



SUMMIT DD FACT SHEET

PROPOSED LEVY RENEWAL (2013-2018) FACTS

RENEW ISSUE 25

NOT A NEW TAX

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In 2005, Summit County voters approved a 4.5 mill levy request to generate funds to support services for eligible individuals with developmental disabilities throughout their entire lifetime. **The levy will expire on December 31, 2012.** This November 8th, The County of Summit Developmental Disabilities Board (Summit DD, formerly known as the County of Summit Board of Mental Retardation and Developmental Disabilities) is asking voters to approve the **renewal** of the current 4.5 mill operating levy which is **not a new tax**. This is the only operating levy supporting DD Board services and represents 72% of the Board's funding. Passage of the levy ensures the continued support of approximately 4,000 eligible citizens with developmental disabilities in Summit County through 2018.

Is this a new tax?

No. Summit DD is asking the community to approve a renewal in the same amount that taxpayers have paid since 2006. A household with a home valued at \$100,000 will continue to pay approximately \$11.50 per month.

What services does the levy fund?

Funding from Summit DD supports assessed service needs for approximately 4,000 individuals with developmental disabilities who have been deemed eligible through the intake process. Services are provided throughout an individual's lifetime by more than 200 privately-owned businesses in Summit County. Those services include:

- Service Coordination for 2,259 adults and up to 1,000 school-aged children as needed
- Early Intervention Services for 764 children ages 0-2
- Childcare services for 78 children ages 3-5
- Residential services for 1,424 adults
- Transportation services for 1,770 adults
- Facility & community-based employment and vocational services for 1,760 adults



What has the Board accomplished during the current levy cycle?

Summit DD has met, or is on target to meet, all of the goals of its current six-year levy cycle. There are currently **no individuals waiting** for adult day or residential services in Summit County; in 2005 there were more than 200 individuals on each list. More than 275 children age 0-2 receive early intervention services at integrated community settings. New adult services facilities were opened in the cities of Barberton, Ellet and Cuyahoga Falls to provide services to adults that are integrated in the community. Satisfaction with services remains favorable with 86.6% from parents/guardians and 91.8% from persons served by Summit DD. Administrative expenses as a percent of total budget **decreased** by 23% from 2005 to 2010, while enrollment grew by 9.6% for the same time period.



CURRENT LEVY OUTCOMES (2007-2012)

Core Day Services	Actual Persons Served 2010	Levy Plan by Year End 2012
Children	831	468
Adult Services	1,760	1,799
Services and Support	2,259*	1,732
Transportation	1,779	1,879
Unduplicated Total	3,987	3,999

* DOES NOT INCLUDE APPROXIMATELY 1,000 ADDITIONAL SCHOOL-AGED CHILDREN WHO RECEIVE SERVICE AND SUPPORT ADMINISTRATION SERVICES AS NEEDED.

Emma receives services to ensure her success as a high school student with support from issue 25

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How can taxpayers be assured that the Board will use tax dollars responsibly?

Summit DD participates in several mandatory and voluntary assessments and accreditations to ensure that services meet the highest industry standards while making efficient use of taxpayer dollars. Summit DD maintains the **highest level of accreditations** from the Ohio Department of Developmental Disabilities and from the Center on Accreditation of Rehabilitation Facilities. In addition, the Agency was recognized for its commitment to quality by the Ohio Partnership for Excellence (OPE), Ohio's quality award program that utilizes National Baldrige Criteria for Performance Excellence. Summit DD was recognized by OPE as having best practice processes in the areas of **fiscal stewardship of taxpayer dollars** to ensure long-term financial sustainability and for its commitment of all Board employees to the needs of persons served by the Agency. The Agency is subject to internal and external financial audits and reports outcomes annually to its stakeholders. Summit DD's annual report is accessible online at www.summitdd.org.

What results will Summit DD achieve during the next levy period?

Summit DD will maintain the current level of services for the nearly 4,000 individuals currently served by the Board, including no waiting lists for adult day and residential services. Services are expected to grow by an additional 108 children and 336 adults by 2018. The Agency will focus its improvement efforts on utilizing innovation to improve service delivery while achieving additional efficiencies, which are needed to ensure projected funding obtained through the renewal levy remains sufficient to support services for individuals through 2018.

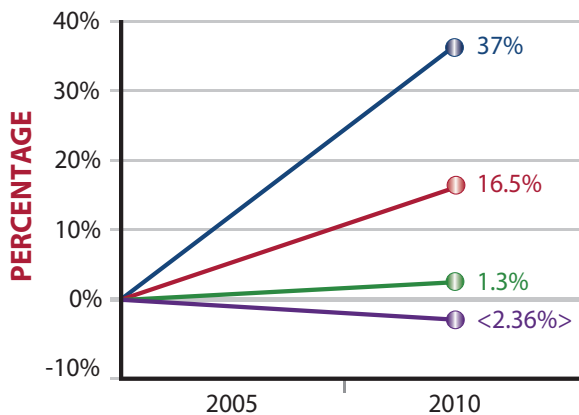
How much money will the levy generate?

Based on the county's projection of real property valuation, it is expected that proceeds generated by the levy will **decrease** by 10%, providing approximately \$50.1 Million of revenue annually. This represents a decrease of \$20.7 Million through the length of the levy cycle (2013-2018) compared to the current levy cycle.

- 1 Issue 25 is a **renewal of Summit County's only developmental disabilities levy**.
- 2 Issue 25 is a **4.5 mill levy for a six-year period** of time (2013-2018), costing \$11.50 a month on a \$100K home.
- 3 Issue 25 **funds the Summit DD that provides services to more than 4,000 eligible individuals** with mental retardation and other developmental disabilities.
- 4 The Summit DD has **delivered or exceeded on all its promises from the last levy period** including eliminating the waiting lists for day programs and residential services.
- 5 Summit DD's **use of taxpayer dollars was identified as a key strength by the Ohio Partnership for Excellence**.



2005-2010 DATA COMPARISONS: PERCENTAGE CHANGE



	ACTUALS 2005	ACTUALS 2010	% INCREASE/DECREASE
PERSON SERVED	2,910	3,987	37%
BOARD EXPENDITURE	\$54M	\$63M	16.5%
SALARIES	\$24.5M	\$24.8M	1.3% 3.3%/YEAR
ADMINISTRATIVE COSTS	10.16% OF EXPENDITURES \$5.4M	7.8% OF EXPENDITURES \$4.9M	<23%>