



## **Regular Board Meeting May 25, 2023**

**Donzella Administration Building – 1275 Lakeside Avenue E, Cleveland, OH 44114  
and broadcasted live via Zoom – 5:30 pm**

### **1. Opening**

#### **A. Convene**

The meeting was called to order by President, Cynthia Schulz at 5:30 pm.

#### **B. Roll Call**

Members present: Allison Frazier, Steven Licciardi, Steve Scheidt, Cynthia Schulz

Members absent (excused): Lisa Hunt, Mozelle Jackson, Alaina McCruel

### **2. Minutes**

RESOLVED, that the minutes of the regular meeting of the Cuyahoga County Board of Developmental Disabilities held April 27, 2023, a copy of which is made a part of the permanent record of this meeting, be accepted as directed by the President, without objection, and approved as published.

Motion by Steven Licciardi, second by Cynthia Schulz.

Final Resolution: Motion Approved

Aye: Allison Frazier, Cynthia Schulz, Steven Licciardi, Steve Scheidt

### **3. Donations**

RESOLVED, that the Cuyahoga County Board of Developmental Disabilities gratefully accepts three donations of unspecified value.

Motion by Cynthia Schulz, second by Steven Licciardi.

Final Resolution: Motion Approved

Aye: Allison Frazier, Cynthia Schulz, Steven Licciardi, Steve Scheidt

### **4. Financial Statements**

RESOLVED, that the Operating Fund Statement and the Statements of Revenue and Expenditures - Planned and Actual for the year-to-date period ending April 30, 2023, be accepted and filed for audit; the payment of vouchers for the period April 1, 2023 to April 30, 2023 be ratified; and that all statements and voucher summaries are made a part of the permanent record of this meeting.

Superintendent and CEO, Amber Gibbs gave the financial report. She reviewed the financial statements of revenues and expenditures that were provided to the Board members in the Board packet.

Motion by Steve Scheidt, second by Steven Licciardi.

Final Resolution: Motion Approved

Aye: Allison Frazier, Cynthia Schulz, Steven Licciardi, Steve Scheidt

## **5. Announcements**

Board President, Cynthia Schulz turned the meeting over to Superintendent and CEO, Amber Gibbs who gave the following announcements:

- Cuyahoga DD's annual Employee Years of Service Recognition Brunch was held today. Staff with consecutive years of service in increments of 5 years all the way up to 35 years were recognized. These staff represent a total of 1,290 hours of combined service to the agency. Thanks to Board member Steven Licciardi and Board vice-president Steve Scheidt for attending.
- The Community Development Department held a successful Family Fun Fair on May 6 with over 200 people attending. There are three more planned this summer – Board members were provided with postcards at the last meeting that list the dates. The Family Fun Fairs are for families with children age 14 and under.
- In line with our plans to reach people of all races and ethnicities all over Cuyahoga County, this weekend we had an information table at the Asian Festival both Saturday and Sunday with over 150 people stopping by.
- The All-Staff meeting which was held in early May was very successful. This event was a chance for us to get together and connect AND professional development opportunities were offered where many staff earned continuing education credits they need for their positions.
- Three representatives from our agency attended the Alcohol, Drug Addiction, and Mental Health Services (ADAMHS) Board annual meeting. They talked about a new crisis facility – so we are eager and excited to talk to them about that option.
- Amber met with the CEO of the Cuyahoga Board of Health, Roderick Harris. He has been in this position for just over a year. Our staff worked with his predecessor Terry Allen very well, especially during the COVID pandemic and the rollout of vaccinations in early 2021. The Board of Health is beginning their strategic plan process and Amber volunteered to find Mr. Harris some people to interview if they are interested. They talked about the need for both psychiatry and dental services for people on Medicaid.
- The spring Ohio Association of County Boards (OACB) conference was held in early May. Cuyahoga DD staff presented at three sessions. The Discussion Topic tonight is a very abbreviated version of one of these sessions. All presenters did an excellent job and represented Cuyahoga DD well!
- The State budget is still with the Senate. The Ohio House increased allocation so DSP wages would be an average of \$18/hour. County boards are willing to put in money for an extra dollar an hour. However, the latest news regarding the Public Health Emergency is that the Ohi Department of Medicaid (ODM) is considering extending some of the flexibility that was allowed during COVID, specifically parents being permitted to be paid caregivers of their minor children. If this is permitted, it could create some very significant financial issues for county boards. More information to come as we hear how things develop.

