The Geauga County Board of Developmental Disabilities (GCBDD), known as The Bessie Benner Metzenbaum Center, was started in 1966 to help individuals in Geauga County with developmental disabilities. Our focus today is still on enhancing the lives of those we serve. These services begin at birth and continue with preschool and school programs, lasting through adulthood.

Quick Facts:

Over 800 people attended and over 100 volunteers for our free Community Carnival!

Total Served 950 in 2018

Talented individuals, including one who sings national anthem at Lake County Captains games.

Employment First
- In 2018, the program worked with 493 total individuals, of which 133 individuals are employed in minimum wage or above.

Early Intervention
- Early Intervention (EI) provides coordinated services to parents of eligible children ages 0 - 3 years with developmental delays or disabilities.
- This program served in 244 more children in 2018 with disabilities and delays.

Transportation
- GCBDD coordinates transportation services with 9 companies, picking up individuals from their day programs and taking them to their jobs in the community.

Community and Residential Services
- Approximately 818 individuals and families receive support through Service and Support Administrators or EI case managers.
- We currently have over 202 individuals receiving residential supports in our community in a variety of settings.
- We work with over 155 companies to meet the needs of individuals with developmental disabilities in terms of case management and community or residential services.

Recreation
- Individuals are able to enjoy many different activities throughout the year, such as Special Olympics, social and exercise options.
  - Recreation - 379 people
  - Pool - 81 people
  - Music - 221 people
  - Pickleball - 30+ people

Intermediate Care Facilities
- The Intermediate Care Facility (ICF) currently provides residential care at the Metzenbaum Center for 19 individuals ranging in ages from 25-73.