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- ▶ **An Overview of the Developmental Disabilities System in Ohio**
The Ohio Department of Developmental Disabilities (DODD) provides general oversight to the state's system of supports and services for individuals with developmental disabilities. Locally, County Boards of DD are responsible for facilitating these services. County Boards serve nearly 90,000 individuals each year; about half are adults. While historically service provision has favored institutional settings, the pendulum has swung toward a preference for community-based services and independent living, which decrease isolation and increase integration for individuals with developmental disabilities. Finding the proper balance is an ongoing discussion across the state and country.



- ▶ In Ohio, the County Board is the primary contact for an individual and their family. The County Board serves two primary functions:
- ▶ **Determining Eligibility:** Your County Board will work with you to determine eligibility for services. Eligibility criteria varies by age:
- ▶ **Ages 0-2:** the eligibility report completed by or for *Help Me Grow* is used to determine eligibility.
- ▶ **Ages 3-5:** Each County Board sets eligibility requirements, which may include the evaluation completed by or for the school district for preschool special education
- ▶ **Ages 6+:** Standard assessment tools are used to measure an individual's current functional abilities in life activity areas - mobility, self-care, self-direction, capacity for independent living, learning, and receptive and expressive language skills - for ages 16 and older, the tool also measures economic self-sufficiency. To be eligible for services, an individual must show substantial functional limitations in at least three of these areas. The tools used are the Children's Ohio Eligibility Determination Instrument (COEDI) for children ages 6-15, and the Ohio Eligibility Determination Instrument (OEDI) for individuals ages 16 and older
- ▶ **Service Coordination:** Once you are eligible for services, your County Board will link you to needed services and supports. A Services and Support Administrator (SSA) will work with you to develop an Individual Service Plan that outlines what types of supports are needed.



Case Management (Service and Support Administration - SSA)

- ▶ Case management is a process to link individuals and families to needed services and supports provided by local county boards of DODD. It may include any or all of the following supports:
- ▶ Information, referral and linkage
- ▶ Eligibility determination and assessment
- ▶ Individual Service Plan development and revision
- ▶ Assistance in provider selection and accessing services
- ▶ Coordination and monitoring of services
- ▶ Quality assurance of services provided to individuals and families
- ▶ Crisis intervention
- ▶ <http://dodd.ohio.gov/CountyBoards/CNT/Pages/default.aspx>



ICFs and Developmental Centers

A range of services and supports are available for individuals with developmental disabilities, including various residential options. Intermediate Care Facilities (ICFs) include both privately operated facilities, Board-operated facilities, and 10 state-run Developmental Centers (DCs). In 2014, these residential options accounted for about 6,700 beds. The size of these facilities varies; while many are smaller and more “home-like,” others are large and deemed by many to be “institution-like.” In total in 2014, almost 3,000 individuals lived in facilities with more than 16 beds, while only 529 were living in six-bed or smaller facilities.



- ▶ **Person centered planning**

A snapshot of how someone wants to live today, giving direction for how to support them tomorrow