## **6. Discussion Topic - *Intensive Supports to Youth and Young Adults***

The presentation was provided by Cuyahoga DD staff: Cassandra Brown - Supervisor, Support Administration - Multi-System Services; Dr. Rick Cirillo - Chief Clinical Officer; Lori Mago - Division Manager, Children's Services & Assistive Technology; Kelly Rainey - Special Instruction Manager.

An extended version of this presentation was given at the spring Ohio Association of County Boards (OACB) conference. The presentation slides are attached to these minutes as a permanent part of the record of this meeting.

## 7. Status Reports

There were no significant changes to report or discuss.

## 8. New Business

### A. ADAMHS Board - Shared Placement Costs

RESOLVED, that the Cuyahoga County Board of Developmental Disabilities approves hereby and authorizes the Superintendent to enter into a contract with the Alcohol, Drug Addiction & Mental Health Services (ADAMHS) Board of Cuyahoga County for the period June 1, 2023 through May 31, 2025 for the funding of shared placement services at an amount not to exceed \$400,000; and, BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Superintendent is authorized hereby to take any and all actions necessary to carry out these transactions.

Motion by Steven Licciardi, second by Steve Scheidt.

Final Resolution: Motion Approved

Aye: Allison Frazier, Steven Licciardi, Steve Scheidt, Cynthia Schulz

### B. Contract for Locally Funded Transportation

RESOLVED, that the Cuyahoga County Board of Developmental Disabilities approves hereby and authorizes the Superintendent to enter into a renewal contract for the provision of transportation services with the providers listed in the attached document titled Transportation Contract 07-01-2023 for the period July 1, 2023 through June 30, 2024, for a sum not to exceed \$300,000; and, BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Superintendent is authorized hereby to take any and all actions necessary to carry out these transactions.

Motion by Cynthia Schulz, second by Steven Licciardi.

Final Resolution: Motion Approved

Aye: Allison Frazier, Steven Licciardi, Steve Scheidt, Cynthia Schulz

### C. Renewal Agreement for Short-Term Admissions to Developmental Centers

RESOLVED, that the Cuyahoga County Board of Developmental Disabilities approves hereby and authorizes the Superintendent to pay the Ohio Department of Developmental Disabilities (DoDD) for services provided to individuals served by the Cuyahoga County Board of Developmental Disabilities who are admitted into a DoDD Developmental Center, for an amount not to exceed \$2,000,000 for the period of July 1, 2023 – June 30, 2024; AND authorize the Superintendent to renew a Master Short-Term Admission Agreement with DoDD beginning July 1, 2023 and ending June 30, 2025 to allow for the provision of these services; and, BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Superintendent is authorized hereby to take any and all actions necessary to carry out these transactions.

Motion by Steve Scheidt, second by Steven Licciardi.

Final Resolution: Motion Approved

Aye: Allison Frazier, Steven Licciardi, Steve Scheidt, Cynthia Schulz

### D. Contract with DODD to Receive Intense Behavior Support Rate Add On for Fowles Home

RESOLVED, that the Cuyahoga County Board of Developmental Disabilities approves hereby and authorizes the Superintendent to enter into a contract with the Ohio Department of Developmental Disabilities (DODD) to receive the Intense Behavior Support Rate Add On for individuals residing at Cuyahoga DD Fowles Home for the period July 1, 2023 through June 30, 2025, for revenue not to exceed \$1,314,000 for the two year period; and, to reimburse DODD overage funds paid to Cuyahoga DD, for a sum not to exceed \$657,000 for the same two year period; and,

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Superintendent is authorized hereby to take any and all actions necessary to carry out these transactions.

Motion by Steven Licciardi, second by Cynthia Schulz.

Final Resolution: Motion Approved

Aye: Allison Frazier, Steven Licciardi, Steve Scheidt, Cynthia Schulz

**E. CSU RISE Program**

RESOLVED, that the Cuyahoga County Board of Developmental Disabilities approves hereby and authorizes the Superintendent to enter into an agreement with Cleveland State University Research Corporation for the period of June 1, 2023 through June 1, 2024 in the amount of \$240,000; and, BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Superintendent is authorized hereby to take any and all actions necessary to carry out these transactions.

