

Residential Services Fact Sheet

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Hamilton County Board of Mental Retardation and Developmental Disabilities

Individuals served by the Hamilton County Board of MR/DD have many residential options available to fit their unique needs. The Board contracts with dozens of non-profit community agency and individual providers for a variety of residential services.

Facility-Based

- Approximately 580 people with disabilities reside in 114 licensed residential facilities
- Facilities are licensed by the Ohio Department of MR/DD for a specific number of residents ranging from one to 16
- 14 agencies operate group homes and Intermediate Care Facilities (ICFMRs) for Individuals with Mental Retardation
- These services are funded by Medicaid Waivers, such as the Individual Options Waiver (IO)
- Vacancies in these licensed homes are filled from the waiting list or by individuals in crisis situations
- Services are facilitated and monitored by Service Facilitators employed by the Hamilton County Board of MR/DD who are responsible for:
 - Administering assessments to determine an individuals' support needs
 - Developing individual service plans (My Plan)
 - Facilitating access to residential services
 - Ensuring individuals are receiving supports indicated in My Plan
 - Ensuring health and safety
 - Ensuring and monitoring quality of life
 - Supporting individuals through difficult life issues and events
 - Supporting change in living arrangements when needed or requested
 - On-call availability 24 hours a day
 - Ensuring that individuals receive and maintain government benefits

Supported Living

- Approximately 659 people receive services through supported living
- Individuals choose an apartment or a home to rent based on their preference or they may choose to receive services in their family home
- They also choose their housemate(s) and select the provider (from a list of certified providers) who will provide them with supports
- Supported living services are funded through Medicaid Individual Options Waivers, state supported living funds, Level I waivers, and local tax levy funds
- Services are monitored by Service Facilitators who are responsible for :
 - Preparing assessments of individuals' support needs
 - Developing individual service plans
 - Coordinating selection of house/apartment, housemates, provider
 - Ensuring that individuals receive supports indicated in My Plan
 - Ensuring health and safety
 - Monitoring quality of life
 - Supporting individuals through difficult life issues/events
 - Facilitating changes in living arrangements, housemates, provider
 - Providing on-call availability 24 hours a day
 - Ensuring that individuals receive and maintain government benefits