**Licking County Board of Developmental Disabilities: Overview**

The Licking County Board of Developmental Disabilities (LCBDD) supported more than 1,600 people locally in 2017.

Established in 1967, the county board has served many roles in the Licking County community. Today its primary responsibility is to fund and coordinate services for eligible residents with disabilities in an effort to support individuals and families to meet their outcomes while helping them navigate Ohio’s DD system.

LCBDD works with people of all ages. Our Early Childhood team works with young children, starting from birth, to help them meet early milestones. Our Transition Youth team works with young adults, 13 to 24, to help them plan their next steps after high school. Our Adult team supports individuals 25 and older, helping them connect with the resources they need to meet their outcomes, whether that means living independently, working in the community or just doing the things they truly enjoy.

The board partners with more than 170 independent providers and about 40 agencies and provides funding for their services — so families have options that best meet their needs.

Although the board has a superintendent and a team of administrators who supervise its day-to-day operations, a group of seven appointed board members meet publicly each month to advise the superintendent, approve LCBDD’s budget and make decisions about the board’s direction and policies.

About 76 percent of the LCBDD operating budget comes from local levy dollars. The board’s most recent levy passed in the fall of 2016.

Using these local funds, the board is able to leverage state and federal money to fund services.

The amount of money LCBDD spends per person is the seventh lowest in the state of Ohio. Administrative costs make up less than 9 percent of its annual operating budget.

Based on current financial forecasts, the board will not have to go back to the ballot until 2024.

LCBDD maintains a website with information for individuals, families, providers and community members. For more information, go to lcountydd.org. Residents can also learn more by following our active social media pages, which can be found by searching @lcountydd on Facebook, Twitter and Instagram.

**Comprehension Questions:**

1. What is the Licking County Board of Developmental Disabilities’ (LCBDD) primary responsibility?
   1. Provide direct service/care to people with developmental disabilities
   2. Fund and coordinate services for eligible people with developmental disabilities
   3. Make decisions for individuals with developmental disabilities
2. At what age, can eligible individuals start receiving services from the LCBDD?
   1. Age 12
   2. Age 18
   3. Any age
3. Why does LCBDD fund services from more than 170 independent providers and about 40 agencies?
   1. So families have options that best suit their needs
   2. To confuse families
   3. To meet a quota
4. Why do you think you’re a good fit for this position?