

History

The history of Developmental Disabilities of Clark County begins with Rosemary Paxson. When Rosemary's son Rodger, who was mentally disabled, reached school age, there were no services in Clark County for individuals with developmental disabilities. So Rosemary transported her son every day to Montgomery County for day school. She was inspired to earn her teaching certificate and start a school in Clark County. In 1951, Rosemary, along with several other parents, put into action the efforts that blossomed into today's developmental disabilities programs in our county.

Dr. Frederick F. Mueller was our first administrator. Dr. Mueller had two children. His son, Dick, was intellectually disabled and was the reason for Dr. Mueller's involvement in the program. In May of 1969, Dr. Mueller was awarded a Distinguished Service Award by the Ohio Association of Retarded Citizens for his outstanding services.