## Mercer County Board of Developmental Disabilities Mercer DD Levy Fact Sheet

- Election Day: Tuesday, November 7, 2023.
- This is for the **Renewal** of a 5-year, 1.94-mill operating levy based on 1999 property values, when this levy originally passed. Again, this is a renewal only. **Even if your property value increases in valuation - YOUR TAXES WILL NOT GO UP AS A RESULT OF ITS PASSAGE.**
- This levy will <u>maintain</u> our current local funding.
- Mercer DD continues to work efficiently and leverage local funds to expand our service offerings. This levy will allow these excellent services to continue without interruption.
- Mercer DD has not asked voters for an increase in funds for over 18 years.
- Mercer DD contracts with 14 provider agencies: 7 provide residential services, 6 provide day / vocational services, and 2 provide employment services. These agencies employ nearly 200 DSPs to serve Mercer County.
- Mercer DD is also the provider of Mercer County's "Help Me Grow" and "Early Intervention" Programs that serve infants and toddlers til age three.
- Mercer County is a great place to live, and our population is increasing.
- More children are receiving services due to improved awareness on the part of doctors who can refer children with disabilities.
- More adults are receiving services due to medical advances that extend the lives of individuals with disabilities.
- This levy generates about \$1.38 million to serve Mercer County residents.
- For an owner of a \$100,000 house, the cost is about \$36.00 per year.
- Mercer DD serves a rising number of Mercer County Individuals.
  - Approximately: 200 children 0-3 years of age
     125 school aged children
     200 adults