

# 2025 ANNUAL REPORT





# Jody Klase

Chief Executive Officer

As I reflect on the past year, I am filled with gratitude for the dedication, resilience, and compassion of our staff, volunteers, clients, and community partners. Together, we continue to make meaningful strides in supporting individuals with disabilities, empowering families, and fostering inclusive communities where everyone can thrive.

This year, we celebrated numerous accomplishments that highlight our mission in action. From expanding into six new counties, launching an Autism Diagnostic Clinic, and opening a new adult day center, our focus remains steadfast: to ensure every person we serve has the opportunity to live with independence, dignity, and purpose.

None of this would be possible without your support. Your generosity, partnership, and trust enable us to expand our reach, enhance our programs, and continue delivering the high-quality care and services that our community depends on. Together, we are building a stronger, more inclusive Northeast Ohio—one person, one family, and one community at a time.

Thank you for being an integral part of our mission. I am honored to lead an organization that transforms lives every day, and I look forward to continuing this work with you in the years ahead.

With gratitude,

*Jody*



# Agency Overview

**Total Budget**  
4,000,000

**Employees**  
50

**Year Incorporated**  
1951

## Certifications

Department of Developmental Disabilities, Ohio Department of Aging

## Accreditation

Commission on Accreditation of Rehabilitation Facilities

## 2025 Highlights

We received our three-year accreditation from the Commission on Accreditation of Rehabilitation Facilities (CARF).


We opened an Autism Diagnostic Clinic to reduce barriers and two-year wait times for families.

We expanded our school-based behavioral health program to include a classroom for students with multiple disabilities in Lordstown.

We purchased a new bus to aid in transporting our Adult Daycare clients and a new van to enhance the efficiency of our home-delivered meals program.

We officially opened a new adult day center in Lisbon to expand our services into Columbiana County.

We received funding from Opportunities for Ohioans with Disabilities (OOD) to support a full-time case manager to increase the number of individuals served.





# Our Mission & Values

## 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-Debbie Liptak

Susan Berny

Elena Limbert

ViceChair-Ted Thornton, Jr.

Jane Evans

Geri Kosar

Treasurer-Robert Rupeka

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Secretary-Liam Jones

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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

Jennifer Francis, Behavioral Health Program 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 aged 2.5 to 5 years 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.

## AUTISM DIAGNOSTIC CLINIC

Easterseals provides timely evaluations and diagnoses for autism, creating an entry point for families to access early intervention and specialized support.

## 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

**\$3,934,669**

## PROGRAM REVENUE

**\$3,655,939**

## REVENUE BY PAYOR

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

# Community Partners



**Opportunities for  
Ohioans with  
Disabilities**



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

**Thank you to our volunteers. We couldn't have done it without you!**

VANTAGE Aging

Angels of Easterseals

Youngstown State University Honors College

Century21 Lakeside Realty

## **Special Thank You**

The Mustang Club of the Mahoning Valley for organizing the car show to benefit Easterseals.

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

The Angels of Easterseals for organizing the annual fashion show fundraiser.





# 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

- Summer camp for children who are Deaf
- Respite camp for children being raised by an older adult



# Intervention

- School-based behavioral health services for children with multiple disabilities
- Kindergarten readiness play groups
- Speech therapy
- Occupational therapy
- Autism diagnostic clinic



# Impact

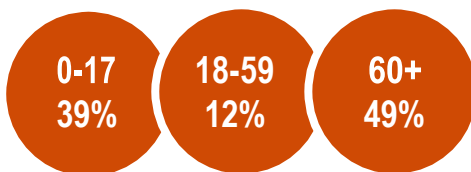
- Easterseals is creating a community where individuals of all abilities can live, learn, work, and play.

# Geographic Territory

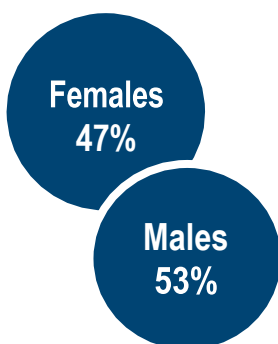
**WE SERVE:** Trumbull, Mahoning, Columbiana, Ashtabula, Geauga, Portage, Holmes, Tuscarawas, and Carroll Counties

## Who We Serve

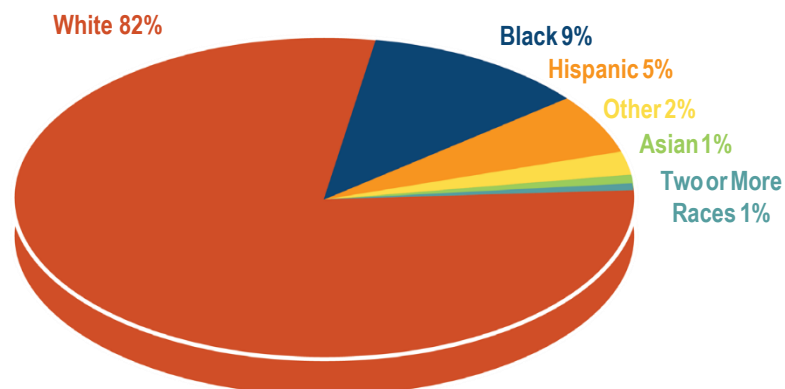
### AGE:



### GENDER:



### RACE AND ETHNICITY:



**At or Below Poverty Guidelines**  
87%

## Our Outcomes

- 97% of consumers were satisfied with the services received at Easterseals
- 86% of medical rehabilitation consumers, displayed an increase in one or more skill areas
- 99% of adult daycare consumers, maintained independence while attending the program
- 90% of students showed improvement in their school functioning
- 100% of consumers retained employment after completing the vocational services program

# Our Impact

948

Number of Seniors  
Receiving Meals

213

Number of Seniors Utilizing  
Transportation Services

10,921

Transportation Trips

197,136

Meals Delivered to Seniors

2,265

Interpreting Hours Provided

1,853

Number of Individuals Served

50

Number of Employees

455

Number of Children Receiving  
Intervention

1,240

Number of Seniors Served

182

Deaf or Hard-of-Hearing Individuals Served







*Improving Lives Every Day.*