



# Annual Report 2021

*The Mission of the Mercer County Board of Developmental Disabilities is to partner with and support individuals and their families to discover, pursue, and achieve maximum independence in their community.*

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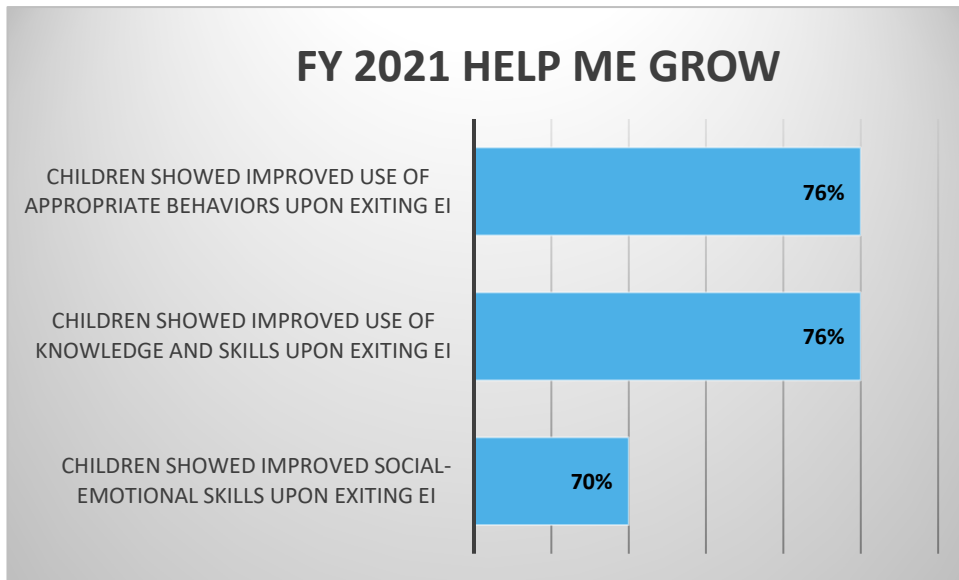
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*“The Board of DD is committed to acting as the single point of contact that promotes family-centered programs for expectant parents, newborns, infants, and toddlers – including those with disabilities and their families.”*

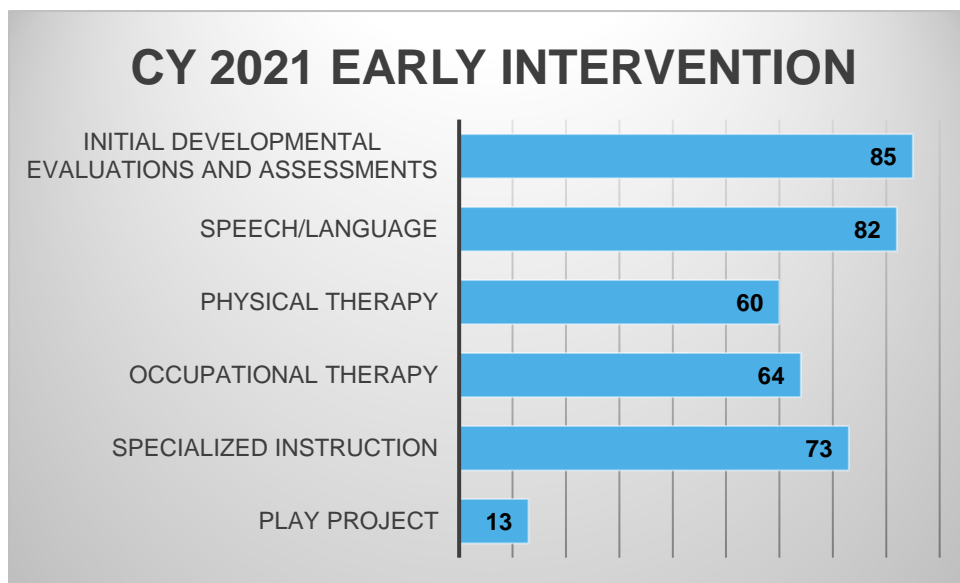
## EARLY CHILDHOOD SERVICES



*“Early Intervention Staff and the Board of DD feel strongly that identifying and addressing developmental delays in children between the ages of 0-3 is vital.”*

