



MurrayRidgeCenter

HELPING PEOPLE...FOR A LIFETIME

www.murrayridgecenter.org

Who Are We?

- We are the Lorain County Board of Developmental Disabilities (DD)
- **We are NOT the Lorain County Board of Mental Health**
- We have been providing services for 45 years, and currently serve more than 2,000 Lorain County residents with DD
- We employ/fund employment of more than 700 people who serve individuals with DD



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Our Mission

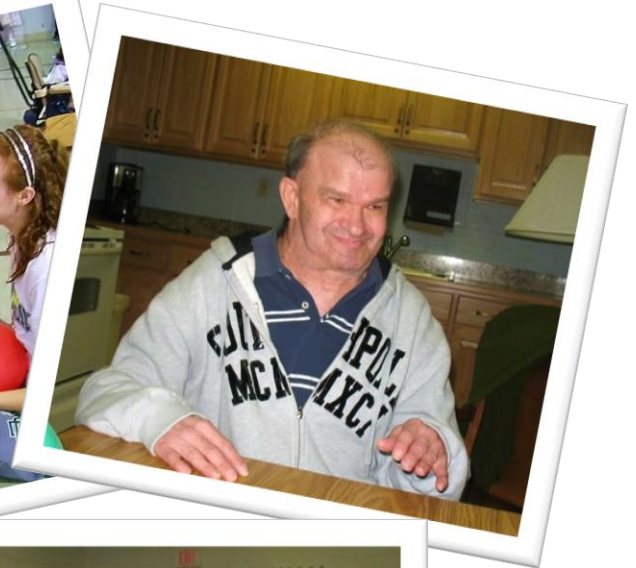
To ensure the availability of services and supports that assist eligible individuals in living the life they choose; to promote their health and safety; and to assist and support the families of these individuals in achieving these goals.



Whom Do We Serve?

Developmental disabilities includes such diagnoses as:

- Autism Spectrum Disorders
- Cerebral Palsy
- Traumatic Brain Injury
- Down's Syndrome
- Mental Retardation
- Prader-Willi Syndrome
- Spina Bifida



To Qualify for Murray Ridge Center Programs and Services One Must:



- Have a developmental disability documented by a qualified professional (mental illness is not a qualifying diagnosis)
- Exhibit characteristics prior to age 22
- Have substantial functional limitations in at least three major life activities
- Reside in Lorain County

What Do We Do?



2015

Program	Number Served	Notes
Early Intervention	725	
Murray Ridge School	177	Includes Preschool and School-Age students
Adult Services	982	
• Ages 18-24	150	
• Ages 25-45	441	
• Ages 46 and older	391	
Community Employment	455	More than 200 work in both the community and Opportunity/Vocational Centers
Family Support	677 eligible children and adults	
Residential	568	Many require this care because their parents are elderly or deceased

Murray Ridge Center Early Intervention



Offers services to children birth to three years of age who have or are at risk of having a developmental delay.

The Story of Hope and Faith

- Twins born 11 weeks early (29 weeks gestation)
- Weighed 2 ½ pounds each
- Because they were born prematurely, they had several medical conditions associated with risk for developmental disabilities
- They were enrolled in Help Me Grow and received home visit services from the Early Intervention Department at Murray Ridge
- An Early Intervention Specialist monitored their development and referred them for occupational and physical therapies. Their parents received information on how to stimulate development through everyday activities in the home and instruction on therapeutic interventions such as infant massage.



Murray Ridge School Preschool



Murray Ridge Preschool offers individualized, classroom-based speech, occupational and physical therapies, state-of-the-art educational equipment, outstanding staff and an integrated classroom enabling children with developmental disabilities to learn and grow alongside their typically-developing peers.

