



Replacement Levy Fact Sheet

The Clermont County Board of Developmental Disabilities has a Replacement levy on the March 15, 2016 ballot. This levy will benefit nearly 2000 children and adults in Clermont County who have Intellectual and Developmental Disabilities. Upon approval, it will replace the effective rates of a .4 mill levy passed in 1979, and a 1 mill levy passed in 1980. This levy maintains the same voted millage.

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.
- National statistics indicate that 1 in 6 children are diagnosed with a Developmental Disability; 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.

Waiting Lists for Services

- Almost 200 individuals and families are on a waiting list for a specialized services. These services encompass Behavior Support Services; Day service support; In-home support services; Respite support; Transportation assistance
- Hundreds more are waiting for Supported Living Services or Residential Services.

Impact of the Levy

- Passage of the Replacement Levy would have the effect of providing an additional 100 individuals and families (who are waiting) annually with much needed services.
- Since 2010, the Clermont County Board of DD has lost over \$1.8 million annually from State and Federal sources. 53% of the annual funds raised by this levy request is needed to make up for this lost revenue.

What is the Cost?

- A yes vote would combine and replace a .4 mill continuous levy that was originally passed in 1979, and a 1 mill continuous levy that was passed in 1980. Those two levies will become one. The voted millage will remain the same.
- For an owner of a \$100,000 house, the estimated additional cost will be about \$35.00 a year or about \$3.00 per month.