

# 2012 Annual Report

## BUILDING BRIDGES



At the Erie County Board of Developmental Disabilities, we believe that when people gain control, their lives improve and costs go down. For that reason, we strongly support the principals of self determination and self advocacy.

By putting decisions in the hands of the individuals we serve, their lives are more fulfilled and the cost of support is reduced. Today, people with disabilities and their families decide who will provide the services they need. This is such a change from just a few decades ago, when institutionalization was the primary method of providing support.

The Erie County Board of DD is committed to the efficient use of taxpayer dollars and developing options and supports in line with self determination. We continue to be good stewards of the tax payers' money. We serve more individuals each year and have not requested a millage increase since 2003.

Individuals and families are receiving services in a variety of ways, at different levels of intensity based on their needs. The cost to provide self-directed services is more cost effective, which is the most prudent use of the dollars we receive from the tax payers.

Carrie Beier, Superintendent

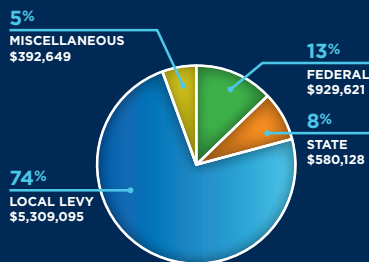
### 2012 Highlights

- Provided supports and services to 851 individuals.
- Secured Local Government Initiative Funds to complete a county-wide transportation feasibility study to support collaboration and the efficient use of resources.
- Implemented individual budget options for youth age 14 and older, enhancing the development of skills needed for community employment for those moving from school to work.
- Supported and promoted independence and responsibility through the sponsorship of Project STIR classes for EHOVE students and other interested individuals.
- Promoted community relationships for young families and children by creating and developing a variety of family events at libraries, water parks, fire stations, skating rinks and beaches.
- In collaboration with surrounding counties, Erie DD developed a work plan to address the individuals with intensive needs. As part of this initiative, we have applied for grant funds from Governor Kasich's office to address local gaps in services.

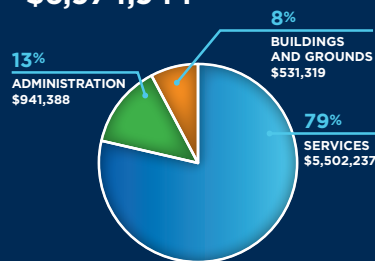
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**Total Revenue:**  
**\$7,211,493**



**Total of Expenditures By Category:**  
**\$6,974,944**



### Annual Notice

All policies and procedures, including the Due Process policy, are available to individuals being served by the Board, as well as parents, guardians, and service providers. If you have questions or want to request copies of any policies or procedures, call the Erie County Board of Developmental Disabilities, at 419-626-0208. All policies are also available on our website: [www.eriecbdd.org](http://www.eriecbdd.org).