

2019

**ALL ABILITIES.  
LIMITLESS  
POSSIBILITIES.**



 **easterseals**  
Central &  
Southeast Ohio

**ANNUAL REPORT**



TAKING ON DISABILITY TOGETHER



# A Look Back on 2019

**Pandora Shaw-Dupras**

Each day at Easterseals, I am inspired by those we serve. We provide services throughout the entire lifespan of our participants. I have been amazed by watching children take their first steps or say their first word. I have witnessed the joy of our adults getting their first job, or their first home. Likewise I have had the honor of holding someone's hands as they leave this world. Easterseals services allow individuals with disabilities to experience life, just like everyone else.

Together, we must remain steadfast in our mission and committed to the vision of an inclusive life for all abilities with endless possibilities.

In 2019 we made the following impacts...

- Served nearly 7000 families through our various programs that allow individuals to live, learn, work, play, and act in their community.
- Administered 766 Ages & Stages Questionnaires. Of those returned, we provided 16 referrals to families for services



Nathan, being read to by our volunteer during summer camp 2019



Early Intervention student exploring textures

Columbus "Lit it up Orange" to honor Easterseals for their 100 years!

- Continued with our expansion into 7 additional counties of the Dolly Parton Imagination Library by partnering with Ohio Governor's office.
- Maintained full capacity levels in our Early Intervention program that ensures children with developmental delays or disabilities reach major milestones and prepare them for kindergarten.

Disabilities touch us all. Together we are stronger. Your support allows us to create fully inclusive lives for those we serve.

We look forward to a successful 2020 and partnering with the community to take on disability together to create a world for all abilities with endless possibilities.

Thank you,

Pandora Shaw-Dupras  
Chief Executive Officer

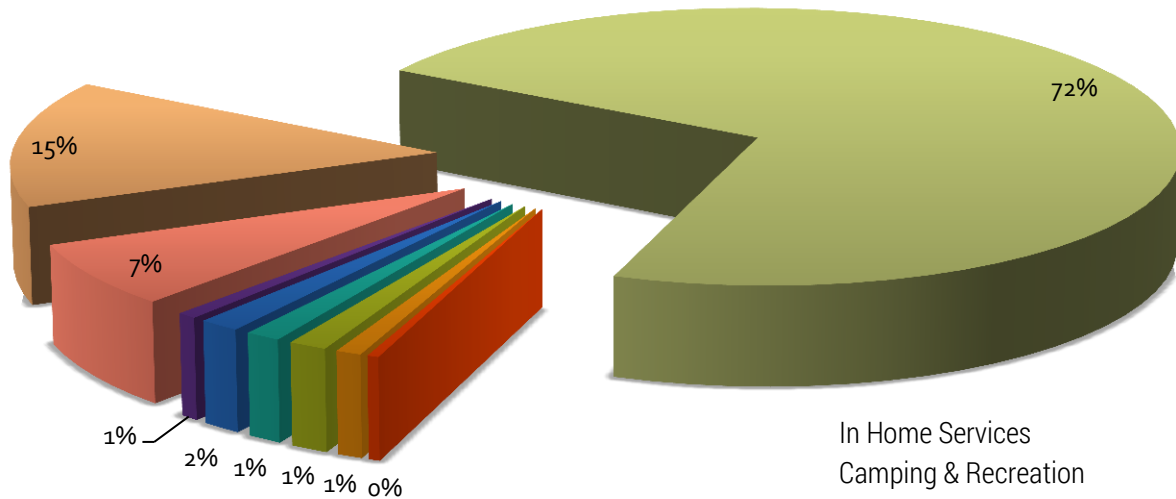


# 2019 PROGRAMS AND SERVICES



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- In Home Services
- Camping & Recreation
- Adult day
- Transportation
- Early Intervention
- After School
- Discovery Garden
- Dolly Parton Imagination Library
- Ombudsman



"THANK YOU! My family and I would like to say a big thank you to Easterseals and the Dolly Parton's Imagination Library. My daughter has received the books since birth, thanks to a friend telling us about the program...I'm not sure who is involved in the book selection process, but they have been superb at choosing books! Thank you so much for your time and for this wonderful program!" Melanie S.

