



2025 Annual Report 2026 Annual Plan

Adams County Board of Developmental Disabilities

116 W. Mulberry Street

West Union, Ohio 45693

Mission & Vision

Mission: Empower people with developmental disabilities to live, learn, work and be involved in their community.

Vision: A lifetime of dignity and opportunity!

Our Values: Respect – Collaboration – Innovation – Inclusion – Excellence – Trust



Accomplishments

1. Blue Envelope Project

Initiated the Blue Envelope project in Adams County with partnerships statewide and locally with the Adams County Sheriff, Prosecutor and school districts.

2. Employment First

The Precinct Café Celebrated two-year anniversary in December 2025. Expanded community employment to 1 individual.

3. Board Advocate

Board continues to contract with an individual receiving services to represent the board in an advocacy role at a state, regional and local level. Adams County Advocacy Group is thriving.

4. Community Inclusion/Outreach

Fashion with Purpose in March, SOAG meeting hosted in May, Connected Day held in September and 16 individuals registered to vote and volunteered at the polls in November.

5. Parent and Provider Support

Advocacy and Family Engagement Events were held monthly. 7 new Independent Providers certified in 2025 with support from the county board.





Programs and Services

Early Intervention – (0-2 years) – 27 served

Competitive Employment – (16 and older) – 9 served

Family Support Services – (all ages) – 3 served

Service Coordination – (all ages) – 9 served

Waiver Services – (all ages) – 85 served

Transition Services – (16 and older) – 3 served

Advocacy Services – (16 and older) - 22 served

Health and Safety Investigations - (all ages) – 9 served

Imagination Library - (0-5 years) – 1,427 served



Community Assessment

With 13 surveys returned from parents, providers, community members, agencies and elected officials, the 2025 data concludes that the Adams County Board is:

1. Meeting the needs of the individuals served
2. Ensuring health and safety
3. Communicating through all media outlets
4. Accessible to community
5. Parents, Guardians and Providers supported

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**“EVERYONE WINS WHEN
PEOPLE CHOOSE TO
WORK TOGETHER”**

Employment First



Our Team



Lizabeth Lafferty
Superintendent



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Superintendent



Brian Mason
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MUI Investigator/Coordinator



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Board Advocate

2026 Annual Plan

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2026 WILL FOCUS ON THE CONTINUED PURSUIT OF **LEVY REVENUE** FOR PROGRAM SUSTAINABILITY.

BOARD POLICIES AND PROCEDURES WILL BE REVIEWED BY THE ADMINISTRATION TEAM TO REFLECT ANY NEEDED REVISIONS TO ALIGN WITH ALL THE NEW DODD RULE CHANGES. **CYBER SECURITY** WILL BE ONE NEW POLICY ADOPTED AND IMPLEMENTED BY JUNE.

ACCREDITATION IS SCHEDULED FOR MARCH 2026 AND WILL BE THE PRIORITY FOCUS FOR JANUARY AND FEBRUARY.

INTERNAL AND EXTERNAL TEAM BUILDING WILL BE A PRIORITY TO SUPPORT THE COUNTY BOARD'S MISSION AND VISION.

THE 2024-2026 STRATEGIC PLAN OUTLINES THE ADAMS COUNTY BOARD OF DD'S GOALS. A NEW STRATEGIC PLAN WILL BE PRESENTED FOR APPROVAL AT THE NOVEMBER BOARD MEETING.

2026 GOALS

**1. Community Integration,
Inclusion and Employment
Opportunities**

**2. Provider Recruitment and
Retention**

3. Technology First

4. Advocacy & Engagement

5. Outreach & Support

Adams County Board of Developmental Disabilities – 2025 Board of Directors

Anthony Baker, Chairman

Susan Sexton, Vice-Chairman

Sherry Larson, Secretary

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Roberta Ayres

Ty Pell

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The Adams County Board of DD has two tax levies that are each .8 mil. Although this should generate 1.6 million dollars annually, it is approximately \$640,000.00 in annual revenue. The tax levies are old and the loss of the power plants has decreased our revenue by almost \$500,000.00 each year. We currently operate on tax revenue, Medicaid reimbursement programs and rental income. We will need to go back on the ballot in 2026/27, at which time the county board will need to carefully consider what type of levy is needed to operate the annual budget of 1.2 million dollars. The Adams CBDD must certify \$600,000.00 annually in Medicaid Match Funding for the individuals who receive services through Medicaid Waivers.



Thank You

The Adams County Board of Developmental Disabilities says thank you for a wonderful year and is looking forward to continued partnerships and accomplishments in 2026.



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