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## **Board of DD receives praise in Butler County performance audit**

The Ohio State Auditor conducted a performance audit of Butler County operations and agencies and made those results public in December. The Butler County Board of Developmental Disabilities received remarks of noteworthy accomplishment in the area of strategic planning. The audit states that the Board has developed a model strategic plan which has helped them tailor their services to meet resource constraints.

The audit also applauds the Board for its financial practices. The audit states, "The Butler County Board of Developmental Disabilities utilizes a number of best practices, including the preparation of a 10-year annual budget projection, preemptive personnel and service adjustments based on need and projected resources, performance based annual increases, strategic planning and comparative peer salary analysis. The planning practices position the Board to effectively manage changes in funding and community needs."

The summary of the audit is available online:

[http://www.auditor.state.oh.us/auditsearch/Reports/2011/Butler\\_County\\_11\\_Performance-Butler.pdf](http://www.auditor.state.oh.us/auditsearch/Reports/2011/Butler_County_11_Performance-Butler.pdf)

The Butler County Board of Developmental Disabilities provides services and supports to 2,200 county residents. Services are available from birth to death for residents with developmental disabilities. Three quarters of the Board's funding comes from local taxes. During these turbulent times, while experiencing substantial state funding cuts, the Board continues to be efficient at keeping up with service demands while reducing expenses. Because of the Board's commitment to strategic and long-term financial planning, the Board continues to operate on 3 mills of local funding and has since 1987.

The Board's Strategic Plan, which is a multi-year plan to meet the needs of individuals with developmental disabilities and their families, outlines the services provided, the critical issues affecting individuals and families, the goals and strategies to address those issues and a review of how the goals of the previous Strategic Plan have been met. It can be viewed online:

<http://www.butlerdd.org/news/strategicplan/>

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