In Home Services	28
Camping & Recreation	62
Adult day	93
Transportation	86
Early Intervention	100
After School	48
Discovery Garden	487
Dolly Parton Imagination Library	996
Ombudsman	4927
<b>Total Clients Served in 2019</b>	<b>6827</b>

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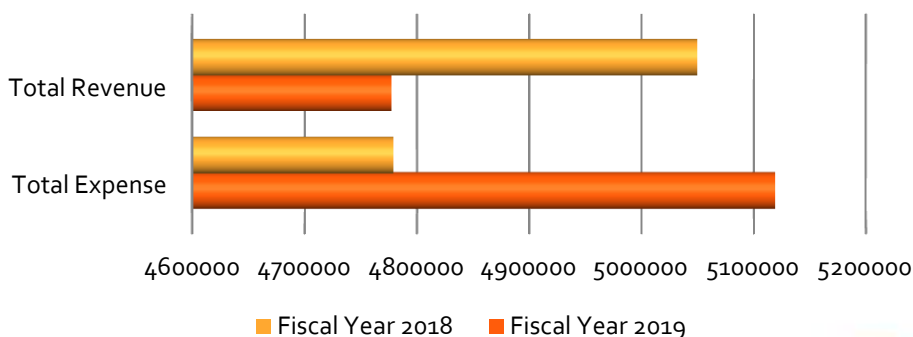
## REVENUE

Program Services	\$ 2,842,544
Contributions	409,106
Grants & Contracts	1,546,408
Investment Gain (Loss)	(81,691)
Other	61,160
<b>Total Revenue:</b>	<b>4,777,527</b>

## EXPENSE

Program Services	\$ 4,185,087
Management/General	493,607
Fundraising	187,179
<b>Total Functional Expense</b>	<b>4,865,873</b>
Pension & Other	253,369
<b>Total Expenses</b>	<b>5,119,242</b>

## Comparison of 2018 & 2019 Financials



## YEAR END NET ASSETS

2018: 3,501,353

2019: 3,159,638

# Early Intervention



## Early Intervention Maintains 5 star Step up To Quality Rating



Ohio's Tiered Quality Rating & Improvement System  
This quality rating and improvement system administered by the Ohio Department of Education and the ODJFS, recognizes and promotes learning and development programs standards that:

- Exceed Regulated Preschool Licensing
- Exceeds health and safety ratings
- Utilizes program standards which lead to improved outcomes for children

### FAST FACTS

# 99.31%

Percentage of children who improved on their education skills and learning development

For over 50 years, Easterseals Central and Southeast Ohio has been providing Early Intervention services to help young children with or at-risk for developmental delays, disabilities and autism achieve their goals in cognitive, social/emotional, communicative, adaptive and physical development. Early Intervention services have proven to be crucial to the healthy development of infants and toddlers with disabilities, minimizing their potential for developmental delay. Research shows the earlier intervention occurs in a child's life, the more success that child will experience.

Easterseals is a home-based early intervention program with access to group oriented, facility based curricula for children 12-36 months of age. Our Early Intervention program focuses on a child's needs early-on in their development at their individual level of ability, giving them the head start they need to keep up with their peers. An individualized plan is developed for each child and their family, outlining goals to be focused on with their team.

### Highlights Include:

- In-Home Visits
- Creative Center Based Curriculum
- Classroom Based Therapies
- Daily use of our inside & outside accessible play areas
- Music Therapy
- Transportation



Classroom size is limited to eight children with one certified early intervention specialist and teacher's assistant per classroom. Students work with trained physical, occupational and speech therapists.



"The Easterseals Hilliard team have been a true blessing. My son has grown so much since being in the program. The staff is so caring including the amazing bus drivers who enjoy singing with your child. They all made me feel safe with leaving my child in their care." Mia D.

# Ohio Governors Imagination Library

## Dolly Parton Imagination Library



### Our Goal

To help support the literacy development of every child by providing a book per month from birth to age five...

