, Valley City. Dinner includes either fried fish, baked fish or breaded shrimp with a choice of fries or a baked potato and coleslaw for \$13. The children's menu includes chicken tenders and fries for \$8. All dinners are available for carry-out.

BLOTTER

Brunswick police

**Wednesday, March 6**  
8:03 a.m. — Center Road/ Parschen Parkway; a four-vehicle crash occurred.  
10:02 a.m. — 3100 block of Center Road; the Liberty Ford manager reported a 2016 Kia Soul was stolen from the lot. It was later learned the vehicle had been recovered as an abandoned vehicle by Cleveland police prior to it being entered as a stolen vehicle. There are no suspects.  
6:34 p.m. — Forest Drive; police responded to serve a warrant on Jerrod Rundle, 40, of Hinckley. He had an active felony warrant with the Summit County Sheriff's Office for a drug offense. Rundle also had an active misdemeanor warrant with Brunswick police for a violation of a protection order and threatening domestic violence. He was taken into custody without incident and transported to the Medina County Jail.  
**Thursday, March 7**  
12:00 p.m. — 3400 block of Center Road; Douglas Burke, 58, of Brunswick, left Giant Eagle without paying for approximately \$171 worth of merchandise. He was issued a summons for theft into Brunswick Mayor's Court and released on scene. He was also issued a no trespass order.  
5:40 p.m. — Villa Casa Court; a report of a suspicious vehicle was made in which a man was

asleep behind the wheel. Anthony Jonila, 44, of North Royalton, was driving and displayed signs of impairment. He admitted to consuming alcoholic beverages, and he refused to complete standardized field sobriety tests. Jonila was placed under arrest for operating a vehicle while under the influence and refused to submit a breath test. He was issued citations into Medina Municipal Court.  
**Friday, March 8**  
12:53 a.m. — Pearl Road/ Boston Road; a traffic stop was conducted on a vehicle for a marked-lanes violation. The operator George Jordanov, 49, of Brunswick, was found to be under the influence and arrested. He was transported to the Brunswick Police Department, provided a breath sample of 0.131 percent BAC, was issued citations into Brunswick Mayor's Court and released.  
11:18 a.m. — Center Road/ Lincoln Avenue; one vehicle struck another while making a wide right turn.  
3:42 p.m. — 3800 block of Center Road; Alex Cika bypassed all points of sale at Meijer with approximately \$100 of unpaid merchandise. He was issued a citation into Brunswick Mayor's Court and released on scene.  
**Saturday, March 9**  
2:43 a.m. — Brunswick Lake Parkway; a traffic stop was conducted on a vehicle for

operating in a weaving course. The operator Ethan Corlett, 22, of Cleveland Heights, was found to be under the influence of alcohol and was arrested. He refused to provide a breath sample, was issued citations into Brunswick Mayor's Court and released after posting bond.  
**Sunday, March 10**  
2:14 p.m. — Maxwell Boulevard/ Selma Lane; a traffic stop was conducted on a vehicle for speed violation. Contact was made with the operator Andre Cliff, 32, of Brunswick. He was driving under suspension and had a failure to appear warrant out of Brunswick Mayor's Court. Cliff was arrested and posted bond. He was also issued traffic citations and released.  
**Monday, March 11**  
8:02 p.m. — 3800 block of Center Road; Meijer asset protection contacted Brunswick police to say they had David Cosmos, 41, of Brooklyn, detained for shoplifting. He stole three boxes of trading cards and a four pack of Sutter Home peach tea wine cocktails. Cosmos then consumed three of the four bottles of alcohol in the store's restroom and attempted to leave the store. He was cited for theft and open contained into Brunswick Mayor's Court.

Brunswick Hills police

**Thursday, March 7**  
11:59 a.m. — Substation Road; officers conducted a traffic stop on a vehicle for a marked lanes violation and a left of center violation. The owner and operator was arrested for operating a motor vehicle while under the influence of alcohol.  
**Friday, March 8**  
7:10 p.m. — 2300 block of Pearl Road; police responded to Range 42 to assist the Brunswick Hills Fire Department with a firearm related injury.  
**Tuesday, March 12**  
7:20 a.m. — Substation Road/ Grafton Road; one vehicle struck

another in an intersection.

Hinckley police

**Wednesday, Jan. 29**  
11:36 a.m. — West 130th Street; a man reported his trailer was stolen over the weekend.  
**Thursday, Feb. 15**  
5:41 p.m. — Somerset Drive; a report of fraud was made.  
**Sunday, Feb. 18**  
3:55 p.m. — Bohemia Trail; dispatch said a Flock camera in Brunswick had a hit on a stolen vehicle. The vehicle was located, and the license plate was seized.  
**Monday, Feb. 19**  
2:43 a.m. — Nationwide Parkway/West 130th Street; police observed a vehicle committing multiple marked lanes violations. A traffic stop was conducted and contact was made with the driver. The driver did not have a valid driver's license, and it was suspended for operating a vehicle while intoxicated. The driver was issued citations.  
**Wednesday, Feb. 21**  
7:39 p.m. — West 130th Street; police were notified of a suspicious vehicle in the parking lot of the Pine Hills Golf Course. The passenger of the vehicle had a felony arrest warrant from the Summit County Sheriff's Office. Police then transported him there.  
**Saturday, Feb. 24**  
10:04 a.m. — Valley Brook Boulevard; a couple reported they recently moved to Ohio and mailed their old license plates back to the department of motor vehicles in the state they were issued. After attempting to track the plates for several weeks, they were made aware the post office lost their package.  
11:51 a.m. — State Road/Center Road; one vehicle struck another after failing to stop at a stop sign.  
10:57 p.m. — Ridge Road/ Boston Road; a traffic stop was initiated on a vehicle going below the speed limit since it impeded traffic. The driver was driving while impaired and was placed under arrest.

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St. Patrick's Day revelry might be most associated with adults who enjoy hoisting a few pints and listening to music at Irish pubs, but that does not mean kids can't also enjoy this beloved holiday. The following are a handful of ways to infuse kids with the spirit of St. Patrick's Day.

**Parades**

Parades are fun for people of all ages. Local community parades may encourage families to march, and parents should take advantage of such opportunities. But even large parades in big cities can be fun for youngsters, who can dress up in green and enjoy all the pomp and circumstance of high

school bands, bagpipers, Irish dance groups, and additional participants.