## EARLY CHILDHOOD SERVICES

# 152 FAMILIES SERVED



# 100% OF ALL 2021 SERVICES WERE PROVIDED IN FAMILIES' HOMES OR OTHER NATURAL ENVIRONMENTS.

*“The Board of DD acts as a partner with the ESC and all county schools. The Board is committed to preparing students for life after school and accomplishes this with specialized staff that attend IEP Meetings, educate school faculty, and empower students to make life choices that best serve them.”*

## SCHOOL AGED / TRANSITION

### 2021 Outcomes:

1. Provided a summer community exposure program to three youth between 14-15 years old. They participated in community based activities to increase interpersonal skills.
2. Provided a summer work exposure program to six youth between 16-17 years old. They participated in job tours and gained a deeper understanding of work opportunities in Mercer County.
3. Provided a summer work / competitive employment opportunity to seven young adults who were at least 18 years old and transitioning out of school.

*\*\* Due to the pandemic, provider capacity was severely limited thus affecting our ability to offer these services.*

*“The Board of DD values every opportunity for community inclusion. We feel our clients and the overall community are enriched by everyone’s involvement in their community, to the extent they desire.”*

## **COMMUNITY INCLUSION / INTEGRATION**

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### **2021 Outcomes:**

1. Provided additional administrative assistance to the Arc of Mercer County. The Board of DD was awarded over \$284,000 to assist the Arc of Mercer County at securing their 13th home to serve individuals with disabilities (5 in Celina, 6 in Coldwater, 1 in Maria Stein, and 1 in St. Henry).
2. Worked with the Arc of Mercer County and Special Olympics offering support for the recreational, educational, and social programs that are made available to all served by Mercer DD.

*“Mercer County has a culture that places a high value on employment. The board values this culture and has relationships with providers that create opportunities for individuals to be successful at working within the community.”*

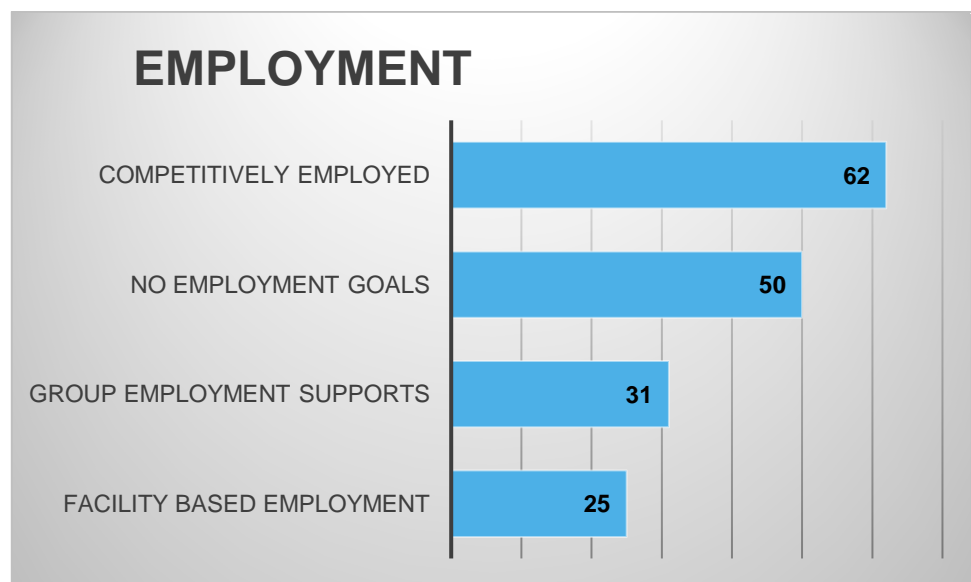
*“Due to DODD and CMS rule changes, the emphasis is towards community employment and away from facility-based employment.”*

## EMPLOYMENT

### 2021 Results:

1. Every eligible adult identified their place on the path to employment and their career plan.
2. The Board served 13 individuals who have retired from the workplace.
3. The Board partnered with three separate and distinct agencies to provide employment services.
4. The Board supported 31 individuals in group (enclave) settings to eventually build the skills for competitive employment.