Organizing and communicating what is important to and important for a person

Making sure the person is heard, regardless of disability

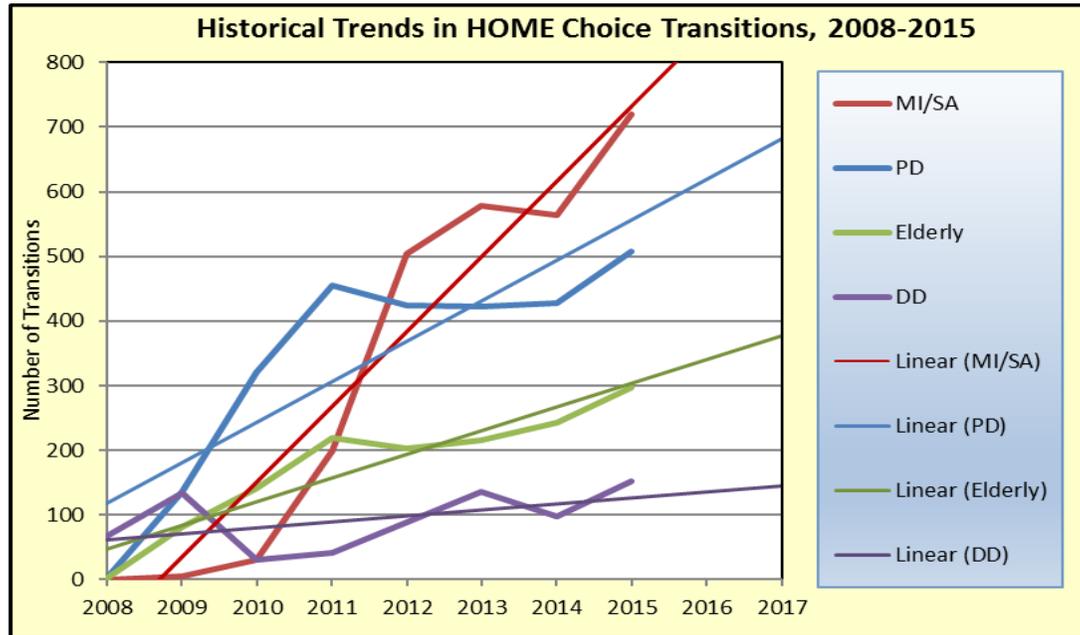
- ▶ **Employment First**

Path to employment

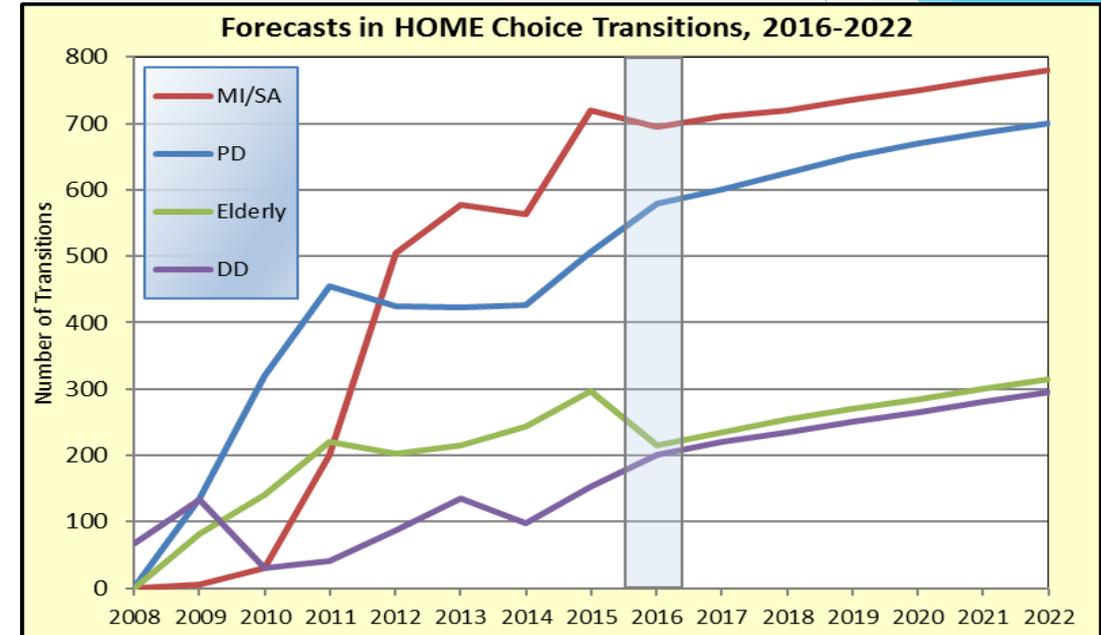
- ▶ **Discharge planning efforts**

HOME Choice Trends

Historical



Future



Exit- IO Waivers

- ▶ There are approximately 2,500 individuals who currently live at an ICF/IID and who are also on a waiver waiting list.
- ▶ The Department has contracted with CareStar to interview a number of these individuals and his or her parent or guardian to determine if there is still an interest in a waiver.
- ▶ There are approximately 1100 waivers available for individuals who would prefer to live in the community or leave an ICF/IID.
- ▶ Eligible for HOME Choice in most cases

Capital Assistance

<http://dodd.ohio.gov/IndividualFamilies/WhereILive/Pages/Capital-Housing.aspx>

- ▶ Housing Assistance
 - Eligibility
 - Individual moving to waiver setting (home) of four or fewer
 - CCA funds are available for the purchase, renovation and or construction of community housing.
 - May be licensed or non-licensed settings (Not ICFs/IID)
 - May be single family homes, duplexes, quad-plexes or condos
 - No mobile homes/ trailers
- ▶ Applicable Administrative Rules:
 - 5123:1-1-03: Distribution of Community Assistance Funds for the Acquisition of Housing
 - 5123:1-1-04: Community Capital Assistance Funds for the Development of Licensed Residential Facilities
 - 5123:1-1-17: Accessibility and Renovation Projects

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Rental Assistance Program

Eligibility

- ▶ Long-Term DC Resident moves and is enrolled on Waiver
- ▶ ICF/IID resident moves and is enrolled on Waiver
- ▶ Rent and Utilities exceed 30% of adjusted gross income
- ▶ HUD rent vouchers not available
- ▶ Must access HOME CHOICE funds
- ▶ Must have lease or rental agreement with landlord

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Scope of Availability

- ▶ May be used in CCA Funded Homes (purchase and/or renovations)
- ▶ Landlord may be not-for-profit or for-profit entity
- ▶ May be in a licensed or non-licensed setting
- ▶ Available in all counties-must be used as a last resort & may not be used to supplant county funding being used for rent subsidies
- ▶ Funding determined as applications are received-subject to availability of funds
- ▶ Funds committed on a (FY) year-by year basis

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County Board/Housing Corp. Responsibilities

- ▶ Determine if individual meets eligibility criteria
- ▶ Complete and submit application with/for the individual
- ▶ Assist individual in finding home - works with landlords
- ▶ Conduct initial inspection of home
- ▶ Coordinate rent payments with landlord
- ▶ Submit invoices for reimbursement
- ▶ Track rent payments-documentation as required by DODD
- ▶ Maintain annual eligibility
- ▶ Conduct annual inspections of home

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Payment

- ▶ CB pays rent on behalf of approved tenant
- ▶ CB submits request for reimbursement on DODD prescribed invoice by the 10th of the month
- ▶ Payment made to CB made by DODD within 30 days of invoice submission
- ▶ One-time funds may be available

- ▶ **DODD Capital Office Contact Information**

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Bridge Funding

- ▶ If individual is in an ICF/IID more than 90 days and move to a waiver setting they are eligible.
- ▶ Individual transitioning from an ICF/IID into their future home must exhaust all available resources before making request (including HOME Choice).
- ▶ DODD will provide additional start-up funds of up to \$1,000/person.
- ▶ Reimbursement will be made to the provider or county board.

Questions



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