**Music**

St. Patrick's Day and Irish culture in particular is synonymous with music, and there may be no better way to stoke kids' enthusiasm for St. Patrick's Day than to introduce them to Irish music. Check out local entertainment venues to see if there are any Irish-inspired concerts on tap. If possible, find shows geared toward youngsters that encourage them to participate by singing along or dancing as the musicians play. Kids who seem especially inspired can even be encouraged to learn an instrument associated with Irish music, such as the banjo, tin whistle or violin.

**Dance**

Another way to get kids excited about St. Patrick's Day is to arrange for them to learn any of the traditional Irish dance forms. Parents can even enroll alongside their youngsters, making this a fun way for families to enjoy some quality time together. Look around for classes offering lessons on Irish céilí dances, Irish set dancing or Irish step dancing.

**Crafts**

Many families decorate their homes for St. Patrick's Day. While such decorations are rarely as extensive as Christmas decorations, parents can encourage their kids' creative sides by organizing crafts projects for youngsters and their friends. Design projects where kids can create some of the symbols of



St. Patrick's Day that appear in popular culture, such as four-leaf clovers or leprechauns.

While many St. Patrick's Day celebrations are geared toward adults, parents can still take steps to involve their children in this year's festivities.

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In the 1960s, people with intellectual and developmental disabilities were often dismissed to the back rooms of family homes or underfunded state-run institutions. But President Kennedy leveraged his family's personal experience with his sister Rosemary's disability and used the power of the Presidency to create a Presidential Panel to bring attention to the needs of people experiencing life with an intellectual and developmental disability. The panel focused on experiences of exclusion from education, employment, and community participation. This was the beginning of much of the disabilities system we experience today. A system with an emphasis on meaningful goals in providing services for people with developmental disabilities so they may achieve their best lives through more participation and independence into the community.

Developmental disabilities are more common than people realize. According to the CDC, 17% of children in the United States between the ages of three and 17 have one or more developmental disabilities or delays - that is more than five million Americans. While most developmental disabilities begin before a baby is born, some can happen after birth because of injury, infection, or other factors. Most are thought to be caused by a complex mix of factors including genetics, parental health and behaviors (such as smoking and drinking) during pregnancy, birth complications, infections,

and exposure to high levels of environmental toxins, such as lead during pregnancy. Common developmental disabilities include autism spectrum disorder, cerebral palsy, down syndrome, hearing or vision loss, learning disorders and ADHD. Living with developmental disabilities can create a variety of challenges, such as difficulties with mobility, communication, self-help, independent living and physical and mental health issues. But, regardless of how a person experiences a developmental disability, finding ways of making sure everybody has the same opportunities in every aspect of life, to the best of their abilities, is important for every thriving community.

In 1987, President Reagan recognized March as Developmental Disabilities Awareness Month to increase the public's awareness of the needs and the potential of Americans with developmental disabilities and to provide them the encouragement and opportunities they need to lead productive lives and to achieve their full potential. The is why during March, everyone is encouraged to take time to get to know someone with a disability. Reaching out to people with disabilities helps create a better understanding that a community is connected in many ways. It allows people to work together to encourage inclusion and make the community one that is built on the abilities of all its citizens and the unique abilities they each possess. Celebrating the differences we all have and asking us to adjust our perceptions so we see a person first and the disability second. It is a time when we can strive to welcome people with developmental disabilities into local neighborhoods, workplaces, houses of worship and schools.

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Have you ever gotten a splinter? At first you think it's minor so you ignore it. Then after a few days it becomes so painful that it's interfering in everyday life and so you treat it and it heals. Small disagreements and minor arguments left to fester with your partner for days, weeks, or months are just like that splinter. So how do you heal it? How can you calm and dissipate hurt feelings?

**Make Repairs**

Happy couples repair unresolved conflicts as they occur and make a point of doing this together early and often. No matter how wonderful your relationship is you will have arguments where you say mean things to each other or become withdrawn and silent. So how do you begin to repair hurt feelings?

**Talk About it as Soon as You Can**

You need to be calm before you discuss things, but don't wait too long to repair. Admit responsibility for your part in the conflict. Don't excuse your behavior, instead reassure your partner of your love for them, tell them you understand their feelings. Open up and express your feelings. Listen to your partner's words and point of view. The whole goal is to try to understand together what led to the argument in the first place.

**The Good News...**

Every single conflict no matter how large or small offers an opportunity for a deeper understanding of each other. While this is not easy and requires a commitment from both partners, if you repair early and often, the rewards are huge! Next time stop and repair. Do this early and often and watch your relationship deepen and flourish.

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# Obituaries & Memoriams

## Matthew Rutherford, Sr.

Matthew Rutherford, Sr., 67, of Seville, Ohio, passed away Saturday, February 10, 2024 after a short illness with loved ones at his side.

He is survived by his loving wife of 47 years, Mary Ann (nee Kungl); siblings, Jaqueline Wells (James), William (deceased) (Molly), Gayle Moe (Richard), Gary (Cheryl), and Pamela Morrison (Donald); sons, Eric, Danny (Vanessa), Randy (Ashley), Matthew Jr. (Samantha); and five beloved



grandchildren.

He was preceded in death by his parents, Wanda and Wayne.

He was a long-time musician, playing guitar and singing for over 50 years with a group of friends. He loved looking for recipes and cooking for Mary and their friends. He was a critical thinker and enjoyed reading publications by the Skeptics Society.

A Celebration of Life will be held at a later date.

## Richard Allen Forsthoffer

Richard Allen Forsthoffer, 80, passed away surrounded by family Thursday, March 7, 2024. He was born May 1, 1943, to the late Louis and Helen Forsthoffer in Cleveland, Ohio.

He is survived by his beloved wife of 59 years, Vivian (nee Hargis); cherished daughter, Catherine Link (Timothy); treasured grandchildren, Tylor Oravec (Sydney), Nicholas Forsthoffer (Aliza), Tiffany Charek (Danny), Bailey Estep, Jacob Forsthoffer (Kaitlyn), and Brandon Estep; great-grandchildren, Ryan Forsthoffer and Gabriel Malkowski; dear siblings, Don Forsthoffer (Kathy), David Forsthoffer (Diane), and Barbara Clopton (Karl).

Richard is preceded in death by his son, Richard L. Forsthoffer; and brother, Fred



Forsthoffer.

Richard proudly retired from UPS after 33 years. He loved rebuilding and refurbishing classic muscle cars and watching NASCAR. Richard also enjoyed wood-  
working. Most importantly, he cherished time spent with his family. Some of his favorite family memories were fishing, camping, vacationing, and holiday gatherings. Richard will be dearly missed by all.

