



Hamilton County MR/DD

Levy Fact Sheet

The Hamilton County Mental Retardation Services levy, last approved by voters in 1999, will expire at the end of this year. On November 2, voters will have an opportunity to express their continued support for MR/DD services by approving a 3.62 mill levy. This levy will generate about \$67 million a year for MR/DD services, approximately 71% of the annual budget for the Hamilton County Board of MR/DD. When passed, the levy will cost the owner of a \$100,000 home about \$30 a year more than they are currently paying.

Levy dollars at work...

About 2,100 children and 3,500 adults with MR/DD receive the health care and support services they need to live safe, productive, independent lives:

- * Children with severe mental or physical impairments get the early intervention and education they need through the agency's special services.
- * Adults with disabilities who are outliving their aging parents as a result of health care advances, get the housing and support they need when their parents can no longer care for them.
- * Adults receive job training, placement, housing, and transportation to help them become independent and productive citizens.
- * Adults living longer due to medical advances receive specialized care that would be too costly for their families. Individuals with Down Syndrome are now living longer and developing Alzheimer's at higher rates.
- * Hamilton County MR/DD provides services at a cost that is lower than every other county of comparable size in Ohio.