Motion by Steve Scheidt, second by Steven Licciardi.

Final Resolution: Motion Approved

Aye: Allison Frazier, Steven Licciardi, Steve Scheidt, Cynthia Schulz

**F. Oracle Licensing Renewal with Creal Consulting**

RESOLVED, that the Cuyahoga County Board of Developmental Disabilities approves hereby and authorizes the Superintendent to renew an Oracle financial software licensing agreement with Creal Consulting, of Bethesda, Maryland for the period June 1, 2023, to May 31, 2024, for a sum not to exceed \$109,000; and, BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Superintendent is authorized hereby to take any and all actions necessary to carry out these transactions.

Motion by Steven Licciardi, second by Cynthia Schulz.

Final Resolution: Motion Approved

Aye: Allison Frazier, Steven Licciardi, Steve Scheidt, Cynthia Schulz

**G. NEON Authorized Representative**

RESOLVED, that the Cuyahoga County Board of Developmental Disabilities approves hereby and appoints the Superintendent as the authorized representative at North East Ohio Network Council of Governments (NEON COG) Council meetings and in all Council business; and, BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Superintendent is authorized hereby to take any and all actions necessary to carry out these transactions.

Motion by Steve Scheidt, second by Steven Licciardi.

Final Resolution: Motion Approved

Aye: Allison Frazier, Steven Licciardi, Steve Scheidt, Cynthia Schulz

**H. Declaration of Surplus Property**

RESOLVED, that the Cuyahoga County Board of Developmental Disabilities approves hereby and authorizes the Superintendent to declare the items listed on the attached document as surplus property that is no longer needed for public use, and to sell such property via internet auction or to dispose of such property pursuant to Ohio Revised Code 307.12 (E) and 307.12 (I); and, BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Superintendent is authorized hereby to take any and all actions necessary to carry out these transactions.

Motion by Cynthia Schulz, second by Steven Licciardi.

Final Resolution: Motion Approved

Aye: Allison Frazier, Steven Licciardi, Steve Scheidt, Cynthia Schulz

**9. Comments from the Floor**

Allison Hall, parent of a young child eligible for services with Cuyahoga DD spoke about her difficulties in trying to enroll her child on a Medicaid waiver. Board President, Cynthia Schulz met with Ms. Hall after the meeting.

Connie Boros, Executive Director for the Achievement Centers for Children expressed her thanks for partnering with Cuyahoga DD and the opportunity to collaborate with after school and weekend programming.

**10. Executive Session**

RESOLVED, that the Cuyahoga County Board of Developmental Disabilities hereby adjourns to executive session to consider the sale of public property.

Motion by Cynthia Schulz, second by Steven Licciardi.

Final Resolution: Motion Approved

Aye: Allison Frazier, Cynthia Schulz, Steven Licciardi, Steve Scheidt

Meeting was adjourned to executive session at 6:43pm.

**11. Reconvene**

**A. Roll Call**

Members present: Allison Frazier, Steven Licciardi, Steve Scheidt, Cynthia Schulz

Members absent: Lisa Hunt, Mozelle Jackson, Alaina McCruel

Meeting was reconvened at 7:28pm.

**12. Adjournment**

Motion by Cynthia Schulz, second by Allison Frazier.

Final Resolution: Motion Approved

Aye: Allison Frazier, Cynthia Schulz, Steven Licciardi, Steve Scheidt

Meeting was adjourned at 7:28pm.

Certified by:

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Cynthia Schulz, President

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Allison Frazier, Secretary



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**Board of Developmental Disabilities**