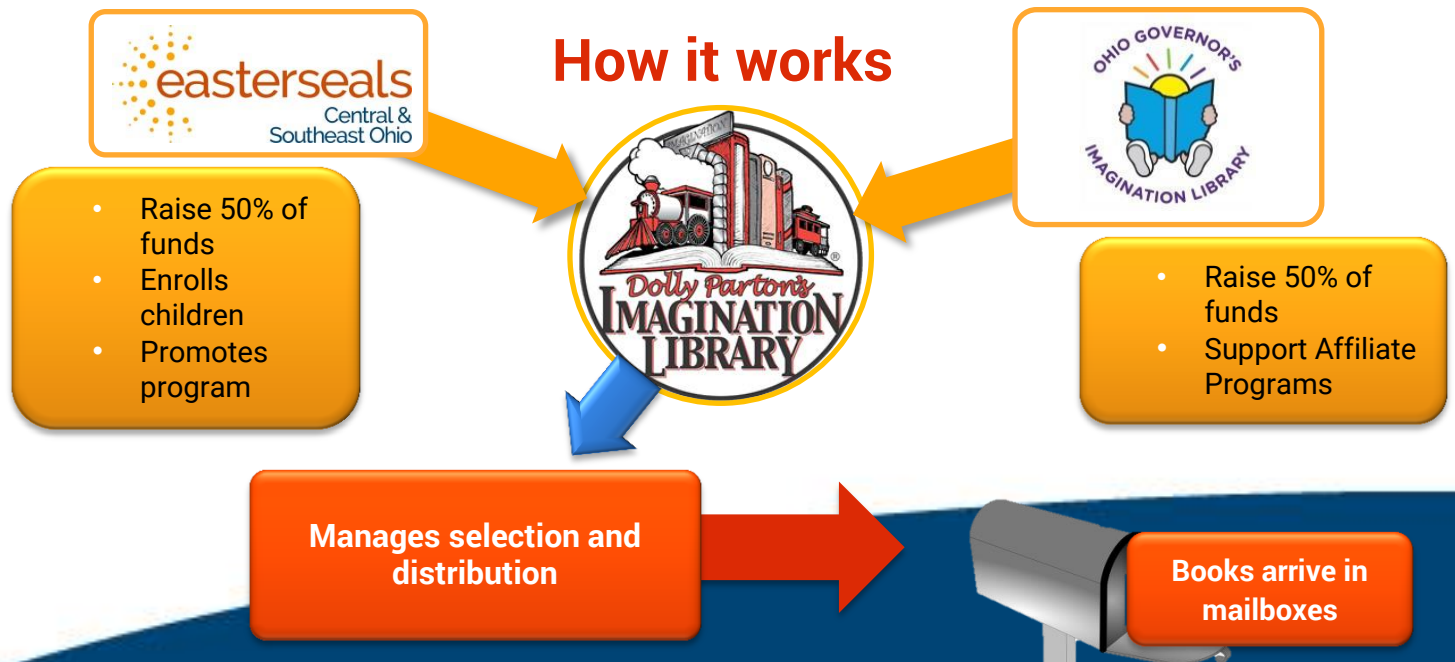


### Counties:

Hocking • Gallia  
Jackson • Pike  
Scioto • Vinton  
Meigs

### Our Growth with Dolly Parton Imagination Library

Almost 31,000 books have been delivered since inception in 2013 in Vinton and Jackson counties, Hilliard and the Hilltop in Columbus.



# Chance To Dance



The mission of **Chance to Dance** is to make sure the students appreciate the art of movement through rhythmic ability and to use various music as well as dynamic imaginative play. We strive for our students to enjoy the class and develop a love for therapy offered through music. These dance classes provide the opportunity for kids with special needs a chance to dance.

Classes are offered completely FREE to families. We provide the costumes, shoes, props, supplies and music. In keeping with tradition of dance studios, we have two recitals a year (winter and spring). **Chance to Dance** also gets invited to participate in several community functions throughout the year as well.

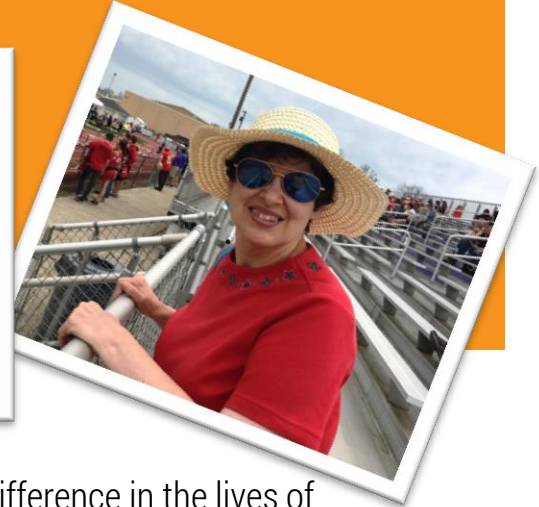
Scarves, shaker eggs, noodle bits, rhythm sticks, balls, and bean bags are just a few of the props that are used to help with coordination, movement and strength. With a fun and upbeat teaching technique, Chance to Dance provides students with the ability to dance.



"We really appreciate how it helps Oliver with his motor skills and learning how to follow directions."

Lauren H. Mom

# Adult Day Programs



Easterseals Central and Southeast Ohio is committed to making a difference in the lives of individuals living with a disability. Through our various programs, we offer children and adults with disabilities the opportunity to live, learn, work and play as a vital member of their own community. We provide the following exceptional programs and services in so that individuals and their families can...

