



# 2024 ANNUAL REPORT



*Jody Klase*

**Chief Executive Officer**

As I look back on the past year, I am incredibly proud of the positive impact that Easterseals has had on the communities we serve. I am honored to share the remarkable achievements we have accomplished over the past year. It is clear that together, we have made a lasting impact on the lives of hundreds of individuals, children, and families in our community.

Our commitment to serving the needs of our community remains unwavering. The heart of our success lies in the dedication of our employees, who go the extra mile and demonstrate compassion that makes a difference in people's lives.

Over the past year, we have made significant organizational changes, including opening a new adult day center in Columbiana County and expanding our geographic reach to six additional counties. We have also upgraded our playground, created a space for our staff and clients to gather and learn, and opened our all-inclusive pavilion, generously funded by Vincent and Phyllis Bacon.

As we move forward, our commitment to excellence and innovation remains steadfast. We could not make the impact that we do without the support of our donors and volunteers. With your ongoing support, we look forward to expanding our impact and reaching even more individuals, children, and families. Together, we are building a community where everyone can live healthy, productive, and independent lives.



# Agency Overview

**Total Budget**  
3,500,000

**Employees**  
52

**Year Incorporated**  
1951

## Certifications

Department of Developmental Disabilities, Ohio Department of Aging

## Accreditation

Commission on Accreditation of Rehabilitation Facilities

## 2024 Highlights

We received over \$320,000 from the Ohio Department of Aging to open an Adult Day Center in Columbiana County.

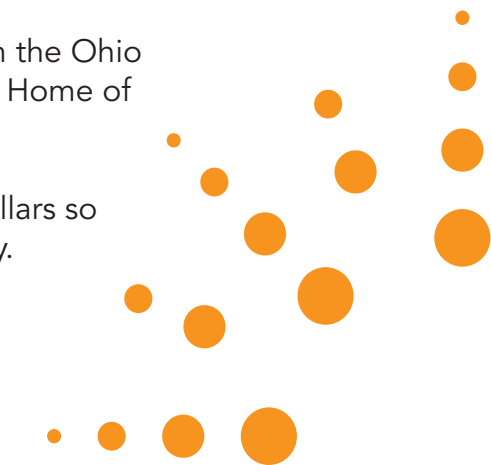
We expanded our geographic territory from three counties to nine.

We expanded our school-based behavioral health program to include a Multiple Disability unit in McDonald High School and the Small Wonders Childcare Center.

We purchased a new bus to aid in transporting our Adult Daycare Clients through the support of the Ohio Department of Aging Grant.

We received the Outstanding Provider Partnership of the Year award from the Ohio Association of Area Agencies on Aging for our partnership with Direction Home of Eastern Ohio in running our Kinship Summer Camp.

Opportunities for Ohioans with Disabilities (OOD) increased our grant dollars so that we could hire a Case Manager to better support the Deaf community.



# Community Partners

## Our Mission

Easterseals provides exceptional services to children and adults of all abilities so they can live, learn, work, and play in our community.

## Teamwork

Together, as a team, we can achieve what individuals cannot. Our individual strengths energize our joint efforts to improve the lives of the people we serve.

## Client-Focused

We are deeply connected to our clients and our community. We commit to allowing their voices to guide our work and doing whatever it takes to help them thrive.

## Empowerment

We empower our clients with the tools, resources, and confidence to make informed decisions and take steps toward their desired outcomes.

## Integrity

We are committed to consistently demonstrating sound judgment, honesty, and dependability in every interaction with our clients, co-workers, and the community.



*all abilities. limitless possibilities.*





# Leadership

## Board of Directors

**Chair-Phyllis Bacon**

**Susan Berny**

**Elena Limbert**

**Vice Chair-Deborah Liptak**

**Jane Evans**

**Geri Kosar**

**Treasurer-Robert Rupeka**

**Joe Fanto**

**Ted Thornton, Jr.**

**Secretary-Gary Cohen**

**Liam Jones**

**Christine Lozzi**

**Joan Zarlenga**

## Leadership Team

**Jody Klase, Chief Executive Officer**

**Steve Leland, Deaf Services Manager**

**Michael Green, Chief Financial Officer**

**Vicki Barton, Human Resources Manager**

**Julianne Laird, Director of Programs and Operations**

**Latrina Howell, Home and Community-Based Services Manager**

**Mandy Danko, Adult Daycare Manager**

# Our Programs

## ADULT DAYCARE

Easterseals' Adult Daycare is a professional setting for seniors who need supervised care or companionship during the day.