In lieu of flowers, contributions may be made in memory of Richard to the Alzheimer's Association.

Family will receive friends Monday, March 11, 2024, from 4 to 8 p.m. at Waite & Son Funeral Home, 765 N Court St., Medina, OH 44256.

Online condolences may be shared at [www.waitefuneralhome.com](http://www.waitefuneralhome.com)

## Gary Walter Burg

Gary Walter Burg, 78, died peacefully Saturday, March 2, 2024 surrounded by his family.

Gary was born July 9, 1945 in Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania.

He was preceded in death by his father, Edward Burg; mother, Dorothy (Lover) Burg; and older brother, Edward Burg.

Gary is survived by his devoted wife, Judith Burg (nee Sergi); children, Jeffrey Burg (Andrea), Mark Burg, Matthew Burg (Bridget), Adam Burg (Tessa), and Lisa Burg (Ray); grandchildren, Camilla, Adele, Connor, Liam, Mary, Holland, Brixton, El-



len, Anna, and Bennett; and relatives, Lianne, Margie, and Ted Burg.

He was a retired Medina County Deputy Sheriff.

He will be remembered for his sense of humor, love of music and trains, and all of his small acts of kindness. As Gary would say, 'Keep a Good Thought.'

In keeping with his appreciation for learning and education, Gary chose to donate his body to science and education. The family held a private memorial service in his honor Monday, March 4, 2024.

In lieu of flowers, please consider donating to medical education and research.

## Sarah L. George

Sarah L. George ('Sue', nee Ebner), 94, passed away Wednesday, March 6, 2024, in Medina, Ohio.

She was born June 14, 1929, to the late William Ebner and Lillie O'Brien, in Cleveland, Ohio.

Sue married the love of her life, Albert George, in 1948. The two were happily married 61 years until Al's passing in 2010.

She cherished spending time and engaging with her family, including lovingly preparing them home-cooked meals that were shared around the dining table while telling stories, relaying past memories, and heartily laughing. Sue was also an active member of Brunswick Reformed Church for over 50 years.

She is survived by her sons, Keith, and Dennis (Debbie); grandchildren, Stephanie (Shameena), Bryan (Stephen), Eric (Sylvia), and Scott; and



two great-grandchildren, Jason, and Allyson. She is also survived by several nieces, nephews, cousins, and dear friends.

Sue was preceded in death by her parents; husband; and siblings, John Teeter, Ruby McMillen, Roberta Swindler, and Margaret Wellman.

Family will receive friends from 2 until 6 p.m. Tuesday, March 12, 2024, at Waite and Son Funeral Home, 3300 Center Road, Brunswick, OH 44212, with a service to follow at 6 p.m..

In lieu of flowers, the family welcomes you to donate to the charity of your choice.

Online condolences and memories of Sue may be left at

[www.waitefuneralhome.com](http://www.waitefuneralhome.com)



## Teresa G. Elzer

Teresa G. Elzer, 89, of Brunswick, went to be with the Lord Thursday, March 7, 2024, and is now reunited with her husband of 67 years, the late Donald J. Elzer. She was born in Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania October 11, 1934, to the late Stanislaus and Helen (Porolnik) Baczkowski.

Teresa brightened any room she entered. Helping others, especially her friends at Story Point in Medina where she resided for the last 3 years, was her passion. She was known for her creative talents and her gifts as a beautician. Teresa spent years as activity director at Willowood Nursing Home. After losing her husband Teresa focused her love on her cats Nip & Tuck.

Terry and Don raised their family of three children in Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania and later Brunswick, Ohio.



She will be deeply missed by Donald D (Dianna), Debora (Dale) Erminio-Guiley, and Diane (James) Heideman; grandchildren, Daniel (Nicole), Vincent, Justin (Kimberly), Brandon, Anthony (Emme), Tracy (Lucas), and Christopher; great-grandchildren, Ethan, Isaac, Katrina, Nathan, and Noah; brother, Robert (Marti) Elzer; niece, Cindy; and nephew, Daniel.

Per Teresa's wishes, cremation has taken place, and all services are private.

The Elzer family has entrusted Teresa's care to Carlson Funeral Homes and Cremation Services, Brunswick.

In Teresa's own words 'Please say a prayer for me and remember the last time we laughed together.'



## Obituary & Memoriam REPRINTS

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### Brunswick Education Association scholarship

The Brunswick Education Association will award one \$1,000 scholarship to a Brunswick High School graduate majoring in education.

The scholarship will be awarded to a student who completed at least one year of college work by June of the present year. It will be awarded on the basis of need, achievement and general worthiness in the view of the selection committee.

To receive an application, email Kristy Piper at [kpiper@bcsch.org](mailto:kpiper@bcsch.org).

### Board of Developmental Disabilities receives highest accreditation level

The Medina County Board of Developmental Disabilities announced it was given the highest accreditation by the Commission of Accreditation of Rehabilitation Facilities International for a period of three years.

MCBDD received accreditation for numerous services like community employment supports, community employment job development and employment planning services.

"Receiving a three-year accreditation from CARF shows the commitment of our agency to listening and working with families and individuals with developmental disabilities, so they have the support they need to achieve success," MCBDD Superintendent Stacey Mal-eckar said. "It is only through the combined efforts of the individuals we serve,

their families, our staff, board members and administration along with the ongoing support from our community that we were able to reach this important level of recognition."

### Wadsworth Public Library to hold concert Sunday

ORMACO and the Wadsworth Public Library continue their Live at the Library concert series with singer, songwriter and multi-instrumentalist Jerry Popiel at 2 p.m. Sunday at the Wadsworth Public Library.

Popiel plays guitar, mandolin, bass, harmonica, percussion and keys. He performs songs from musicians like James Taylor, Cat Stevens, Jim Croce, Simon & Garfunkel, Gordon Lightfoot, Dan Fogelberg and more in a solo acoustic guitar setting.

The program is free, but reservations are recommended by registering at [tinyurl.com/mvfz4y9c](http://tinyurl.com/mvfz4y9c) or by calling (419) 853-6016. Seating at programs is on a first come, first served basis.

### Ohio certifies Medina Township Police Department

The Office of Criminal Justice Services announced the certification of 39 Ohio law enforcement agencies for state standards established by the Ohio Collaborative Community-Police Advisory Board. The Medina Township Police Department was one of the certified agencies.

Agencies completing the certification process have adopted and implemented the initial two standards regarding use of

## DEATH ELSEWHERE

### Akira Toriyama, creator of 'Dragon Ball,' dies at 68

TOKYO — Akira Toriyama, the creator of the best-selling Dragon Ball and other popular anime who influenced Japanese comics, has died, his studio said Friday. He was 68.