**LIVE**

Adult Day  
In-Home Services

**LEARN**

Information & Referral Services  
Little Free Library

**WORK**

Adult Day Start Soft Skill Training & Enrichment  
Volunteerism and Active Community Engagment

**PLAY**

Chance to Dance  
Discovery Garden Family Play-Centered Group

**ACT**

Advocacy  
Volunteer  
Community Events

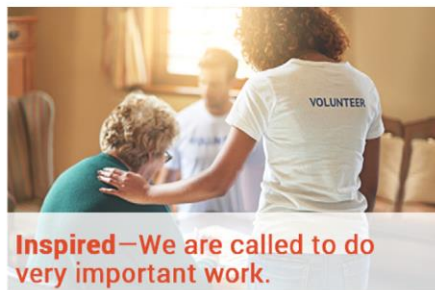




# Long Term Care Ombudsman



**Personal**—We are informed, warm and engaging.



**Inspired**—We are called to do very important work.



**Honest**—We talk straight.

Easterseals Central and Southeast Ohio is the official Ohio State Long-Term Care Ombudsman sponsoring agency for the Region 6 Long-Term Care Ombudsman Program. As mandated by the federal Older Americans Act and Ohio law, the Long-Term Care Ombudsman Program advocates for excellence in long-term services and supports wherever consumers live.

Ombudsmen do not regulate nursing homes and home health agencies, but do work with providers, residents, their families and other representatives to resolve problems and concerns. Ombudsman staff and volunteers focus their time on educating consumers of long term care services and support empowering them to know their rights and to voice their concerns. In the last year, the program investigated approximately 1500 complaints in our covered counties in which over 1,000 were verified.

Our Long-Term Care Ombudsman Program covers the following 16 counties:

## Region 6

Delaware

Fairfield

Fayette

Franklin

Licking

Madison

Union

Pickaway

## Region 8

Athens

Hocking

Meigs

Monroe

Morgan

Noble

Perry

Washington



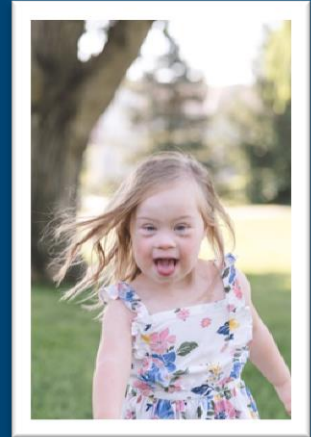
**Region 6 Phone:** 614-345-9198 or 1-800-536-5891

**Confidential fax:** 614-443-1848

**Region 8 Phone:** 740-373-6400 or 1-888-502-6601

**Confidential fax:** 740-414-4488

If you or a loved one need help to file a nursing home complaint, complaint against a MyCare Ohio plan or need more information, please contact our Ombudsman program.



## Our 2019 Turkey Trot Artist, Molly

### Molly's Story By Abby, Molly's Mom

My pregnancy with my second child was a healthy, normal pregnancy. My husband and I went to a "fun" 13 week ultrasound and found out it was a girl! We had a 2 year old boy so this was perfect! We were so excited! Her name was easy. It was going to be Molly Dawn.

During her 20 week anatomy ultrasound where they take a closer look at the developing organs, Molly was a bit wiggly and didn't want to give us a good view of her, but as far as they could tell, she was growing great and all her organs were perfect. Being a NICU nurse and after talking with my OB, I requested another anatomy just to be sure. And again, everything checked out fine. I continued on with my pregnancy, enjoying her flip flopping around and my growing belly.

I went at 39 weeks for a repeat C-section. Everything was going great until she was born and I heard no sound. I was reassured she was ok. My husband got to take pictures of her getting cleaned off and warmed up. But still no sound. After what seemed like hours, a neonatologist from the NICU came to the head of my bed, still in OR, and said Molly was having trouble transitioning outside the womb and is needing additional help to breathe and she would be going to the NICU to be closely monitored. In addition, Molly also had some features of Down syndrome. Whatever she said after this, I don't remember because my world came to a stop.

Fast forward and 4 days later she came home with us with orders to follow up with a cardiologist for a large heart defect that would need surgery. We were scared. I grieved for the "Molly" I thought I was carrying and had to switch my perspective to the warrior and advocate I needed to be for her.

At 9 months old, Molly endured a successful open heart surgery. She gets yearly echoes to check the health of her heart. Molly also participates in weekly physical, speech and feeding therapies.