## **Regular Board Meeting – May 25, 2023**

M. A. Donzella Administration Building and via Zoom

**Cynthia Vrsansky Schulz**, Board President

**Stephen Scheidt**, Board Vice President

**Allison Frazier**, Board Secretary

Board Members: **Lisa Hunt, Mozelle Jackson, Steven Licciardi, Alaina McCruel**

**CUYAHOGA COUNTY BOARD OF DEVELOPMENTAL DISABILITIES**

**GENERAL FUND STATEMENT (CASH BASIS)  
GENERAL OPERATING FUND  
FOR THE PERIOD ENDING Apr-23**

	<u>MONTH</u>	<u>YTD</u>
CASH BALANCE- OPENING	\$189,039,790	\$158,795,553
<b>REVENUE:</b>		
Local/Levy Revenue	\$0	\$54,963,571
Federal Revenue	\$779,210	\$4,946,029
State Revenue	\$0	\$0
Other Revenue	\$330,950	\$6,375,138
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<b>Total Revenues</b>	\$1,110,161	\$66,284,738
<b>EXPENDITURES:</b>		
Salaries & Benefits	\$4,168,937	\$18,479,763
Program Expenses	\$14,795,051	\$31,228,671
Administrative Expenses	\$1,049,789	\$5,235,681
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<b>Total Expenses</b>	\$20,013,776	\$54,944,116
CASH BALANCE - ENDING	\$170,136,175	\$170,136,175
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Reserve for Encumbrances		(\$12,448,664)
Funds Available for Appropriation Less Encumbrances		\$157,687,511
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Balance of Capital Reserve		\$6,000,000
Balance of Medicaid Reserve		\$45,000,000
Cash Balance of All Funds		\$208,687,511
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**CUYAHOGA COUNTY BOARD OF DEVELOPMENTAL DISABILITIES**  
**STATEMENT OF REVENUE- PLANNED AND ACTUAL**  
**GENERAL OPERATING FUND**  
**FOR THE MONTH OF Apr-23 AND FOR THE YTD PERIOD ENDING Apr-23**

	Annual Budget	Current Month	YTD Actual	YTD Budget	YTD VARIANCE	YTD VAR %
<b>Local/Levy Revenue</b>	\$109,600,000	\$0	\$54,963,571	\$60,000,000	(\$5,036,429)	(8%)
<b>FEDERAL REVENUE:</b>						
Targeted Case Management	\$9,500,000	\$725,082	\$3,548,099	\$3,653,846	(\$105,747)	(3%)
Medicaid Administrative Claiming (MAC)	\$3,000,000	\$0	\$1,014,457	\$1,500,000	(\$485,543)	(32%)
Title XX	\$850,000	\$0	\$176,750	\$176,750	\$0	0%
Youth ICF	\$500,000	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	0%
OOD Vocational Rehab Contract	\$360,000	\$34,627	\$138,510	\$120,000	\$18,510	15%
Medicaid Waiver Billing	\$350,000	\$19,501	\$68,214	\$145,908	(\$77,694)	(53%)
<b>Total Federal Revenue</b>	<b>\$14,560,000</b>	<b>\$779,210</b>	<b>\$4,946,029</b>	<b>\$5,596,504</b>	<b>(\$650,475)</b>	<b>(12%)</b>
<b>STATE REVENUE:</b>						
Capital Assisted Housing Funds	\$270,000	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	0%
<b>Total State Revenue</b>	<b>\$270,000</b>	<b>\$0</b>	<b>\$0</b>	<b>\$0</b>	<b>\$0</b>	<b>0%</b>
<b>OTHER REVENUE:</b>						
Settlements and Reconciliations	\$8,500,000	\$0	\$5,012,355	\$8,500,000	(\$3,487,645)	(41%)
Sale of Surplus Property	\$3,000,000	\$0	\$0	\$680,000	(\$680,000)	(100%)
Employee Health Ins Reimbursement	\$1,760,000	\$126,263	\$610,561	\$682,270	(\$71,709)	(11%)
Rent- Building & Vehicle	\$939,000	\$77,026	\$370,012	\$313,000	\$57,012	18%
Waiver Reimbursements	\$450,000	\$116,314	\$143,995	\$175,000	(\$31,005)	(18%)
Community Partner Reimbursements	\$350,000	\$9,017	\$22,552	\$102,718	(\$80,166)	(78%)
Miscellaneous Revenue	\$250,000	\$2,330	\$56,278	\$83,332	(\$27,054)	(32%)
Group Home Rent	\$160,000	\$0	\$159,385	\$160,000	(\$615)	0%
Private Donations & Memorials	\$5,000	\$0	\$0	\$1,250	(\$1,250)	(100%)
Grants	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	0%
<b>Total Other Revenue</b>	<b>\$15,414,000</b>	<b>\$330,950</b>	<b>\$6,375,138</b>	<b>\$10,697,570</b>	<b>(\$4,322,432)</b>	<b>(40%)</b>
<b>TOTAL REVENUE</b>	<b>\$139,844,000</b>	<b>\$1,110,161</b>	<b>\$66,284,738</b>	<b>\$76,294,074</b>	<b>(\$10,009,336)</b>	<b>(13%)</b>



