

1. Self-Advocacy

- SSA Dept. has continued to maintain a shared calendar with advocacy opportunities across the state. Individuals are attending advocacy meeting through SOCOG, Vinton County Advocacy Group, and through local providers. Individuals have the opportunity to attend virtual advocacy meetings through varies organizations, ex. "We Thrive Together"

2. Integration

- SSAs continue to access individual's desire for community integration during service planning, supports are put into place to ensure individuals are able to access the community as much as they choose to attend. Opportunities are available through home and day providers. Examples are individuals are employed in competitive employment; in 2024 we had 7 individual who were employed competitively. Other social groups, such as Faith and Fitness, in 2024 we had 10 individuals attending the exercise classes and volunteer opportunities. Many individuals attend church with staff or family. Individuals have volunteered at local food pantry and dog shelter. They help with giving away free summer meals to the community.

3. Community employment

- SSA Dept. Works with OOD to help individuals obtain competitive integrated employment waivers services are utilized to help individuals progress towards competitive community employment. In 2024, we had 7 individuals that were employed in the community.

4. Provider Relations

- In 2024, we had 11 HPC Agency Providers, 30 Independent Providers, 7 Adult Day, 1 Remote Monitoring Providers. Our provider pool is updated continuously as providers express interest in serving individuals in Jackson County. Training is offered to providers to help maintain quality of services for our individuals.

5. Community Relations and Outreach

- In 2024, the JCBDD found varies ways to convey the purpose of the board to the public. The board participate in community events such as Wellston Trunk or Treat, Volunerring for events that were put on by the Dog Shelter, Night to Shine and our DD Awareness Celebration. SSA Dept. utilizes social media to inform the public about how individuals are part of the community.

6. Transportation

- In 2024, we continue to problem solve when transportation needs arose and creative solutions for transportation needs. SSA director has attended Mobility Management Transportation Coordination Advisory Council meetings to address the transportation needs of the community. SSA Dept. has created individuals solution to fulfill the individuals aspirations.

7. Early Intervention

In 2024, JCBDD partnered the Scioto County Board of DD to expand and the growing needs of children ages birth to three for EI services. This partnership has led to having more services to offer Jackson County children birth to three such as PT, OT, Speech, vision and nutritional services. In 2024, Jackson County had 89 referrals for Early Intervention services.

8. Education

-The SOAR class has successfully placed five students in internships that will help them build the life skills needed for the future achievements. Twenty five students required to take the Alternative assessments have completed. The Hope Haven Preschool has maintained their five star/ gold star status. Seven of eight teachers have completed the Science of Reading Curriculum. Two students completed required seals to graduate and addition to that both completed 60 hours of community service.