Board of DD Facts:

The Huron County Board of Developmental Disabilities (HCBDD) is primarily funded through local property taxes. Services provided by HCBDD include, but are not limited to: Special Olympics, Self-Advocates in Aktion, Community Integration Activities, Early Intervention, Help Me Grow Home Visiting, Service and Support Administration, Project Life, and Christie Lane School.

- The board has 3 continuing and 2 term levies.
- The continuing levies passed in 1976, 2001, and 2003.
- Currently the 2 term levies are for 5 years and 10 years. The original term levies were passed in 2006 and 2018.
- **Even if property values rise, the amount collected and given to the County Board stays the same as in the first year it passed and isn't adjusted with reappraisals.**
- **Although some property taxes increased in 2025, no additional property tax was provided to the Huron County Board of DD.**

What are the biggest challenges to HCBDD's future budget?

- The most pressing cost concerns include:
  - Youth receiving services from multiple agencies including residential care
  - Increased enrollment of all age groups
  - Adults over 50 with increasing health and support needs
  - Adults living with aging caregivers
- These age groups will see **significant growth in service needs and costs** in the coming years.

Are the financial needs of a County Board different than those of other local government agencies?

- Many county government offices operate on a one-year budget cycle; county boards of DD **must** operate on budget cycles between five and ten years.
- County boards of DD are the only social service agency in the state of Ohio statutorily required to support the people they serve throughout their lifespans.
- In 2024, the entire state system for disabilities were in deficit spending.

Does the County Board own any property?

- The County Board owns the business properties located at 306 South Norwalk Road and 120 Shady Lane.
- The Erie and Huron County Boards have a master housing agreement with Family Initiative, Inc. which owns and operates 19 residential homes across both Counties, providing support for people with developmental disabilities. Family Initiative Inc. oversees the property management and rent collection for these homes, which are not owned by the County Boards.

Other than the facilities already mentioned, does the County Board own any property?

- No. The County Board does not own any additional property. The bowling alley, 16 West, and Seminary are owned and operated by CLI, Inc.

Is CLI/Firelands Local part of the County Board?

- No**, i**n 2016, following a CMS (Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services) mandate, HCBDD privatized its workshop (known as Christie Lane Industries), where many adults once learned vocational skills and participated in meaningful activities.

  Today, those services continue through CLI (now renamed Community Life & Innovation) and other local providers, funded by local property tax dollars, a vital investment in helping people with developmental disabilities live, learn, and work in their communities.

  To learn more about CLI (Community Life & Innovation) please visit **CLIsupports.com**