**CUYAHOGA COUNTY BOARD OF DEVELOPMENTAL DISABILITIES**

**STATEMENT OF EXPENDITURES- PLANNED AND ACTUAL  
GENERAL OPERATING FUND  
FOR THE MONTH OF Apr-23 AND FOR THE YTD PERIOD ENDING Apr-23**

	<b>Annual Budget</b>	<b>Current Month</b>	<b>YTD Actual</b>	<b>YTD Budget</b>	<b>YTD VARIANCE</b>	<b>YTD VAR %</b>
Salaries and Wages	\$38,944,636	\$2,838,524	\$12,888,835	\$13,442,759	\$553,924	4%
Employee Benefits	\$18,469,156	\$1,330,413	\$5,590,928	\$6,023,098	\$432,170	7%
<b>Total Salaries &amp; Benefits</b>	<b>\$57,413,792</b>	<b>\$4,168,937</b>	<b>\$18,479,763</b>	<b>\$19,465,857</b>	<b>\$986,094</b>	<b>5%</b>
<b>Program Expenditures:</b>						
Waiver Match Obligation	\$51,391,197	\$11,394,919	\$21,943,841	\$22,635,599	\$691,758	3%
Locally Funded Contracts	\$10,679,720	\$539,125	\$2,080,158	\$3,165,157	\$1,084,999	34%
Family Supports	\$7,050,000	\$2,025,507	\$4,064,426	\$4,130,000	\$65,574	2%
Other Locally Funded Expenditures	\$6,230,000	\$696,255	\$1,703,227	\$2,314,678	\$611,451	26%
Residential Services & Contracts	\$6,081,941	\$120,303	\$1,335,456	\$2,308,581	\$973,125	42%
Program Services & Supplies	\$360,400	\$18,943	\$101,563	\$135,365	\$33,802	25%
<b>Total Program Expenses</b>	<b>\$81,793,258</b>	<b>\$14,795,051</b>	<b>\$31,228,671</b>	<b>\$34,689,380</b>	<b>\$3,460,708</b>	<b>10%</b>
<b>Administrative Expenditures:</b>						
Buildings & Grounds Contracts & Services	\$3,957,889	\$340,210	\$879,566	\$852,994	(\$26,572)	(3%)
Administrative Contracts	\$3,817,100	\$249,686	\$558,519	\$910,862	\$352,343	39%
Cuyahoga County Treasurer's Fees	\$2,200,000	\$0	\$1,151,809	\$1,000,000	(\$151,809)	(15%)
Property & Equipment	\$1,670,000	\$188,800	\$748,397	\$617,467	(\$130,930)	(21%)
Technology Contracts & Services	\$1,541,450	\$165,344	\$967,756	\$574,623	(\$393,133)	(68%)
Business Services & Supplies	\$1,222,055	\$54,193	\$634,019	\$638,771	\$4,751	1%
Staffing Expenditures	\$1,023,315	\$50,519	\$291,140	\$311,023	\$19,883	6%
Miscellaneous Expenses	\$480,000	\$1,036	\$4,475	\$83,333	\$78,858	95%
<b>Total Administrative Expenses</b>	<b>\$15,911,809</b>	<b>\$1,049,789</b>	<b>\$5,235,681</b>	<b>\$4,989,073</b>	<b>(\$246,608)</b>	<b>(5%)</b>
<b>Total Expenditures</b>	<b>\$155,118,859</b>	<b>\$20,013,776</b>	<b>\$54,944,116</b>	<b>\$59,144,310</b>	<b>\$4,200,194</b>	<b>7%</b>







CUYAHOGA COUNTY  
Board of Developmental Disabilities

Our mission is  
to support and empower  
people with developmental disabilities  
to live, learn, work and play  
in the community.

