



Renewal Levy Fact Sheet

The Clermont County Board of Developmental Disabilities has a Renewal levy on the May 8, 2018 primary ballot. This levy will benefit nearly 2000 children and adults in Clermont County who have Intellectual and Developmental Disabilities. Upon approval, it will renew a five year, .75 operating levy that was originally passed in 2003. The renewal will not result in any increased cost to the taxpayer.

The Levy will Maintain Basic Services

Money raised by the levy will maintain the basic services required by a growing number of people in Clermont County.

These services include:

- Early childhood services
- Support for children who have multiple disabilities, ages 6 to 21.
- Support for adults to live as independently as possible and to work at a job
- Home-based services for children and adults
- Supported Living and Service Coordination services for individuals and their families
- Services for senior citizens who have Developmental Disabilities.

Demand for Services Continues

- The number of individuals requesting intake has steadily increased since 2009.
- Many aging parents are still caring for their disabled adult child at home and need support or residential placement
- The agency serves up to 20 individuals a year who require emergency stabilization either in the home or in a residential facility.
- According to the CDC, between 2014 and 2016, the prevalence of developmental disabilities among kids ages 3 to 17 increased from 5.76 percent to 6.99 percent; 1 in 68 with autism.
- The number of children and adults receiving services has increased due to:
 - Increased awareness on the part of doctors, who can refer children with Developmental Disabilities at birth.
 - Better medical technology preserving the lives and longevity of individuals with Developmental Disabilities.
 - Overall population growth in the Clermont County community.

Impact of the Levy

- Passage of the Renewal Levy would have the effect of providing the needed funding to maintain existing programs and responsibly address waiting lists.

What is the Cost?

- A yes vote would renew a five year, .75 operating levy that was originally passed in 2003.
- For an owner of a \$100,000 house, the estimated cost will remain about \$21 per year. The renewal will not result in any increased cost to the taxpayer.