Murray Ridge School

- Serves Lorain County students (ages 6 through 21) with significant developmental disabilities
- Uses a functional life skills curriculum
- Recognized by the Ohio Center for Autism for its outstanding Autism program



Murray Ridge School



Adult Services

Opportunity/Vocational Centers

- Vocational training and habilitation services are provided at three Opportunity/Vocational Centers in Elyria, Lorain, and Oberlin
- These day facilities operate Monday through Friday year round



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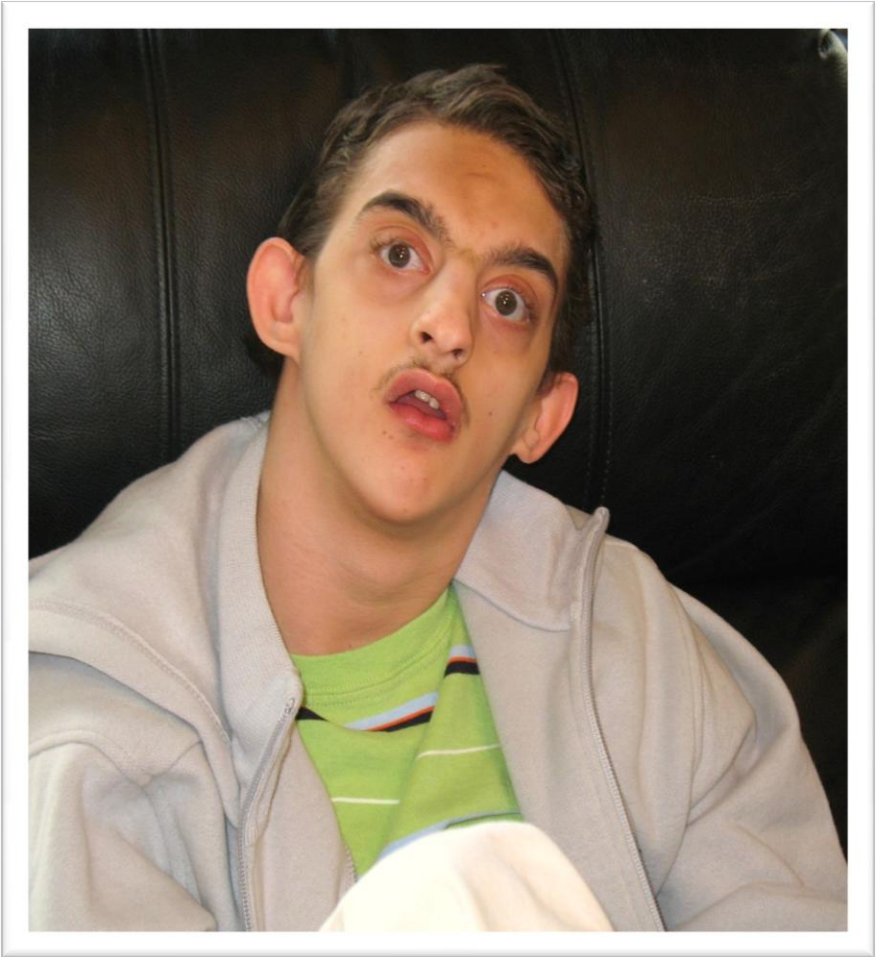
Supported Employment



- Assists and supports individuals with developmental disabilities to find and maintain jobs in the community
- Some individuals receive vocational training with Murray Ridge mobile work crews
- More than 100 local businesses utilized Murray Ridge vocational services in 2015

The Story of A. J.

- A.J. and his brother were both born with p4-minus, a rare genetic cause of DD. In addition, this condition can cause a variety of medical problems.
- Having attended Murray Ridge School since preschool, A.J. graduated in 2008.
- During his senior year, A.J. participated in the Transition program to determine what he would do post-high school.
- At the end of the Transition program, A.J. opted to attend the Lorain Opportunity/Vocational Center.
- He is now participating actively in the adult program, where he focuses on social and daily living skills development.



The Story of Jesse

- Jesse is a 25 year old man who has a developmental disability and is legally blind.
- He was referred to Murray Ridge by the Cleveland Sight Center for vocational assistance.
- Through Murray Ridge he attained a desired janitorial position, but his impairment posed challenges when completing job duties.
- A Murray Ridge Job Coach trained Jesse to “map out” areas to be cleaned (utilizing a “feel” technique) so that he knew how many laps would be required for thoroughness.
- Later in Jesse’s career, he was hired by Marshalls Department Store and his Murray Ridge Center Job Coach assisted him in using a similar “feel” technique to sort clothes.



Murray Ridge Seniors' Program



Young-at-Heart is a community-based program that enables participants 55 years of age and older to be physically and socially active.



Special Olympics



During the 2014-2015 season, 184 adults with developmental disabilities participated in Special Olympics sports through the Murray Ridge program.