With direction from DODD, by the end of 2021, we had returned to approximately 90% of individuals receiving the same services they were prior to March 2020.

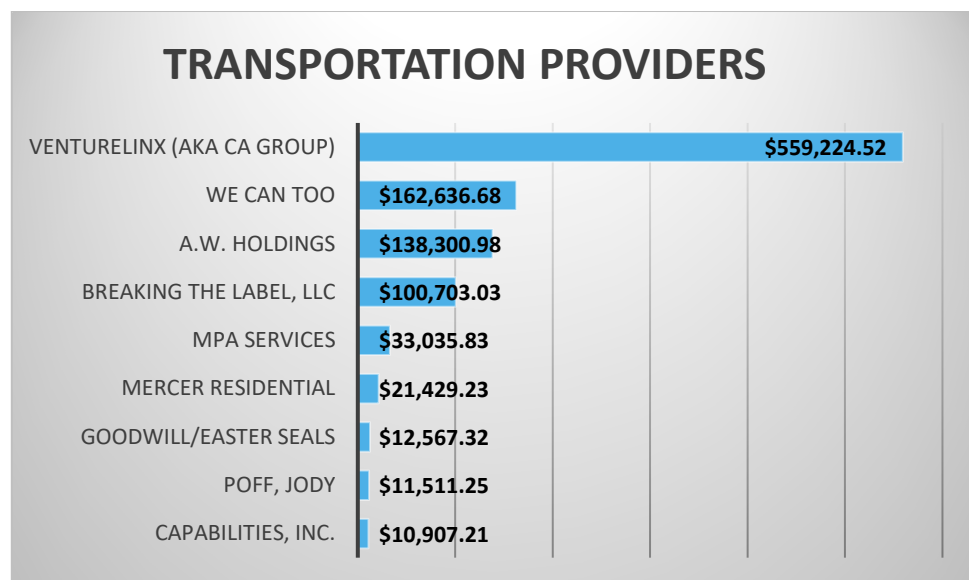


*“Transportation services are vital for community integration and integrated employment. It can also be the largest barrier to overcome for individuals with disabilities. It is the Board’s intent to provide multiple options for transportation.”*

## TRANSPORTATION

### 2021 Outcomes:

1. Added an independent transportation provider as an additional option for individuals.





*“The Board values and encourages self-advocacy and believes each person is the author of their own destiny. Staff work with every individual we serve to find their voices and express their wants and desires.”*