[CuyahogaBDD.org](http://CuyahogaBDD.org)

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## **Discussion Topic:**

*Intensive Supports  
to  
Youth & Young Adults*

May 25, 2023



# Cuyahoga DD

## Intensive Supports for Youth/Young Adults



### In-Home

#### Intense Support Team

- Supports young people with unique and/or intense service needs.
- Capacity varies.
- Support provided by Cuyahoga DD and/or external providers.



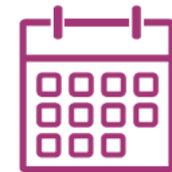
### Away from Home

#### After-School

- Supports young people in recreation and leisure activities.
- East and West locations.
- Transportation may be available.

#### 1/2-Day Weekend Recreation

- One (1) Saturday each month.
- East and West locations.



### Out of Home

#### Traditional Respite

- Warrington (planned or emergency respite).

#### Extended Respite

- Fowles, a youth residential facility, offers additional treatment and programming.



# What led to the development of the Intensive Support Teams (IST) and the ICF/Respite homes?

- Gap in services for individuals with complex needs
- Stakeholder feedback
- Differentiated interventions to keep families together
- Utilizing internal resources differently
- Community Partnerships



# Intensive Support Teams (IST)...

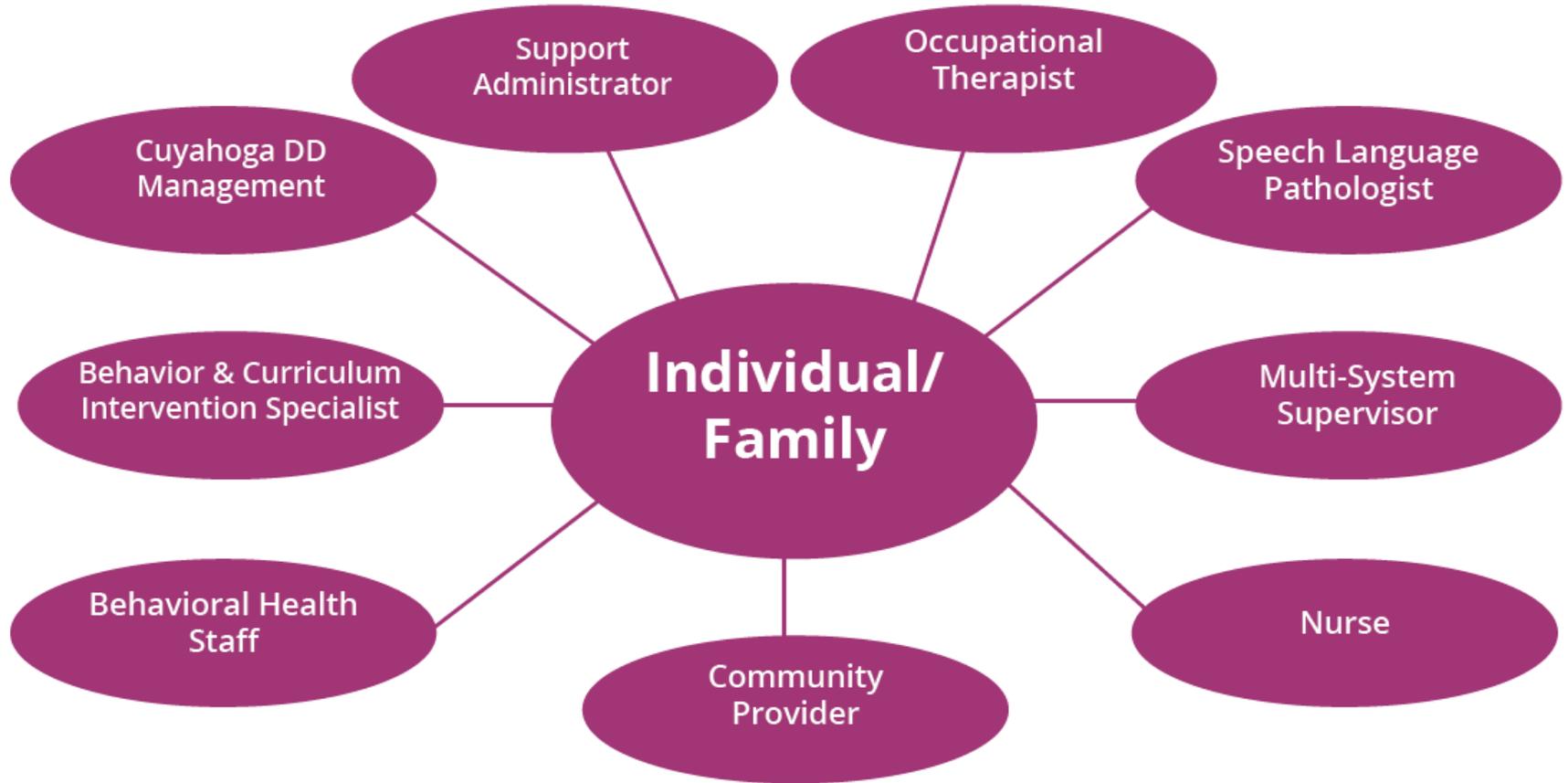
- Serve individuals aged 10-25 in crisis whose behaviors cause significant worry, and/or risk of harm to self and others.