Toriyama's Dragon Ball manga series, which started in 1984, has sold millions of copies globally and was adapted into hugely popular animated TV shows, video games and films.

Toriyama died March 1 of a blood clot in his brain, Bird Studio said in a statement.

"He was working enthusiastically on many projects, and there was still much he was looking forward to accomplishing," the studio wrote.

A new TV adaptation of Toriyama's "Sand Land," a desert adventure story released in 2000 and later adapted into a 2023 anime movie, is due to be released on Disney+ in the spring.

Messages of condolences and grief from fellow creators and fans filled social media.

Eiichiro Oda, creator of the blockbuster manga "One Piece," said Toriyama's presence was like a "big tree" to younger artists.

"He showed us all these things manga can do, a dream of going to another world," Oda said in a statement. His death leaves "a hole too big to fill,"



Toriyama in 1982

Oda added.

Bird Studio thanked fans for more than 40 years of support. "We hope that Akira Toriyama's unique world of creation contin-

ues to be loved by everyone for a long time to come."

Born in Aichi prefecture in central Japan in 1955, Toriyama made his manga debut in 1978 with the adventure comic "Wonder Island," published in the Weekly Shonen Jump magazine. His Dr. Slump series, which started in 1980, was his first major hit.

It made him a celebrity, but Toriyama avoided the spotlight. In 1982, he told Japanese public broadcast NHK: "I just want to keep writing manga."

Dragon Ball, the story of a boy named Son Goku and his quest for seven magical balls that can make wishes come true, has sold 260 million copies altogether, according to the studio.

Toriyama also designed characters for the video game series Dragon Quest. He received awards in the manga industry and beyond.

— from wire reports

## ROUNDUP

force and hiring and recruitment.

### Road closure Monday, Tuesday in Sharon Township

Ridgewood Road in Sharon Township will be closed on Monday and Tuesday while crews are present for roadside construction between Medina Line Road and Forest Glen Trail.

### West Smith Road reconstruction project update

The city of Medina provided an update for the West Smith Road reconstruction project.

On Monday, the intersection of West Smith Road and South Huntington Street will remain closed while the contractor finishes the utility installation. Local access to businesses along West Smith Road will be maintained from the east on South Elmwood Avenue and the west from Prospect Street.

On Tuesday, the contractor will begin pavement removal and replacement of the existing roadway on West Smith Road from the entry drive to Cin Dee's Place going west to the bridge located near Lager Heads. Paving is anticipated to take approximately six to eight weeks to complete. During this time, West Smith Road between South Elmwood Avenue and Prospect Street will be closed to through traffic but will be open for local access with limitations.

— from staff reports

## BLOTTER

### Sheriff's Office

Sunday, Feb. 25

1:55 a.m. — Medina Road/Beach Road, Sharon Township; a deputy conducted a traffic stop that resulted in the arrest of an adult.

4:05 p.m. — Interstate 71, Westfield Township; a call was made regarding a disturbance or fight that led to the arrest of an adult.

4:18 p.m. — 1500 block of Eastern Road, Wadsworth Township; a call was made regarding an animal bite or attack, which was forwarded to another agency.

Tuesday, Feb. 27  
3:56 p.m. — Avon Lake Road/Smith Road, Litchfield Township; there was a motor vehicle crash

with no reported injuries that led to the issuance of a citation/summons.

7:12 p.m. — 2000 block of Remsen Road, Granger Township; there was a motor vehicle crash with no reported injuries.

Wednesday, Feb. 28  
10:02 a.m. — Interstate 76/High Street, Wadsworth; a deputy conducted a traffic stop that resulted in the arrest of an adult.

3:55 p.m. — 5800 block of Penwood Drive, Sharon Township; a call was made regarding a suspicious person.

Thursday, Feb. 29  
10 a.m. — 7500 block of Buffham Road, Westfield Township; a drug complaint was made.

12:05 p.m. — 1000 block of Medina Road, Granger Township;

a call was made regarding criminal damage mischief/vandalism property damage.

1:43 p.m. — U.S. Route 224/Richman Road, Harrisville Township; a deputy conducted a traffic stop that resulted in the issuance of a citation/summons.

3:10 p.m. — 5400 block of Spieth Road, York Township; there was a motor vehicle crash with no injuries reported.

6:50 p.m. — Lafayette Road/Westfield Road, Lafayette Township; a deputy conducted a traffic stop that resulted in the arrest of an adult.

Friday, March 1  
4:03 a.m. — 9200 block of Lodi Road, Harrisville Township; a call was made regarding a disturbance or fight that resulted in the arrest of an adult.

10:02 a.m. — 10000 block of Acme Road, Guilford Township; a call was made regarding fraud/identity fraud, which was forwarded to the detective bureau.

10:03 a.m. — Ridge Road/Fixler Road, Sharon Township; there was a motor vehicle crash with reported injuries that led to the issuance of a citation/summons.

Saturday, March 2  
5:27 p.m. — 7300 block of State Road, Sharon Township; a report was made regarding harassment via the phone or text.

10:32 p.m. — I-71/Avon Lake Road, Harrisville Township; a deputy conducted a traffic stop that resulted in the arrest of an adult.

## ADDRESS

From A2

Hours earlier, arriving via that same aisle, Biden faced a critic clad in one of former President Donald Trump's red Make America Great Again campaign hats before hearing a crowd of supporters lead a cheer of "four more years" from across the room.

"I thought that some of my favorite moments were actually when he gets heckled, he doesn't stop," Sen. Amy Klobuchar, D-Minn., said. "He engages with them. He didn't back down."

But this was not a campaign event: The heckler and supporters were members of Congress gathered on the House floor for the State of the Union address. It was

Rep. Marjorie Taylor Greene, R-Ga., who greeted the president with the MAGA hat, handing him a pin honoring Laken Riley, the Georgia nursing student allegedly killed by a Venezuelan citizen who entered the United States illegally.

When the president reached the immigration policy portion of his remarks, Greene made her interjection, calling out Riley's name and prompting Biden to respond.

The president held up the button and said she was "an innocent young woman who was killed by an illegal. To her parents I say, and my heart goes out to you having lost children myself, I understand."

After the speech, Rep. Delia Ramirez, D-Ill., criticized the use of the term "illegal."

"When you say illegal, you're saying the

same word that Marjorie Taylor Greene says over and over and over. ... We can't use words like that because words matter. And it was really unfortunate. He got flustered, yes. But those words should never come out of a president," Ramirez said.

