

UNDERSTANDING THE DIFFERENCES

Between Developmental Disabilities of Clark County and the Mental Health and Recovery Board

Many citizens get the Clark County Board of Developmental Disabilities and the Clark County Mental Health and Recovery Board confused. Here are some helpful points about each.

CLARK COUNTY BOARD OF DEVELOPMENTAL DISABILITIES (FORMERLY KNOWN AS MRDD)

Serves: Clark County residents with developmental disabilities

What is a developmental disability? Developmental Disability means a disability that is manifested before the person reaches twenty-two (22) years of age, which constitutes a substantial disability to the affected individual, and is attributable to mental retardation or related conditions which include cerebral palsy, epilepsy, autism or other neurological conditions when such conditions result in impairment of general intellectual functioning.

How is the organization funded? Funds are from local tax dollars, as well as state and federal funds. Over 50% of the dollars are from local property taxes.

What services are provided? Early intervention, in-home care, nursing, transportation, adult day services, respite for families, and assistance with employment.

Who are some of the service providers/facilities? FF Mueller Center, QUEST Adult Services , TAC, CRSI, Strive, CLW, and more.

Levy Information: The organization is currently operating on 2003 levy income.

MENTAL HEALTH AND RECOVERY BOARD OF CLARK, GREENE, AND MADISON COUNTY

Serves: Clark, Greene, and Madison Counties

What is Mental Illness? A mental illness is a medical condition that disrupts a person's thinking, feeling, mood, ability to relate to others and daily functioning. Just as diabetes is a disorder of the pancreas, mental illnesses are medical conditions that often result in a diminished capacity for coping with the ordinary demands of life. Serious mental illnesses include major depression, schizophrenia, bipolar disorder, obsessive compulsive disorder (OCD), panic disorder, posttraumatic stress disorder (PTSD) and borderline personality disorder. The good news about mental illness is that recovery is possible.

How is the organization funded? The MHRB is funded by a mix of federal, state and local property tax (levy) funding. Approximately 70% of the MHRB funding is generated through local levy dollars

What services are provided? It helps fund prevention and wellness services, drug free housing, suicide prevention activities, help for families with troubled teens, treatment for opiates and much more. Over the past ten years the number of people receiving mental health services has increased by 75%.

What services are provided? The role of the MHRB is to fund, plan, and monitor services. Services are provided by contracted agencies for counseling, suicide prevention, in-patient services, and mental health education.

Levy Information: A 1.65 mill, 10-year levy supports MHRB.