IST services are:

- Intensive
- Short term
- Personalized to meet priority areas
- Provided in the home and/or community
- No cost to families
- Identified Internally



# Who makes up IST?

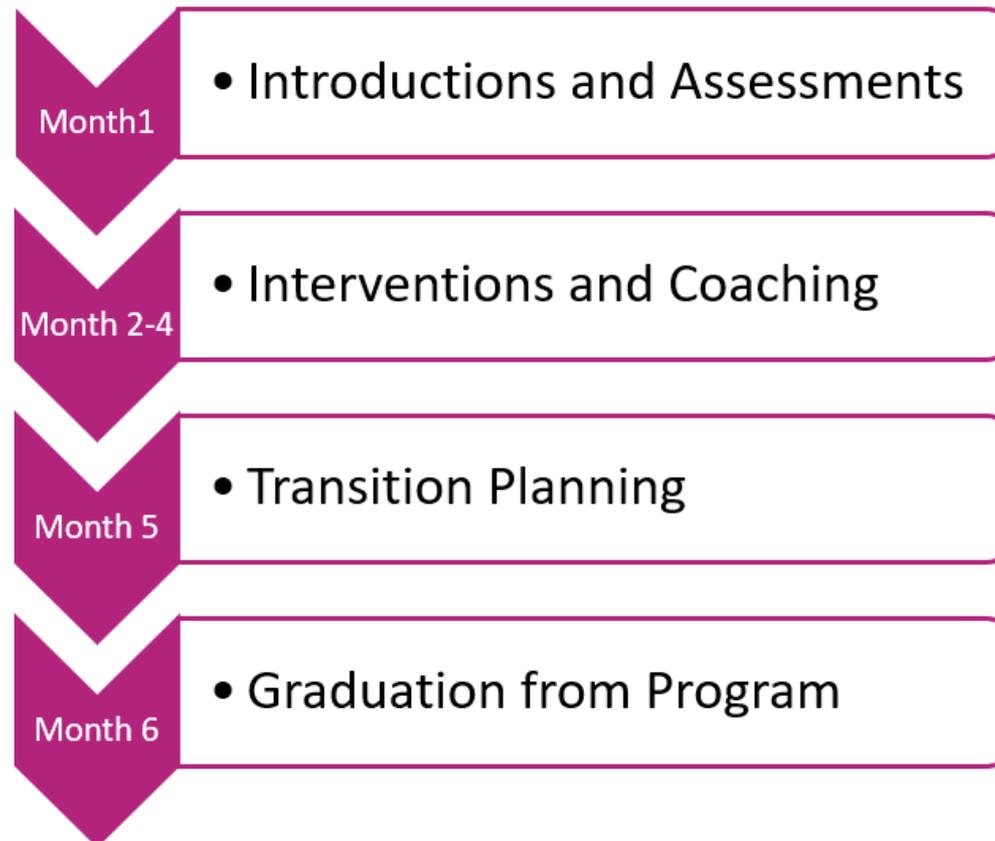


\*The following disciplines will serve as needed: Assistive Technology Specialist, Physical Therapist, and other therapies as appropriate.