## ADVOCACY / EDUCATION

### 2021 Outcomes:

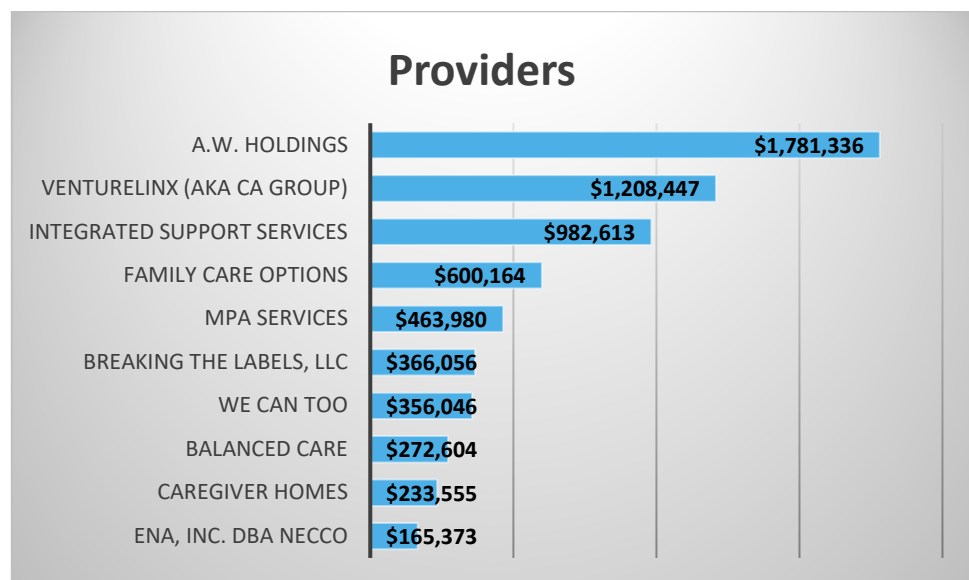
1. Conducted seven SALT (School to Adult Life Transition) and seven SALT-Teens Programs to educate individuals and families.
2. ESC transition teachers regularly consult with the Board’s Transition Specialist for information regarding available services and assistance available to their students.
3. Wrote and was awarded a CATCH Grant to create a website highlighting transition age services, programs, and support agencies for educators and families in Mercer County.
4. Created a DSP Scholarship to encourage DSPs to remain in the field.

*“As we move forward from being a provider of services, we will need to find best ways possible to support our providers in delivering quality and consistent services to our clients.”*

## PROVIDER RELATIONS

### 2021 Outcomes:

1. Board of DD contracted Medicaid services to 23 agency providers and 27 independent providers (an increase of 5 independent providers). Medicaid service costs exceeded \$100,000 with 10 agency providers.



*“The Board of DD receives the majority of its funding from local taxpayers. The Board takes this responsibility very seriously.”*

## FISCAL MANAGEMENT

### 2021 Outcomes:

1. The Board desires to carry over finances that are equal to or greater than the average expenses of four months.

\$6,330,304.63

CARRY OVER BALANCE

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\$422,158.12

AVE MONTHLY EXPENSES

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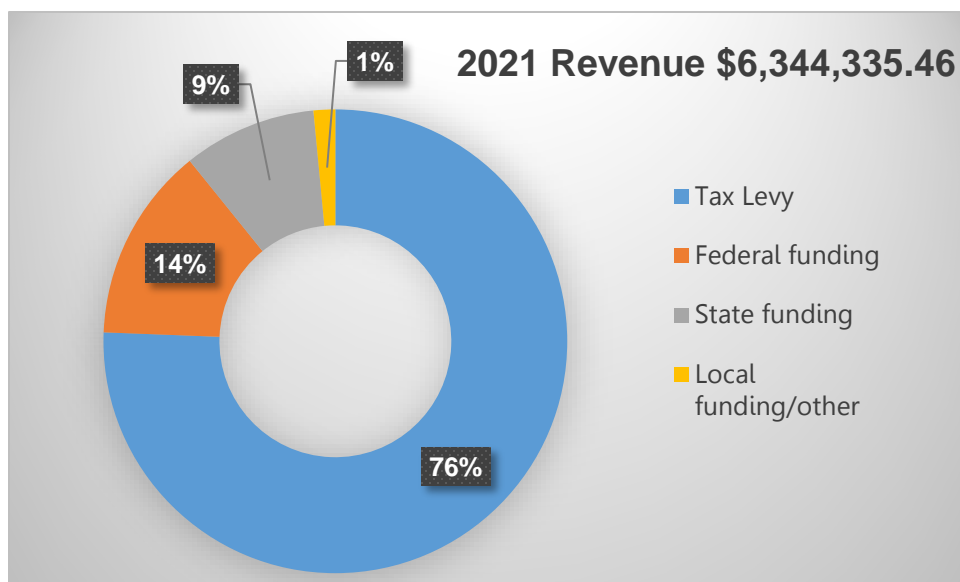
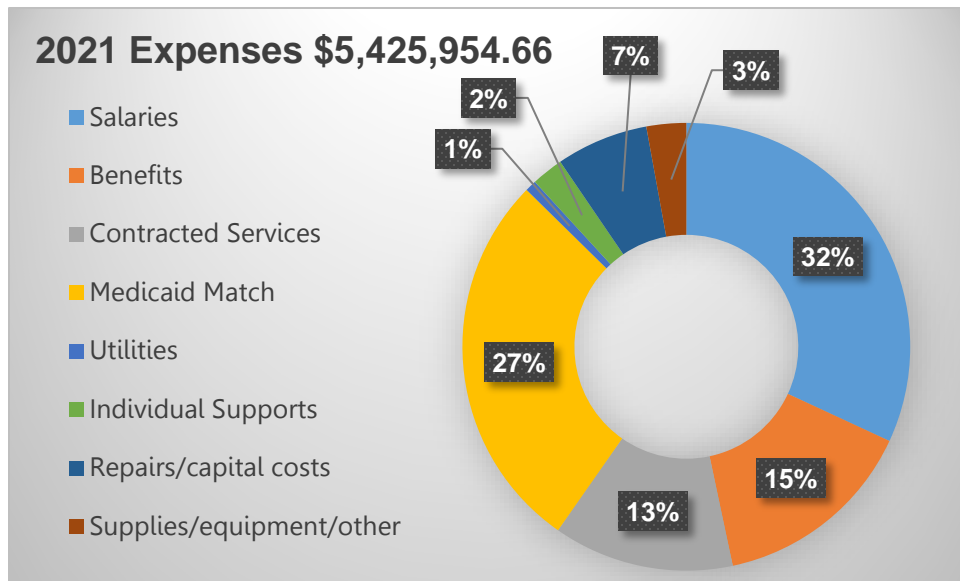
**MONTHS**

