

Emergency Assistance

If it is a life threatening emergency always call 911 first. After regular business hours, weekends and holidays contact the 24 hour emergency response number at (740) 260-3206.

GUERNSEY COUNTY BOARD OF MR/DD MISSION STATEMENT

The mission of the Guernsey County Board of MRDD is to “assist people with mental retardation and/or developmental disabilities to achieve full community participation through vocational, educational and independent living opportunities.”

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Service and Support Administration

Guernsey County Board
Of
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What is Service and Support Administration?

SSA's ensure coordination across agency and professional lines to develop and attain services/objectives for individuals with mental retardation and developmental disabilities and ensures that services (i.e., information and referral, service placement, service coordination, crisis intervention, advocacy and service monitoring) are accessible or provided to all eligible individuals.

SSA's are the single point of accountability for individuals with mental retardation and/or developmental disabilities. They ensure a continuum of services by:

- Assessing the individual's need for services,
- Developing and revising the individuals service plan (ISP),
- Establishing the individual's budget for services,
- Assisting the individual in choosing providers,
- Ensuring that the individual's services are effectively coordinated and provided by appropriate providers,

- Monitoring the implementation of the individual's ISP,
- Providing quality assurance reviews,
- Ensuring the individual has a designated person to provide daily representation,
- Providing Information, Referral, and Linkages for services,
- Providing crisis intervention when needed,
- Providing eligibility determination for County Board services,
- Determining Major Unusual Incidents (MUI) and providing follow-up and prevention planning.

Who is Eligible for Services?

SSA services are available to Guernsey County residents who have evidence of developmental delays (before the age of 22) or documented life-long disabilities and at least three areas of substantial functional limitation on the Ohio Eligibility Determination Instrument (OEDI). Services are provided only by consent of the individual, legal guardian or parent of a minor.

How Do I Request Service in Guernsey County?

You may call the Guernsey County Board of MR/DD at (740) 439-4451 during normal business hours (7:30am– 3:30pm, Monday-Friday). Anytime after, you may call and leave a message and someone will get back with you as soon as possible on the next working day. You may also stop in the office at 60770 Southgate Road, Byesville, Ohio 43723. (Located across the street from the Cambridge Country Club).

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