Since 12 months old, Molly has also attended Easterseals. We are forever grateful for what Easterseals has given Molly. Molly's socialization, her mastering walking at age 2.5, the speech and sign language she has developed, and most importantly, Molly's confidence in everything she does, is due to the incredible staff and teachers at Easterseals. We've seen Molly grow in leaps and bounds at Easterseals and I will always remember where she started and how far she's come as we transition to Hilliard City School March 2019. Even though Molly doesn't "talk", we can see the love she has for the staff at Easterseals through her eyes, her smile and enthusiasm. Without early intervention, I can guarantee Molly would not be ready for "big girl" preschool. They have built a great foundation for Molly as she continues to grow!

This footprint turkey will always remind us how thankful we are to have such a program like Easterseals in Franklin County.



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"We live but one life; we get nothing out of that life except by putting something into it. To relieve suffering, to help the unfortunate, to do kind acts and deeds is, after all, the one sure way to secure happiness or to achieve real success. Your life and mine shall be valued not by what we take. . .but what we give. . ."-- Edgar F. Allen (1914) Founder of Easterseals

# Make an Impact

## DONATE. VOLUNTEER. ATTEND AN EVENT



### WAYS TO GIVE

**Donate:** Make a contribution online, over the phone or mail us a check

**Kroger:** Register your Kroger Plus Card in the Community Rewards program in support of Easterseals Central and Southeast Ohio, code IT723

**Amazon:** Shop through Amazon Smile and designate Easterseals Central and Southeast Ohio as your Smile Charity

### VOLUNTEER

Contact: Michael-Ann Cox at [mcox@easterseals-cseohio.org](mailto:mcox@easterseals-cseohio.org) to learn more about our available opportunities.

Follow us on Social Media to stay up-to-date on all of our upcoming events for volunteer opportunities

Look for us on volunteer recruitment sites:

[SignUpGenius.com](http://SignUpGenius.com)

[VolunteerMatch.com](http://VolunteerMatch.com)

### JOIN US AT AN EVENT

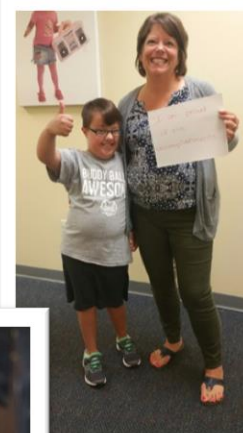
**Romancing the Grape:** Saturday, April 25, 2020 at the Huntington Club of Ohio Stadium.

For more info: [www.romancingthegrape.org](http://www.romancingthegrape.org)

**Clays for a Cause:** Thursday, September 18<sup>th</sup>, 2020 at Cardinal Shooting Center in Marengo, Ohio .

**The Original Chase Thanksgiving Day Turkey Trot:** Thursday, November 26<sup>th</sup>, 2020 at the Shops on Lane Avenue

Sign up to run, today! <https://tinyurl.com/wuye2jc>





## LIVE

Hands on, comprehensive, vital programs and support to help people reach their full potential, regardless of age, challenges, needs or disabilities.

## LEARN

Programs designed to help children and adults learn basic functions and master skills needed to develop and thrive, and be sharp and active.

## WORK

We help develop the skills necessary to help people prepare for the workforce.

## PLAY

Easterseals offers fun, healthy programs for children, adults and caregivers to relax, connect with friends and engage in constructive activities, all necessary to living the best life possible.

## ACT

Our vibrant community of friends and supporters stands with those who face challenges by volunteering, advocating, donating and participating in events that inspire us and sustain our cause.

## Our Locations:

### Franklin County

3830 Trueman Court  
Hilliard, Ohio 43026  
Monday–Friday 8 a.m.–5 p.m.  
T: 614.228.5523  
F: 614.228.8249

### Knox County

110 East Vine Street  
Mount Vernon, Ohio 43050  
Monday–Friday 8 a.m.–3 p.m.  
T: 740.397.1022  
F: 740.392.3896

### Ross County

1855 Western Avenue  
Chillicothe, Ohio 45601  
Monday–Friday 8:30 a.m.–3 p.m.  
T: 740.773.1273  
F: 740.773.0936

### Lawrence County

97 Private Road 80  
South Point, Ohio 45680  
Monday–Friday 8:30 a.m.–3:30 p.m.  
T: 740.894.7560  
F: 740.894.3541

### Scioto County

3858 Route 23  
Portsmouth, Ohio 45662  
Monday-Friday 8:30 a.m.– 3:30 p.m.  
T: 740-716-7295  
F: 740-716-7296