There were interjections from across the room throughout the speech, but none seemed quite as staged. There were calls to "build a wall" and myriad cries for another Biden term, and a disruption from one of the visitor's galleries.

Tennessee GOP Rep. Tim Burchett, who had a rather prolonged exchange with the president during Biden's walk down the center aisle to begin his remarks, said later "we talked about Corvettes and ice cream and he asked for my wife's phone number."

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FRIDAY AT LORAIN PALACE THEATRE

Magician mixes ventriloquism, comedy

John Benson  
The Gazette

A different kind of grossed-out is what Andy Gross has planned for his Lorain Palace Theatre return.

A few years after making his Lorain County debut, the talented comedian, who is also a magician and ventriloquist, is back for a show Friday at the Broadway venue.

“I know we had a great show there because that’s kind of why I’m coming back so soon,” said Gross, calling from Los Angeles. “Normally, you don’t come back for a while, but I love doing theaters in those midsize towns like Lorain.

“The whole community comes out to support it. It’s just so much fun. Lorain was a big, beautiful theater, and we did pretty well. The audience was great.



Gross

There was just a lot of energy, that really stood out.”

A former professional racquetball player, the St. Louis native now performs more than 200 dates a year throwing his voice, reading minds, levitating an audience member, splitting himself in two, making a signed \$100 bill vanish and turning an audience member into a human puppet.

“I consider myself a comedian, really, I just happen to use a little magic and a little ventriloquism in there,” he said. “But it’s comedy. What I like to hear is when people walk out of my show they say they didn’t know it was going to be that funny.”

IF YOU GO

**WHO:** Andy Gross  
**WHEN:** 7 p.m. Friday  
**WHERE:** Lorain Palace Theatre, 617 Broadway, Lorain  
**TICKETS:** \$38 (\$30 under age 13)  
**INFO:** (440) 452-1050 or lorainpalace.com

Still, Gross is billed as a magician with his tricks running the gamut of what audiences would expect.

“I do a bit where I cut myself in half,” he said. “I call it Split Man. This video I did a few years back has like 150 million views. It’s more of a modern approach to cutting someone in half.

“For the most part, it’s not the old-time serious-type magic with birds. In these shows, I’m not doing big illusions.

This is more crazy mind-reading stuff and card tricks.”

Then there are his ventriloquism talents, which he started learning as a kid who wanted to throw his voice. Today, he throws audiences for a hilarious loop sans any dummies, unless you count the unsuspecting theatergoers.

“You see Jeff Dunham works with a puppet,” he said. “That’s really cool, but my whole goal was I wanted to make my voice sound like it was coming from across the room, trapped in a closet or box.

“So I do ventriloquism where I throw my voice. It sounds really cool and then I bring a volunteer on stage and they become my human puppet. I actually have them talk.”

For comparison’s sake regarding his comedy, Gross said his onstage ad-lib-

bing is reminiscent of Don Rickles and Robin Williams.

“There’s a little of both, it’s just not as extreme or as intense,” he said. “But I do a lot of messing around with the audience.”

It’s the latter that Gross said keeps his shows fresh and ever-changing. That’s why those folks who attended his previous Lorain County performance will experience something completely different.

“I use a lot of audience participation so I don’t know how they’re going to react or what they’re going to say,” he said. “I’m always on my toes, too, because I never know what’s going to happen. That really keeps me fresh. I don’t get bored.”

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THURSDAY AT FRENCH CREEK THEATRE IN SHEFFIELD

Symphonic world artist blends music, visuals

John Benson  
The Gazette

Matt Venuti loves the Buckeye State. A year after appearing at Kaiser Gallery in Tremont, the award-winning multi-instrumentalist composer/performer returns to the area for a show Thursday at French Creek Theatre’s Ewing Hall in Sheffield.

“Kaiser Gallery was a good gig,” said Venuti, calling from his Upstate New York home. “It wasn’t the whole thing with the visuals. It was more my singer-songwriter side. I’ve got several different sides of what I do that are across the board. Sometimes it’s purely instrumental. Sometimes it’s me with a guitar doing a singer-songwriter thing.

“And other times, it’s a full array of multi-instrumental stuff with visuals, which I shot around the country when I was artist-in-residence at some of the national parks. I picked up amazing videos, so I do a whole soundtrack to that footage. That’s what I’m doing in Sheffield Village.”

For decades, Venuti has introduced rare and expressive acoustic and electronic instruments to the world through his concerts and videos. Specifically, the resourceful multimedia artist plays an array of innovative instruments — hang, the waves and the electronic valve instrument — creating what’s been described as symphonic world music.

IF YOU GO

**WHAT:** French Creek Theatre presents Matt Venuti  
**WHEN:** 7 p.m. Thursday  
**WHERE:** French Creek Theatre’s Ewing Hall, 4530 Colorado Ave., Sheffield  
**TICKETS:** Adults \$15  
**INFO:** (440) 949-5200 or [metroparks.cc/theatre](http://metroparks.cc/theatre)

At his upcoming Ewing Hall appearance, Venuti said he plans to improvise to the visuals in real-time.

“I try to keep the visuals in sync with the music,” he said. “We start in the Southwest and then I go into my own

visuals of the moon. We travel through space and come back down to Earth again and continue our travels throughout the country.”

As far as being an artist-in-residence, that started in 2019 when he held that position at both the Everglades and Shenandoah national parks.

“I was doing an interview with the NPR station in Miami and the person who was on before was talking about the artist-in-residency of the Everglades,” he said. “I love the Everglades and I thought what a cool gig, so I applied and got the gig.

“Next I applied at the Shenandoah and I got that. That was the beginning of my residencies, but I’ve always been

interested in nature. I’ve always really just found inspiration in those beautiful places.”

Considering Venuti is making his French Creek Theatre debut, perhaps the artist’s visit has an ulterior motive.

Maybe the musician’s upcoming gig is a way for him to slyly audition to become the Lorain County Metro Parks artist-in-residence.

“Sure, why not,” he said, laughing. “Actually, right now, I’m having a lot of fun on the road. I keep myself pretty busy. I’m not really that interested in artist-in-residencies, but I may be in the future, so we’ll see. Who knows.”

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## 58 AREA NEWS

# Medina County Board of Developmental Disabilities receives highest accreditation level

SUBMITTED BY PATTI HETKEY,

*Community Relations Manager,*

*Medina County Board of Developmental Disabilities*

MEDINA – The Medina County Board of Developmental Disabilities (MCBDD) is pleased to announce that it has been accredited by CARF International for a period of three years, the highest accreditation an organization may receive.