# What is the process of the IST?

- Collaborative practices through an Interdisciplinary Approach



# Assessments

- Child and Adolescent Needs and Strengths (CANS)
- Neurosequential Model of Therapy (NMT)
- Neurosequential Model of Education (NME)
- Sensory Processing Measure (SPM-2)
- Functional Communication Profile
- Behavior Assessment System for Children (BASC-III)
- Parent Stress Survey
- Parent Exit Survey



# What are the challenges/lessons learned?

- Growing demand vs Capacity
- Generational trauma
- Caseload Management
- Length of Services
- Readiness to commit to the process
- External Providers
- Compassion Fatigue



# What has the IST accomplished?

As of May 2023...

- 31 families have been or are currently being served by IST
- 50% of the individuals served by the IST for more than 3 months have demonstrated between a 5-54% decrease in their overall CANS score
- 9 families are on the waitlist
- Established After-school and Weekend Programs
- Growing community interest



# Media and Family Success Stories

## Beachwood Buzz

**Vidya Seshadri and Prakash Hariharabalan** have two children: **Kripeshh Narayanan**, a 17-year-old-son who attends the KidsLink School; and **Pooja Narayanan**, a rising 5th grade daughter at Hilltop. Vidya is currently a home maker, while Prakash is the director of Data Analytics and Strategy at Signet Jewelers. We asked Vidya to share her thoughts:

Kripeshh was diagnosed with autism when he was 4 1/2 years old, in Evanston, Illinois. We felt extremely sad when we received the diagnosis. We were worried what the future would hold for him and for us as a family. Our worst future fear had come true.

The biggest misconception is that kids with autism like to be aloof and don't want to be touched by anyone. Our son loves being with people and loves to hug everyone. Although he is already 17 years old, Kripeshh is a little kid at heart. He is a very good hugger and likes to be around people.

Our biggest achievements have been getting him potty trained, writing the alphabet, and teaching him to swim.

We have learned that we must adapt our everyday routine and lifestyle. We require a lot of planning before every activity. We must accept that plans could change at any moment.

The biggest misconception is that kids with autism like to be aloof and don't want to be touched by anyone. Our son loves being with people and loves to hug everyone.

Beachwood has been very supportive and has done what was necessary to address and meet our son's needs, including placing him outside the school district and providing specialized transport.

The main reasons we participate are to increase our parenting knowledge and skills and to provide support to each other by sharing our day-to-day issues of raising kids with disabilities. I would like to see us start an adaptive sports program in Beachwood for our kids, and to talk more about



Kripeshh, Prakash, Vidya, and Pooja

resources available for the post-school life stage.

The pandemic has completely changed my life. I had to quit my behavior therapist job and be my son's full-time therapist. My son's anxiety level has heightened badly, and he could not understand the reasons for lockdown and school closure. His routine was changed completely and it took three months for him to understand online therapies.

The community has been very supportive of us by including us in get-togethers, listening

to our day-to-day challenges, and offering help during emergencies. We would like to thank Satish Vishwanath and Ramya Ramadural for extending support to our family always.

We would also like to acknowledge the Cuyahoga County Board of Developmental Disabilities. They have been very supportive by providing funding for various equipment, consulting, and counseling services for parents, helping with strategies to handle certain behaviors, and creating social stories, etc.

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## Ideastream

The screenshot shows the Ideastream Public Media website interface. At the top, there are navigation links for 'ACCOUNT SIGN IN', 'Live TV', and 'Donate Now'. Below that, the current program 'Fresh Air' is displayed. The main headline is 'Pilot program helps older youth with developmental disabilities' by Kelly Krabill, published on March 23, 2023. A 'LISTEN' button with a 4:37 duration is visible. To the right, there is a 'More By This Reporter' section with three articles: 'William Sherer II wins Canton Democratic mayoral primary' (May 3, 2023), 'Living with people with developmental disabilities shaped my storytelling' (March 23, 2023), and 'Women leaving the Amish community find support from nonprofit organizations' (February 28, 2023). The bottom of the page features the Ideastream logo.



# Cuyahoga DD- OACB Questions on IST, ICF, and Respite Home



To learn more about Cuyahoga DD:

Visit us at [cuyahogabdd.org](http://cuyahogabdd.org) ▪ Like us on Facebook/[cuyahogabdd](https://www.facebook.com/cuyahogabdd) ▪ Watch us on YouTube/[cuyahogabdd](https://www.youtube.com/cuyahogabdd)



# Board adjourned to executive session.

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