2. SSA Productivity was 53.25%.

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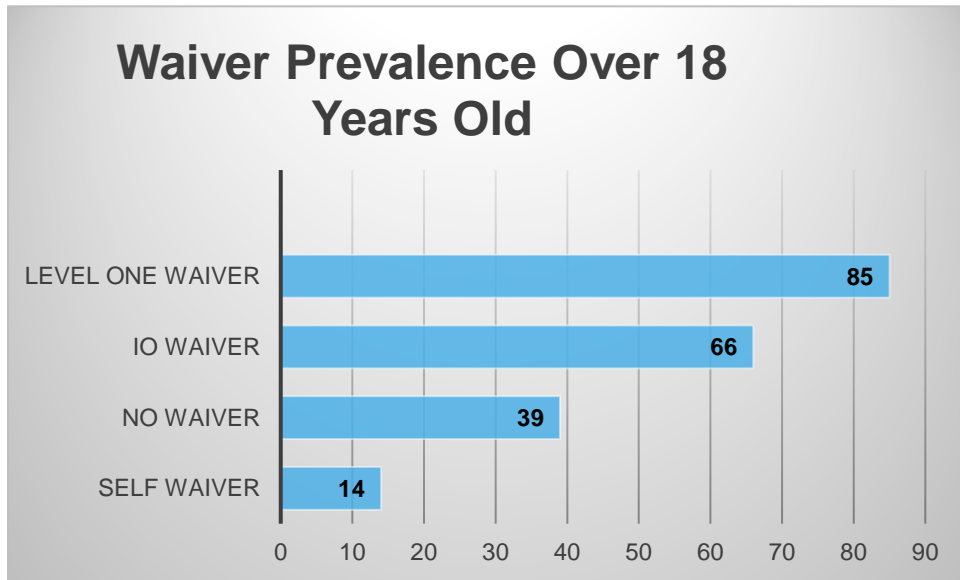
## FISCAL MANAGEMENT

### 2021 Outcomes:



*“The Board of DD provides the funding for services from local funds and/or Medicaid. All DD eligible individuals have access to SSA services and varying levels of local services.”*

## WAIVER PREVALENCE



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