“Receiving a three-year accreditation from CARF shows the commitment of our agency to listening and working with families and individuals with developmental disabilities so they have the support they need to achieve success,” said Superintendent Stacey Maleckar. “It is only through the combined efforts of the individuals we serve, their families, our staff, board members, and administration along with the ongoing support from our community that we were able to reach this important level of recognition.”

The MCBDD received accreditation for numerous services, including Community Employment Supports, Community Employment Job Development and Employment Planning Services. The report states, “This achievement is an indication of your organization’s dedication and commitment to improving the quality of the lives of the persons served. Services, personnel and documentation clearly indicate an established pattern of conformance to standards. Your organization should take pride in achieving this high level of accreditation.”

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During the accreditation process, the MCBDD was reviewed in areas such as leadership, strategic planning, financial planning and management, health and safety and quality of services and supports. At the end of the accreditation review, CARF delivered a summary report that highlighted the MCBDD’s strengths as well as provided recommendations for areas of improvement.

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otherwise be able to fully participate in independent living, community inclusion and competitive employment are able to fully engage in the communities with the support of MCBDD. The staff members are knowledgeable, passionate and steadfast champions for inclusion, education and advocacy.”

“The CARF review helps us to continue to increase the quality of our agency for the about 1500 individuals and families in Medina County who rely on us,” said Maleckar. “We are honored to receive this recognition on behalf of them and to be able to continue to provide our community with important and valuable services.”

For more information or to view the entire CARF accreditation summary and report, visit <http://www.mcbdd.org/current-news/>

## About MCBDD

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## COMMUNITY POSTINGS

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# Fraternal Order of Police (FOP) Lodge 15 Classic Car Raffle

Fraternal Order of Police (FOP) Lodge 15 is raffling off a beautifully restored 1969 Chevrolet Chevelle 396 CI/4 Speed and three additional \$500 cash prizes. On-line raffle ticket entry is \$100 and only 1000 tickets will be sold. Drawing will be held April 30. Visit [www.ohio-fop15.com](http://www.ohio-fop15.com) for more info and a link to purchase tickets.

FOP 15 is a 501(c)8 charitable organization and serves the communities of Parma, Parma Hts., Seven Hills, Berea, Brook Park, Strongsville, Broadview Hts., North Royalton, Brunswick, Brunswick Hills, Middleburg Hts., Conrail, Cleveland Metroparks, Olmsted Falls and Hinckley. Special thanks to Blue Line Classics and Copycats Printing for their support.

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## FROM THE EXPERTS

### 5 Ways to Include Kids with Disabilities during Playtime

All young children – with and without disabilities – need the chance to learn from each other through playtime. Knowing a wide range of peers with different abilities is important to each child's growth. Here are some tips for including everyone in the fun:

#### 1. Take the First Step Yourself

Kids learn by example. When you see a child with a disability, make an effort to say hi, and find a way to engage with the child. Very often, it is the first approach that is daunting for adults, and definitely for kids. Initiate interaction as a parent and your kids may follow suit.

#### 2. Change Expectations

People tend to think when we say hi or make eye contact with a child, it will be reciprocated. This is not always the case with kids with disabilities. It doesn't mean they are not interested in you, it may mean they just do not know how to show it. Adjust your expectations. Each child is an individual with a unique personality. It might take a little bit of time to get to know them.

#### 3. Less Talking, More Doing

Children love to move when they play. The same is true for children with disabilities. For some children with disabilities, games that involve a lot of rules and less moving may be frustrating. Also, many kids with disabilities follow instructions better when they are given visually rather than verbally. Finding the right activity may take time, but it will be worth it.

#### 4. Ignore the Meltdowns

As with most kids, when a child with a disability is overwhelmed, tired or upset, they may have a meltdown. Actually, ignoring the meltdown and staying calm may settle down the situation fairly quickly.

#### 5. No Pity Please

Parents of kids with disabilities need empathy, kindness and space to parent their kids, not pity. Most just want the same things any parent would want for their kid: love, laughs, friends and a safe environment to achieve their maximum potential. If you genuinely want to include a child with a disability in playtime, just ask the parents. They will be happy to help you find ways to include their child.

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## ORGANIZATIONS

### Women's Club offers two scholarships

The Hinckley Women's Club will offer financial assistance scholarships to eligible Hinckley residents for the fall of 2024.

The scholarships, each worth \$1,000, are available for books or tuition and will be presented to the winner at the April Hinckley Women's Club general membership meeting.

The scholarship is open to Hinckley residents currently involved in a post-high school training program, or to any resident planning to attend college in the fall. Post-high school training includes business school or technical school, as well as college/university training. Deadline for completed applications and essays is March 15. Applications received after this date will not be considered.

Scholarship applications require name, address, school, area of study, and a one-page essay of no more than 500 words. Application forms are available through the guidance counselor's office at Highland High School, Brunswick High School and the Medina County Career Center. They are also available at [hinckleywomensclub.com](http://hinckleywomensclub.com). ∞

### Hinckley Garden Club

The Hinckley Garden Club will meet on Monday, March 18, at 6:30 p.m., at Hinckley Town Hall.

Representatives of Kimble Recycling will speak on "The Ins and Outs of Recycling."

The club will also be discussing committees. New members are always welcome. For more information, call Linda at 440-724-8537. ∞

### Hinckley Women's Club

The Hinckley Women's Club will meet at Hinckley Town Hall on Thursday, March 21, at 7 p.m. Please join us and hear from Hinckley author Leslee Sambor as she discusses her book, "Don't Tell Zina." Applications for the Women's Club Student Scholarship ([hinckleywomensclub.com](http://hinckleywomensclub.com)) are being accepted until Friday, March 15. This year's Easter Egg Hunt will take place on Saturday, March 30, at 11 a.m., at the Hinckley Preparatory Academy, 1586 Center Rd. All children through fourth grade are welcome to participate. There will also be raffle baskets and an on-line auction. Details can be found at [givebutter.com/C/HWC-Auction](http://givebutter.com/C/HWC-Auction). ∞

### Cuyahoga Valley Genealogy Society

The Cuyahoga Valley Genealogical Society will hold its monthly meeting on Monday, March 4, at 7 p.m. Members and interested public are invited to attend in the Willow Room of the Independence Civic Center, 6363 Selig Blvd. in Independence.

This month's speaker is from the LDS Family Research Center in Westlake. Learn about their in-house services, as well as how to research online.

