



People for MR/DD Services

Levy Facts

The five-year Hamilton County Mental Retardation and Developmental Disabilities Services Levy, last approved by voters in November 2004, will expire at the end of 2009. On November 3, 2009, voters will have an opportunity to express continued support for MR/DD services by approving another five-year levy (the first was approved in 1974.)

Because the agency is undergoing the Hamilton County Commissioner-mandated tax levy review process, the levy amount voters will be asked to approve cannot yet be determined. However, the reviewing company chosen by the commissioners - called TATC - has completed a draft report after looking at the agency over the past few months. Initial observations are that the agency has impressive staff, board members are appropriately involved, and managers and staff coordinate services and operations effectively. The final report is expected at the end of April.

More than 70% of the agency's funding is currently generated by the existing levy for MR/DD services. The remaining revenue comes from federal and state sources.

What Matters Most to those we serve....

- Since 2004, the number of people served increased 44%, from 5,500 to almost 8,000. The number of infants and their families served increased 307%, from 555 to 2,260.
- Reasons include: medical advances are prolonging life and keeping infants alive who wouldn't have lived a generation ago; aging parents need services for sons and daughters whom they have cared for previously; astounding growth in the number of children with autism.
- Four adult centers and two schools operated by the agency serve individuals with the most significant disabilities.
- Financially supporting dozens of community agencies, we lead the state in contracting for services (57% of our budget).
- Each of the 14 stipulations from the 2004 tax levy has been met, including consolidation of three schools into two, stopping preschool services, instituting early retirement incentive programs, and asking each of the public school districts in Hamilton County to share in the costs of providing educational services.
- Several performance reviews and audits show that our agency is the best and most efficient county board of MR/DD in Ohio.
- Services we provide are critical to more than 7,900 individuals with disabilities and their families who rely on our support.
- More than 70% of our funding comes from the Hamilton County tax levy.

For more information, visit the levy web site www.mrdd-levy.org
or the agency web site www.hamiltonmrdd.org



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What matters most to all of us

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