



Clermont County Board of Developmental Disabilities

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Dan Ottke, Superintendent

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Dear individuals served, families, guardians, providers, and community members:

On May 5, 2026, voters in Clermont County will see a **.75 mill additional continuous levy** on the ballot. If approved, it is estimated to generate approximately **\$5.3 million annually**. The cost of the levy will be **\$26.25 per \$100,000 of home value annually**.

Why a continuous levy?

The nature of our services at Clermont DD often results in services throughout the lifespan of a person. From Early Intervention Services (birth to age 3) to services for a senior adult who may be receiving support through a Medicaid Home and Community Based Waiver service living in our community, these supports are often lifelong. A continuous levy ensures stable, ongoing funding to meet those obligations.

Why this request now?

A direct support professional workforce shortage in the Medicaid Waiver private provider community reached a crisis during the Covid 19 pandemic and immediately following. To stabilize that workforce, Medicaid provider rates increased by 38% over the past two years after several years with no increase. While this increase was necessary, it has had a substantial impact on our budget, necessitating the need for this levy request.

Local levy funds support many of the necessary services people receive currently and help to responsibly address waiting lists for services. These services include Early Intervention Services; Family Support Services; Respite and other support services for children ages 6-21; Supports for adults, to live as independently as possible and to work at a job or attend a day program, often through Medicaid Home and Community Based Waiver supports; Behavioral Health and Behavior Support Services for children and adults; Service and Support Administration services; and supports for an aging population of people served and their caregivers.

If the levy is approved, the additional funding would provide the resources necessary to maintain current service levels in the different services identified in the paragraph above and to continue to address waiting lists for services.

If you have any questions, please contact me at dottke@clermontdd.org or call at 513-732-4930.

Thank you,

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "D. Ottke".

Dan Ottke
Superintendent

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New Levy Fact Sheet

The Clermont County Board of Developmental Disabilities has a new, .75 mill continuous levy request on the May 5, 2026, ballot. This levy will benefit nearly 2000 children and adults in Clermont County who have Intellectual and Developmental Disabilities. If approved, it is estimated to generate approximately \$5.3 million in additional revenue that will go to maintaining basic services and addressing waiting lists.

The Levy will Maintain Basic Services

Money raised by the levy will maintain the basic services required by a growing number of people in Clermont County. These services are either provided directly by Clermont DD or through financial support to private providers throughout the Clermont County community.

These services include:

- Early intervention services
- Support for children who are of school age and require services
- Support for adults to live as independently as possible and to work at a job or to attend a day service program
- Behavior Support and Behavioral Health Services
- Respite and Family Support Services
- Adaptive Equipment and Accessibility needs
- Responding to Emergencies that require immediate services
- Investigations

The Need for Services Continues

- The number of individuals requesting intake has steadily increased since 2016.
- Over 100 individuals are on a current needs waiting list for Medicaid Waiver services.
- In the past two years, Medicaid Provider rates have increased by 38%. This change was implemented statewide to stabilize the Direct Support Professional workforce shortage. While this increase was necessary, it has had a substantial impact on our budget.
- Financial investment in the needs of young people with intensive needs has increased and remained steady.
- Two thirds of those currently eligible for services are aged 22 or under, foreshadowing possible significant need for future growth in services.
- Clermont County DD serves up to 20 individuals a year who require emergency stabilization either in their home or in a residential facility
- Better medical technology prolongs the lives and longevity of individuals with Developmental Disabilities.
- With overall population growth in the Clermont County community, we can expect to see the need for DD services to continue to grow throughout the 2020's, into the 2030's.

What is the Cost?

- This May, Clermont County voters will see a .75-mill additional continuous levy request on the ballot. If approved, it is estimated to generate approximately \$5.3 million annually. The additional cost is \$26.25 per \$100,000 of home value annually.