Coffee and refreshments will be served. For additional information contact [Cuyahogavalleygensociety@gmail.com](mailto:Cuyahogavalleygensociety@gmail.com). ∞

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# - DSP Spotlight -

March 2024

## Jessica Burkey



**What do you like to do in your free time?** I like to read, color, cook and swim, all while listening to music or an audio book.

**How long have you worked as a Direct Support Professional?** I have worked as a Direct Support Professional since 2013.

**How did you start in the field?** I started volunteering at the Achievement Center for holiday parties, picnics and Special Olympic events with my mom at the age of 16. As I volunteered, I found a passion for working with individuals with developmental disabilities.

**Has there ever been anyone that has stood out to you as a mentor in this field?** There are two people that have stood out to me and helped me become the DSP that I am today: my dad, who worked in this field for many years, and my mom. My mom worked in the kitchen at the Achievement Center for 31 years before retiring. She has been my rock; she supports and encourages me when things get a little overwhelming.

**What is your favorite thing to do with the people you serve?** One of my favorite things to do is to have dance parties and be silly while completing tasks that must get done.

**What is your favorite part of being a Direct Support Professional?**

My favorite part of being a DSP is bringing joy to the individuals' lives and being able to make them smile even if they are having a rough day.

**What makes Jessica a great DSP?:** Jessica has a heart of gold and is a true gift when it comes to serving individuals with developmental differences. She is kind, calm and solution oriented. Jessica gives all of her time and talents, even when she doesn't have to, going so far as to preparing menus, meals and shopping lists for consumers that she doesn't normally work with. Nurturing Hands and Hearts is blessed to work with such an exceptional person.

**Thank you for your outstanding contributions to helping people with developmental disabilities and their families in Medina County. Thank you for sharing your dedication and commitment to making a difference in the lives of others every single day.**





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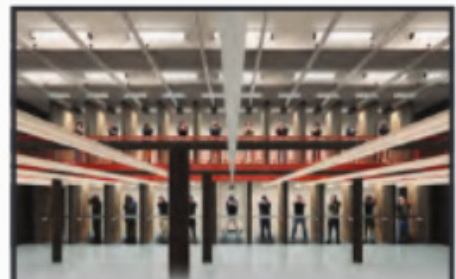
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## - Advocacy and Awareness -



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# Serving the Community



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*If you have a family member with a delay or developmental difference, we are here from the time they are born through their adult lives to help them meet their living and activity needs in our community.*

### Leadership Academy Taking Applications

The MCBDD is proud to announce the second session of its Leadership Academy to help people with developmental differences learn the skills needed to take on local leadership roles. This six-month training opportunity covers topics such as Types of Leadership Opportunities, Understanding Leadership, Roles and Responsibilities, Personal Leadership Profile, Communication and Listening, Problem-Solving, Interview Skills, and Goal Setting. Individuals interested in being selected to join must fill out and submit an application form by Friday, March 1, 2024. Class size is limited.

**Applications and more information at**  
[www.mcbdd.org/advocacy/](http://www.mcbdd.org/advocacy/) or call the  
**Advocacy Coordinator at 330-725-7751 x232.**

### Camperships Available

The MCBDD is providing funding for children and adults with developmental differences to attend summer camp this year. These camperships are available for use until August 2024.

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### Upcoming Event

#### Transportation Options Medina County Public Transit

**Thursday, February 22 at 6:00 pm**

Join us to learn how to use the Medina County Public Transit, and get information on the MC Flex Service – a door-to-door service that provides faster trips for Medina County residents.

**Events are in-person and virtual.**  
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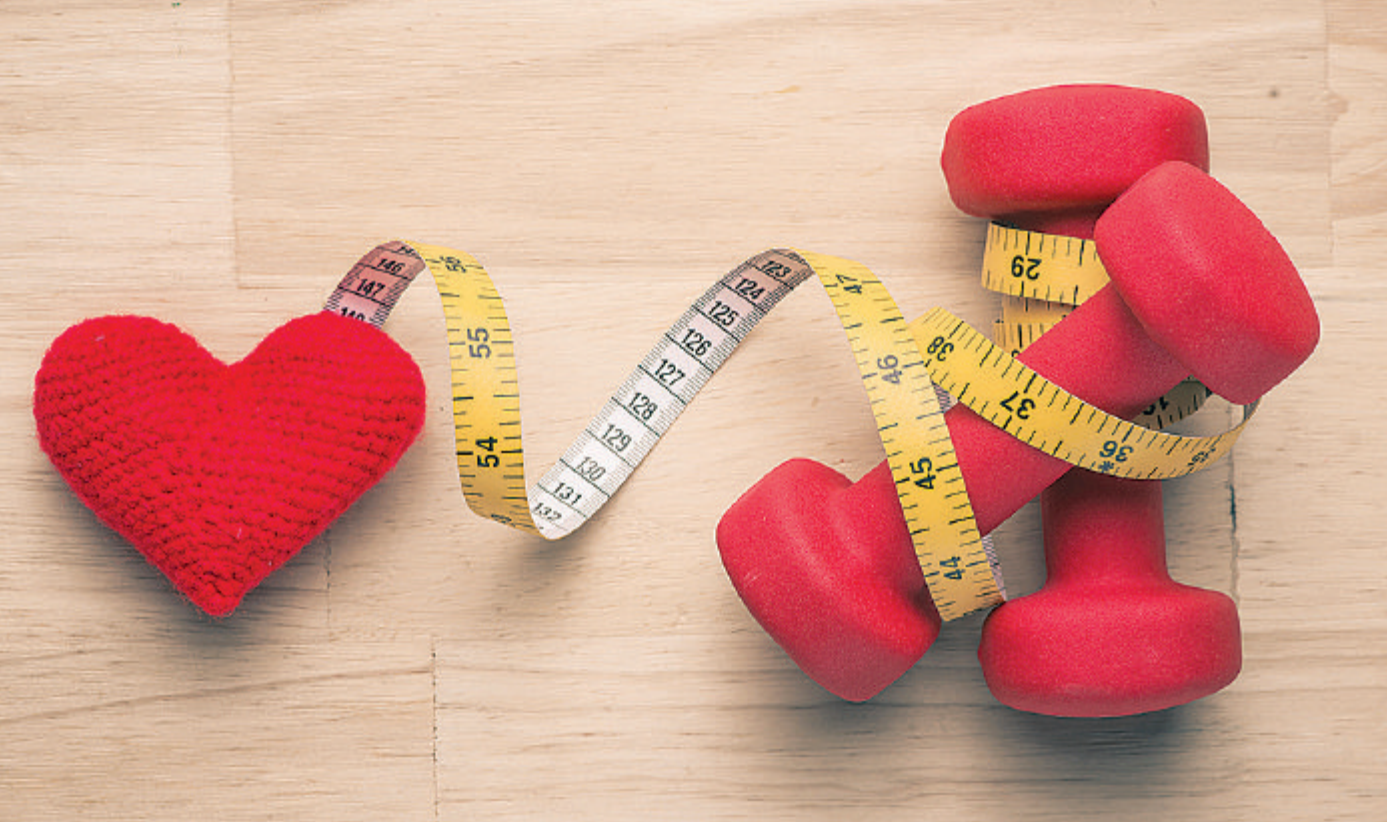
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# Activities to strengthen the heart