## COMMUNITY CENTER FOR THE DEAF

Easterseals provides interpreting, case management, vocational support, education, and advocacy services for Deaf and hard-of-hearing individuals.

## HOME DELIVERED MEALS

Easterseals offers home-delivered meals to homebound seniors in Mahoning and Columbiana Counties.

## KINDERGARTEN READINESS

This is a structured play group run by an Occupational Therapist. The program is open to all children 2.5 to 5 years of age and helps develop the skills needed to succeed as they transition into kindergarten.

## MEDICAL REHABILITATION

Easterseals' speech and occupational therapies help infants, children, adults, and seniors gain or regain independence.

## BEHAVIORAL HEALTH

Easterseals and Alta Behavioral Health have a unique relationship to provide mental health services to students with disabilities in several schools.

## SUMMER CAMP

Easterseals offers a summer camp for children ages five to ten living in Mahoning County who are being raised by an older adult.

## TRANSPORTATION

Easterseals provides non-medical transportation for seniors in Mahoning and Trumbull Counties. We transport them to appointments, shopping, and our Adult Daycare.



# Primary Funders

**United Way of Youngstown  
and the Mahoning Valley**



**THE WILLIAM SWANSTON  
CHARITABLE FUND**  
*A Supporting Organization of the  
Community Foundation of the Mahoning Valley*



## PROGRAM EXPENSES

**\$2,605,000**

## PROGRAM REVENUE

**\$2,781,900**

## REVENUE BY PAYOR

Grants 47%  
Medicaid 43%  
Donations 8%  
Medicare/Private  
Insurance 2%

# Community Partners



**Donate • Sponsor • Volunteer • Attend Events**

**Thank you to our volunteers. We could not do it without you!**

VANTAGE Aging

Angels of Easterseals

Youngstown State University Honors College

Century 21 Lakeside Realty

## Special Thank You

The Crandall Foundation for supporting our playground renovations.

Teresa Berick and her team from Century 21 Lakeside Realty for organizing the Golf Outing.

Vince and Phyllis Bacon for supporting the construction of our new all-inclusive pavilion

## Upcoming Events

The Angels of Easterseals Spring Fashion Show in May 2025.





# Independence

- Home-delivered meals for homebound seniors.
- Non-medical transportation for seniors and adults with developmental disabilities.
- Interpreting services for children, adults, and seniors who are Deaf.
- Vocational support for adults who are Deaf.



# Inclusion

- Partnership with Small Wonders to provide inclusive childcare.
- Summer camp for children who are Deaf.



# Intervention

- School-based behavioral health services for children with multiple disabilities.
- Kindergarten Readiness play groups.
- Speech Therapy
- Occupational Therapy



# Impact

- Easterseals is creating a community where individuals of all abilities can live, learn, work, and play.

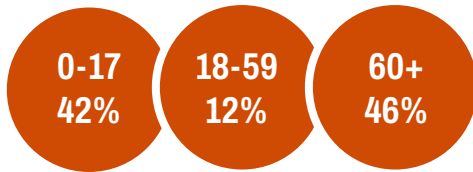
# Geographic Territory

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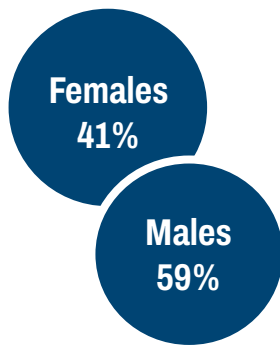


# Who We Serve

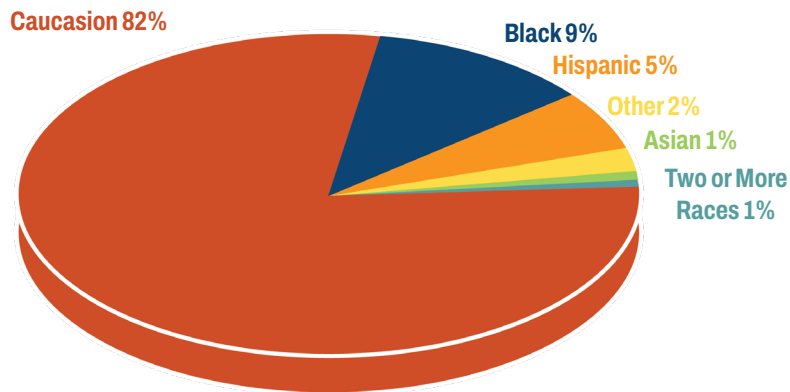
## AGE:



## GENDER:

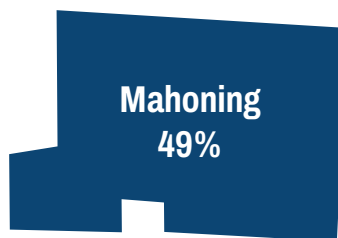
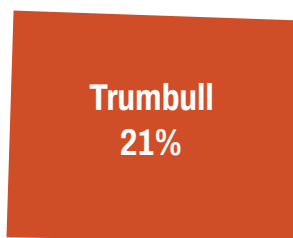


## RACE AND ETHNICITY:



At or Below  
Poverty  
Guidelines  
89%

## COUNTY OF RESIDENCE:



## WHAT OUR CONSUMERS HAVE TO SAY:

- 84% of consumers were satisfied with the services received at Easterseals Client Outcomes
- 79% of medical rehabilitation consumers displayed an increase in one or more skill areas
- 77% of adult daycare consumers maintained independence while attending the program
- 90% of caregivers feel that Easterseals programs are client-focused
- 100% of consumers retained employment after completing the vocational services program

# Our Impact

722

Number of Seniors Receiving Meals

3,950

Interpreting Hours Provided

219

Number of Seniors Utilizing  
Transportation Services

52

American Sign Language Students

11,801

Transportation Trips

24

Number of Kinship Summer Campers

151,548

Meals Delivered to Seniors

188

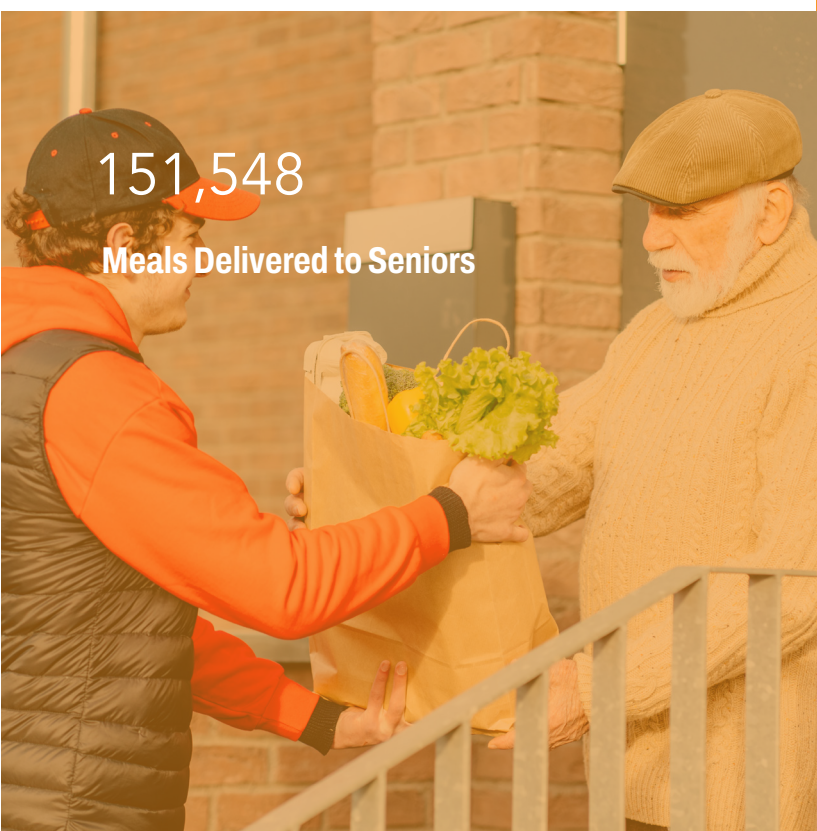
Number of Children Receiving  
Intervention

4,800

Number of Mental Health Day  
Treatment Units Provided

48

Number of Adult Day Care Clients









*Improving Lives Every Day.*