



PROGRESS REPORT FOR STONE COUNTY

DEVELOPMENTAL DISABILITY SERVICES
FOR STONE COUNTY SINCE 2016

Stone County Developmental Disability Board (SCDDB) provides direct services, as well as funding local non-profit organizations to provide services on its behalf, to residents of Stone County who have developmental disabilities. People with autism, cerebral palsy, Down syndrome, and other intellectual and developmental disabilities that occurred before the age of 22, will last indefinitely through a person's life, and impacts multiple areas of daily life activity, may be eligible.

The voters of Stone County passed the first developmental disability board tax levy in 2016 by an overwhelming majority. SCDDB is a political subdivision, similar in nature to a health

department, library board, or senior board. Since receiving the first tax levy payment in 2018, SCDDB has spent over \$1.55 million in local agency funding and individual funding, developed Day Services and Residential Services programs and supports 170 individuals and their families.

In 2022, SCDDB acquired 11 acres of land adjacent to Gibson Technical School in Reeds Spring. After a 2-year search for land that fit our needs and was in budget, SCDDB purchased the centrally-located land for \$382,000 cash. Plans include building office space and additional

areas for our residents with developmental disabilities to learn job skills, increase independence, and quality of life, and engage with the Stone County community. SCDDB is currently pursuing grants and additional funding sources to pay for the building project. SCDDB takes seriously our responsibility to build a sustainable organization to serve many future generations of Stone County families, and we take great care to be fiscally responsible with every dollar we receive.

OUR IMPACT

INDIVIDUALS SERVED
Over the past 6.5 years, DMH-supported individuals have increased from 86 to 170. Prevalence rates indicate there are still at least 330 people needing services in Stone County.

INDIVIDUAL FUNDINGS
Home modifications, adaptive equipment, therapy, nutritional supplements, wheelchairs, tutoring, weighted blankets, medical travel, health support and more were provided.

ON STAFF, FULL-TIME
SCDDB employs 36 staff filling roles in direct support, HR, quality control/billing, and training/community partnerships. These positions are year-round, well-paying, with good benefits.

2023 SERVICES/SUPPORTS
SCDDB is leveraging \$700,000 in 2023 tax levy funding into an additional \$2.9 million in services funded by Medicaid. These services include our Day and Residential programs.

VOLUNTEERING IN COMMUNITY
Sites include: Kimberling Area Senior Center, Tri-Lakes Humane Society, Crane Library, Crane City Hall, Open Hearts Open Hands, Caring Americans, and Harbor House, and more!



170

92

36

\$2.9 million

13,700 HOURS



OUR SPENDING

TAX LEVY MONEY
SPENT ON FUNDING
2018-2022

OATS TRANSPORTATION	\$234,192
MUSIC THERAPY	\$218,555
ART THERAPY	\$178,818
SPORTS PROGRAMS	\$16,000
CAMP SCHOLARSHIPS	\$80,645
PARTNERSHIP FOR HOPE	\$39,765
PROJECT LIFESAVER	\$5,762
CHANCES OF STONE COUNTY	\$211,115
INDIVIDUAL FUNDING	\$126,274
RESPIRE CARE	\$48,594

SCDDB'S PROGRESS: 2016 - 2023

NOV
2016

Stone County voters overwhelmingly pass SB40 (Disability Board) Tax Levy, establishing SCDDDB to provide services and supports for Stone County residents. At this time, limited services are available.

APR
2017

Stone County Commission appoints 9 volunteer board members who spend the next year developing the business structure of SCDDDB.

JAN
2018

First payment of the new tax levy is made to SCDDDB, allowing the Board to seek out non-profit agencies to fund.

MAY
2018

SCDDDB hires its first employee, an Executive Director, to manage day-to-day operations. SCDDDB begins funding OATS Transportation and other partner agencies.

MAY
2019

With limited options in the Stone County area, SCDDDB chooses to pursue licensing with DMH to provide Medicaid-funded services. SCDDDB develops a day program that is 100% community-based, "without walls", to support individuals to live their BEST LIFE, as they see it, in their community.

JUN
2020

DMH approves SCDDDB's contract to provide services and first participant receives direct support. By the end of 2020, the day program will have over 40 participants, far exceeding the expected need, and SCDDDB will have 20 administrative and direct support staff.

OCT
2021

SCDDDB pursues DMH licensing for Residential ISL (Individualized Supported Living) services. With the goal of supporting people in their community, SCDDDB leases homes throughout the County and provides staff to support residents to be independent and live the life they choose.

APR
2022

DMH approves Residential ISL licensing for SCDDDB. Day Services reaches 50 participants.

AUG
2022

SCDDDB moves first resident into ISL program. Second resident moves in shortly thereafter. To support both programs, staffing increases to 30 full-time positions.

FEB
2023

SCDDDB moves third resident into ISL services and funds other services for over 80 additional individuals. SCDDDB employs 28 Direct Support Professionals and 8 administrative staff.

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In accordance with MO Revised Statutes, Ch. 205, County Health & Welfare Programs, Section 205.968, SCDDDB's effort is in developing, maintaining, and expanding a variety of Residential, Vocational and/or related services that will enhance community participation by Stone County citizens with developmental disabilities.

OUR FUTURE

The Developmental Disability tax levy will be on the ballot for renewal on April 4, 2023. If passed by Stone County voters once again, this levy will remain in place to provide vital services and supports for people with developmental disabilities (and their families) for generations to come.

If not passed, SCDDDB will be unable to fund services like OATS, CHANCES of Stone County, sports programs, camp scholarships, individual needs, and many other supports people have come to depend on.

Estimates show approximately 330 additional people currently need services in Stone County. SCDDDB's future plans includes adding Medicaid-funded services like Supported Employment and Behavioral Health, building affordable housing, purchasing wheelchair-accessible transportation, and supporting medically fragile individuals.

SCDDDB values the trust placed in it by the residents of Stone County and looks forward to growing to meet the needs of this community!



FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS

WHAT DOES IT COST PROPERTY OWNERS?

SCDDDB is not allowed to collect more than ten cents per \$100 assessed valuation. The average property owner currently pays between \$25-35 annually.

WILL THIS MAKE MY TAX BILL GO UP?

Not at all! This is just a renewal, not a new tax.

IF MONEY COMES FROM MEDICAID, WHY AM I ASKED TO PAY AS WELL?

Medicaid-funded services include our Day Program and Residential Program. The tax levy pays for funding to partner agencies like CHANCES of Stone County and OATS for transportation, as well as individual funding for items and services people may need due to their disability that are not covered by Medicaid. The tax levy also allows us to maintain administrative support for all of our programs and services.

For more information, visit stoneDDboard.com.