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The heart is a vital component of the human body. Without a functional heart, life is simply not possible. As with other muscles in the body, it is important to give the heart a workout to improve its strength and vitality. Intermountain Health says an individual who does not exercise is more than twice as likely to get heart disease as someone who does. UCI Health says heart disease is the No. 1 cause of death worldwide.

Exercise is an ideal way to strengthen the heart and reduce your risk for heart disease and other conditions. Certain activities are prime for boosting heart health.

- **Aerobic exercise:** Aerobic exercise raises heart rate and gets the blood pumping throughout the body. Aerobic activity improves circulation, and over time it ensures the heart does not have to work as hard to pump blood, thus potentially lowering blood pressure. Also, aerobic exercise can reduce the risk for type 2 diabetes and can help

those with diabetes to control blood glucose more readily. Aerobic exercises include brisk walking, running, swimming, cycling, playing tennis, and other activities that get the heart pumping. Aim for 30 minutes each day, for at least five days a week.

- **Resistance/weight training:** Building muscle can help the body burn fat and boost metabolism. This type of training can use weights or the body's own resistance. Improving muscle mass while reducing body fat and excess weight are heart-healthy steps to take. Strength training can be incorporated into a routine two to three days a week.

- **Balance and flexibility exercises:** A person may wonder what flexibility and balance has to do with heart health. While there isn't a direct correlation to how the heart works, these types of activities will help reduce the risk of falls or injuries to muscles and joints while working out. Inactivity is dangerous for the heart, so ensuring that physical activity can continue is important. Flex-

ibility and balance exercises keep the body limber, and can be incorporated into daily workouts. Stretching, tai chi, yoga, and pilates can be included two or three times a week.

- **Healthy eating:** The foods people eat can affect heart health. Opt for lean protein sources and foods that include healthy fats. Salmon, avocados and olives are some options. Balance these foods with whole grains that are full of fiber, which can help a person feel fuller longer. Fiber also is essential for preventing atherosclerosis, a condition that causes hardening of the arteries.

- **Meditation:** Slowing down, performing deep-breathing exercises and meditation can reduce stress. That, in turn, can help prevent damage to the heart.

Strengthening the heart and maintaining its health involves various activities that can be incorporated into daily routines.

# 5 Ways to Include Kids with Disabilities during Playtime

All young children, with and without disabilities, need the chance to learn from each other through playtime. Knowing a wide range of peers with different abilities is important to each child's growth. Here are some tips for including everyone in the fun.

- 1. Take the First Step Yourself**

Kids learn by example. When you see a child with a disability, make an effort to say hi, and find a way to engage with the child. Very often it is the first approach that is daunting for adults, and definitely for kids. Initiate interaction as a parent and your kids may follow suit.
- 2. Change Expectations**

People tend to think when we say hi or make eye contact with a child, it will be reciprocated. This is not always the case with kids with disabilities. It doesn't mean they are not interested in you, it may mean they just do not know how to show it. Adjust your expectations. Each child is an individual with a unique personality; it might take a little bit of time to get to know them.
- 3. Less Talking, More Doing**

Children love to move when they play, the same is true for children with disabilities. For some children with disabilities, games that involve a lot of rules and less moving may be frustrating. Also, many kids with disabilities follow instructions
- 4. Ignore the Meltdowns**

As with most kids, when a child with a disability is overwhelmed, tired or upset, they may have a meltdown. Actually, ignoring the meltdown and staying calm may settle down the situation fairly quickly.
- 5. No Pity Please**

Parents of kids with disabilities need empathy, kindness, and space to parent their kids, not pity. Most just want the same things any parent would want for their kid: love, laughs, friends and a safe environment to achieve their maximum potential. If you genuinely want to include a child with a disability in playtime, just ask the parents. They will be happy to help you find ways to include their child.

Have questions or need additional help or resources? The Medina County Board of Developmental Disabilities is the community resource responsible for connecting, coordinating, and funding services for individuals of all ages with intellectual and developmental disabilities. We help with everything from early intervention and education opportunities for children to employment and community inclusive living for adults. Call us 330-725-7751 or visit [www.mcbdd.org](http://www.mcbdd.org) for more information.

# Fall in Love With Your Partner Again

**Stay Curious**

New lovers ask a bunch of questions to get to know and connect with each other. This period of a relationship is fun and exciting but over time we can forget to stay inquisitive, and the relationship grows stale. Some couples have very little knowledge about their partner's inner world. Remember that people do change over time. Staying curious about your partner isn't just an important part of falling in love. It also helps you stay in love!

**Try the Love Quiz**

What kind of questions reignite that fire? Try quizzing each other with a wide range of questions to help you develop greater insight and more detailed understanding of each other. Ask easy questions like "where was I born?" or "who are my closest friends?" Or more difficult questions like: "do I have a secret ambition? What is it?" Let your imagination run wild.

**Set Rules and No Score Keeping**

Sounds simple right? Remember, angry reactions like "You don't know where I was born? After all these years!" could take things from fun and playful to hurtful and disappointing. So set some ground rules before you start. First— it is OK not to know every answer. Just take the opportunity to learn something new. Make it a

topic of conversation for few minutes.

Second— it is not necessarily the fault of a partner who doesn't know the answer. Communication goes both ways. Have there been times your partner reached out to connect with you but you ignored them? If both of you are not continuously trying to get to know each other, it is time to make your partner

a bigger priority.

**Take Your Time**

Don't set an expectation to talk through every burning question you have. Space it out. Don't make it a chore. Make this something you both look forward to. So get curious about your partner! Make it a priority to continuously learn about them and fall in love all over again.

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**APPLICANTS** must demonstrate involvement in the following areas:

- a personal passion for helping people with developmental differences
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