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## Quick Answers

- Who:** The Cuyahoga County Board of Developmental Disabilities (CCBDD) serves nearly 9,000 infants, children and adults who have developmental disabilities and their families in all areas of the county.
- What:** The services that the CCBDD provides cover a broad spectrum, ranging from early intervention with the families of infants just diagnosed to leisure-oriented activities programs for seniors. They include a variety of therapies (physical and occupational, speech and language); psychological services; crisis intervention; adapted physical education; family resources and respite care; music therapy; rehabilitation engineering; community employment; behavior and curriculum intervention; support administration and transportation. Most recognizable are our early childhood centers, schools, adult activities centers and group homes.
- When:** The CCBDD was created by the Ohio General Assembly in 1967 along with those in all of Ohio's other counties.
- Where:** The CCBDD has facilities located throughout the county. We have two schools (called developmental centers), eight adult activities centers, two work transition centers, a transportation center, four early childhood centers and 58 community homes, in addition to a central office, located downtown. We also provide specialists to work with children, teachers and families in public school districts. Our community employment programs put adults with developmental disabilities to work at dozens of different employers' work sites throughout the area. Mobile custodial crews and grounds keeping crews work to maintain commercial properties throughout Cuyahoga County. Our Just-A-Buck store in Parma employs more than a dozen men and women, and our HeARTworks store in the Galleria downtown sells the art of dozens of artists who have developmental disabilities.
- How:** The CCBDD operates on an annual budget of \$201 million. 59 percent of that operating revenue comes from a 3.9-mill continuing property tax that passed with a 69 percent 'yes' vote in 2005. Federal dollars and donations and grants account for about 32 percent of the funding. Only about six percent comes from the state of Ohio's Departments of Education and Developmental Disabilities.
- Why:** The CCBDD's mission is to support and empower people with developmental disabilities to live, learn, work and play in the community. We follow a philosophy of self-determination and operate using a service coordination format.

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