**“Let me win, but if I cannot win,
let me be brave in the attempt.”**



Pentathlon Gold Medalist



5-a-Side Soccer Team Gold Medalists

Residential

Murray Ridge Center's Residential & Supported Living Programs provide the support that individuals need to be safe and successful in their home settings.

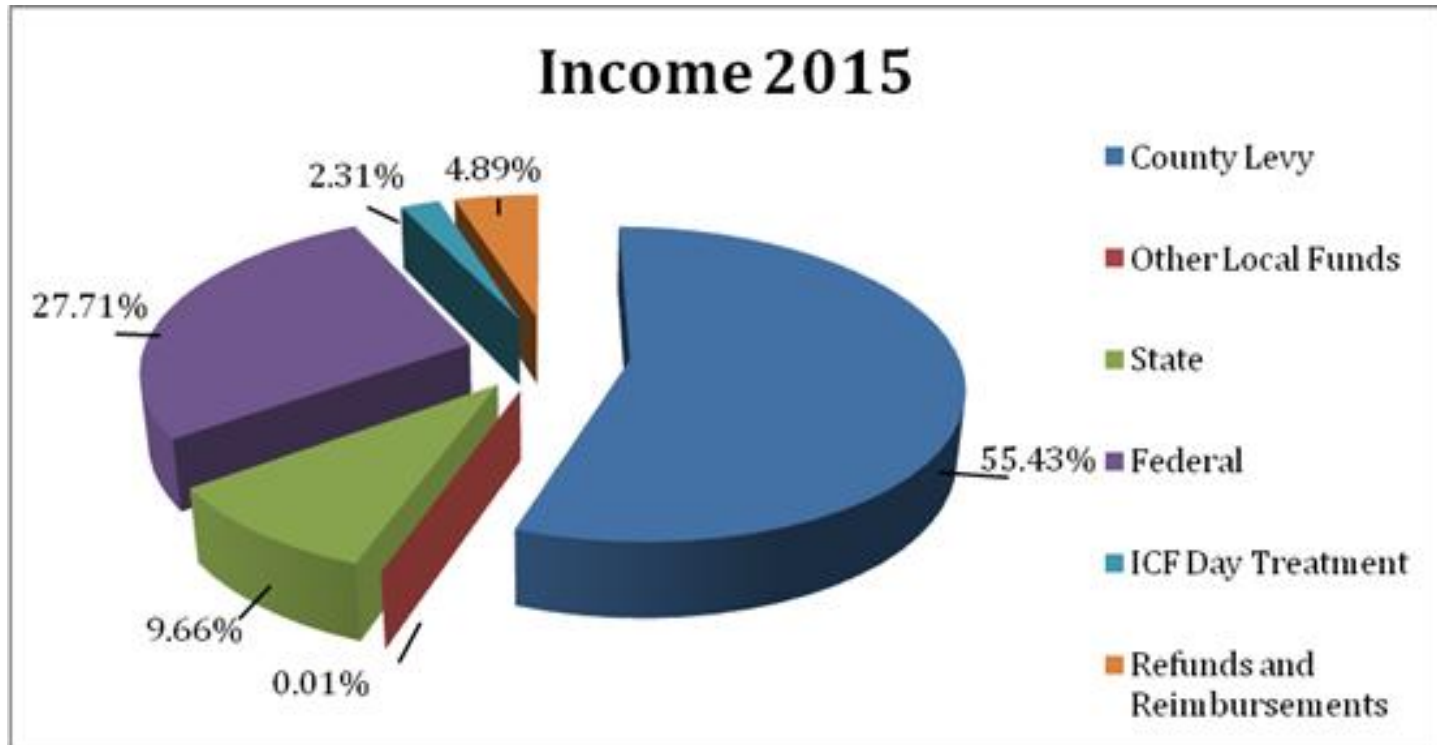


Family Support Program



The Murray Ridge Family Support Program assists families with the care of eligible individuals who reside in the family home by providing limited funding for respite services, adaptive equipment and other expenses associated with meeting the needs of their family member with developmental disabilities. Supporting family caregivers helps to reduce the need for comprehensive residential services.

Sources of Funding



More than half of Murray Ridge Center's funding comes from local levies. Many levy dollars are used to access federal dollars through the Medicaid program. In this case, Murray Ridge Center pulls down more than six federal dollars for every four levy dollars spent.

Thank you for helping us to help others for a lifetime.

