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Ohio Department of Developmental Disabilities

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Ohio Makes Dramatic Improvement in Annual United Cerebral Palsy Survey

'The Case for Inclusion' reports Ohio up 26 places since 2007

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The annual United Cerebral Palsy report, *The Case for Inclusion*, noted that Ohio has improved 26 places in the community inclusion ranking since 2007. According to the report, which is a yearly ranking of how well state Medicaid programs serve Americans with intellectual and developmental disabilities, Ohio significantly has increased the share of individuals (to 83% from 63%) and resources (to 80% from 50%) dedicated to the community and decreased the number of residents living at state-operated institutions by 24%, while at the same time reduced by two-thirds the portion of individuals served in large institutions (to 6% from 18%). Many other states' ranking have become stagnant or declined because they have failed to develop their community inclusion policies and programs.

Ohio Department of Developmental Disabilities (DODD) Director John Martin noted, "Ohio's big improvement is due to increased waiver growth and continued downsizing at state-operated Developmental Centers. This progress could not be made without the continued leadership and support of County Boards of Developmental Disabilities, private providers, advocacy organizations, family members, and self-advocates. While there is certainly room for improvement, I am pleased with our progress to increase opportunities for persons to receive services in home- and community-based settings. The broad-based support that has enabled this to occur is greatly appreciated."

DODD is responsible for overseeing a statewide system of supports and services for people with developmental disabilities. The Department's mission is continuous improvement of the quality of life for Ohio's citizens with developmental disabilities and their families.

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