

What is a “Community Team” ?

The basic unit of the Butler County Board of Developmental Disabilities’ Community Support Services is the **Community Team**.

Community Teams are intended to be both the initial and primary point of contact for individuals and families who are seeking services and supports through the D.D. program.

The Community Teams are committed to empowering individuals who use D.D. services to make decisions about how they want to live their lives.

WHERE CAN I GET MORE INFORMATION?

Community Teams are located throughout Butler County in the Middletown, Hamilton and Fairfield communities.

CONTACT INFORMATION

Middletown Community Team

(serving individuals residing in the following school districts: Middletown, Monroe, Madison and Edgewood)

Contact: Susan Haddox

Team Secretary 513-420-2570

Fairfield Community Team

(serving individuals residing in the following school districts: Hamilton, Fairfield, Ross and Talawanda)

Contact: Judy Hetterich

Team Secretary 513-867-5600

West Chester Community Team

(serving individuals residing in the Lakota school district)

Contact: Sheila Johnson

Team Secretary 513-867-5700

Hamilton West Community Team

(serving individuals residing in the following school districts:

Talawanda, New Miami, Ross and Hamilton)

Contact: Donna Lindy

Team Secretary 513-867-5750



Community Support Services

*Support Coordination:
An Overview*

Serving Butler County Ohio



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DISABILITIES**
Supporting Possibilities

Some F.A.Q.'s:

Q: Who is eligible for Support Coordination?

A: Anyone eligible for services through the Butler County Board of Developmental Disabilities, 3 years of age and older.

Q: How many Individuals are on a Support Coordinator's caseload?

A: Butler County has an average caseload of 30-40 individuals.

Q: What qualifications does a Support Coordinator have to have?

A: An SC is certified by the Ohio Department of Developmental Disabilities and has completed at least an undergraduate degree with training or experience working with individuals with developmental disabilities. Continuing education is also required to maintain certification

What does a Support Coordinator do?

Services: Each individual is different and needs help in different ways. The SC will help the individual identify the areas that they need help with and assist them with finding services and providers who can help.

To cover the cost of those services, the SC will complete assessments to determine what type of funding is needed and help the individual access those funds.

Provider Selection:

The SC is responsible to inform individual/guardian/ family of providers of services. Information is shared about options and interviews scheduled to assist the individual in selecting a provider.

Individual Service Plan (ISP):

The SC develops an ISP that meets the needs of the individual. Meetings are held with the individual, family and the people who know the individual best to identify service objectives. The plan is part of a contract for providers of services to implement based on the individuals needs.

Residential Services:

The SC enrolls individuals on the statewide waiting list for Individual Options (I.O.) Waivers and Level One Waivers at the request of the individual/guardian or family. Waivers are assigned to individuals based on the priority criteria developed by the state and availability of Waivers and local funding.

Crisis Assistance: The SC is responsible to provide assistance when the health and safety for an individual is in jeopardy and no other provider of service is available to intervene. The SC department carries a crisis phone to be available to individuals and family that have emergencies. They are also responsible for reporting all Major Unusual Incidents for the state filing system.

Monitoring: The SC is responsible to monitor the implementation of the ISP and desired outcomes of the individual and/or family. The SC leads team meetings, reviews reports to identify trends and patterns of unusual incidents, performs follow up from quality assurance review, maintains regular contact with the individual/guardian/family to maintain satisfaction with services. The SC also assists with future life planning.

Funding Sources: There are several funding sources and finding the one that best meets the needs of the individual is another responsibility of the SC.

- BCBDD Funds: Funded through tax levies
- Family Support Services: BCBDD funds and Ohio Dept. of Dev. Disabilities
- Level 1 Waiver: Funded through Medicaid with a 40% match from BCBDD (\$5,000 limit annually for services)
- Individual Options (I.O). Waiver: Funded through Medicaid with a 40% match from BCBDD (cap based on the needs of the individual)

Ask your SC to explain these different funding sources to see what's right for you. The Level 1 Waiver and I.O. Waiver have waiting lists.