



DELAWARE COUNTY GUARDIANSHIP SERVICES BOARD ANNUAL REPORT—2025

Our Mission Statement

In accordance with Ohio Revised Code § 2111.52, the Delaware County Guardianship Services Board was created in 2022 to administer a guardianship program serving mentally incompetent wards of Delaware County through appointments by the Probate Judge. It is the goal and vision of the DCGSB to have the greatest amount of impact with the least amount of involvement for the folks we serve.

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Letter From the Executive Director

Dear Community Partners,

As we close out 2025, I'm proud to reflect on a year of growth, rising responsibility, and a strengthened commitment to Delaware County's most vulnerable residents. Guardianship work is often complex and urgent, but it is in these moments that principled action matters most.

This year brought continued increases in caseload volume and complexity. Many individuals we serve face significant mental health needs, substance use disorders, medical fragility, or involvement with multiple systems. Our staff remained steady, advocating across agencies, responding in real time, and protecting each person's dignity, safety, and voice.

We remain guided by the principle of least restrictive intervention. Guardianship is used carefully and only as needed, with a focus on stabilization, restoring autonomy, and strengthening natural supports. In 2025, this meant prioritizing community placements, supporting transition guardianships, and working with providers to avoid unnecessary institutionalization.

Our data reflects accountability as well as activity. The team completed more than 850 face-to-face visits, handled hundreds of after-hours calls, and authorized dozens of urgent medical consents—often in situations involving homelessness, hospitalization, or legal system involvement. These moments highlight the reality that guardianship work frequently extends beyond standard hours and requires timely decisions.

Our progress is possible because of strong community partnerships. The Delaware County Probate Court provides essential oversight, and our collaboration with the Delaware Morrow Mental Health and Recovery Services Board, Delaware County Board of Developmental Disabilities, Delaware County Job and Family Services, SourcePoint, OhioHealth, and the Delaware County Board of Commissioners ensures a coordinated, countywide approach.

Equally important is our responsibility to the taxpayers of Delaware County. DCGSB remains committed to fiscal stewardship, transparency, and outcome-driven decision-making. Public funds must be used prudently, and the community deserves clear evidence that investments are producing meaningful results. This annual report is one way we strive to meet that obligation.

As we look to 2026, DCGSB will continue refining practices, strengthening partnerships, and adapting to the community's evolving needs. The challenges are significant, but our dedication to meeting them with professionalism, compassion, and integrity remains unwavering.

Thank you for your continued trust and collaboration.

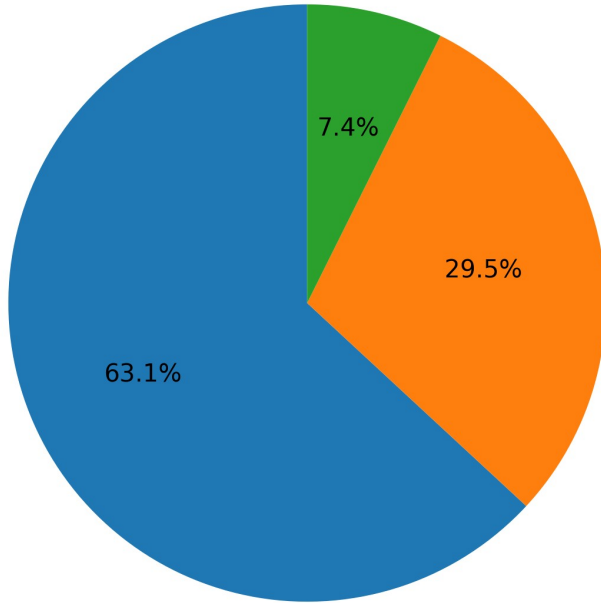
Sincerely,

Eric C. Penkal

Executive Director

GSB Budget and Contributions for 2025

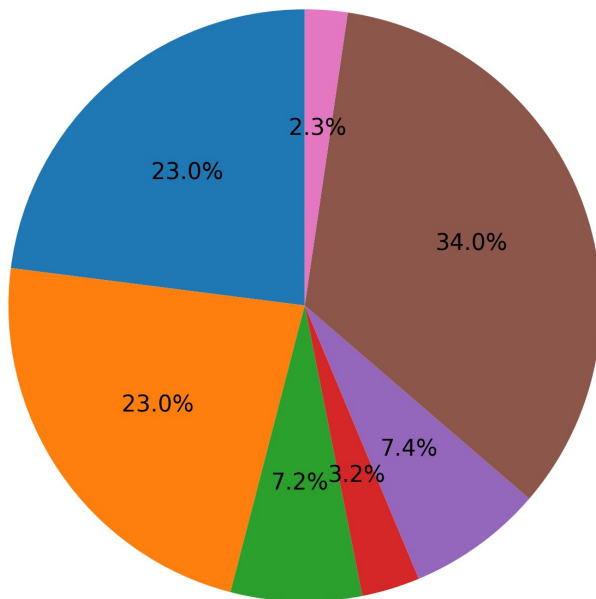
Budget Distribution



Budget Categories

Salaries and Wages	- \$343,652
Fringes and Benefits	- \$160,835
Materials and Services	- \$40,100

Contribution Distribution

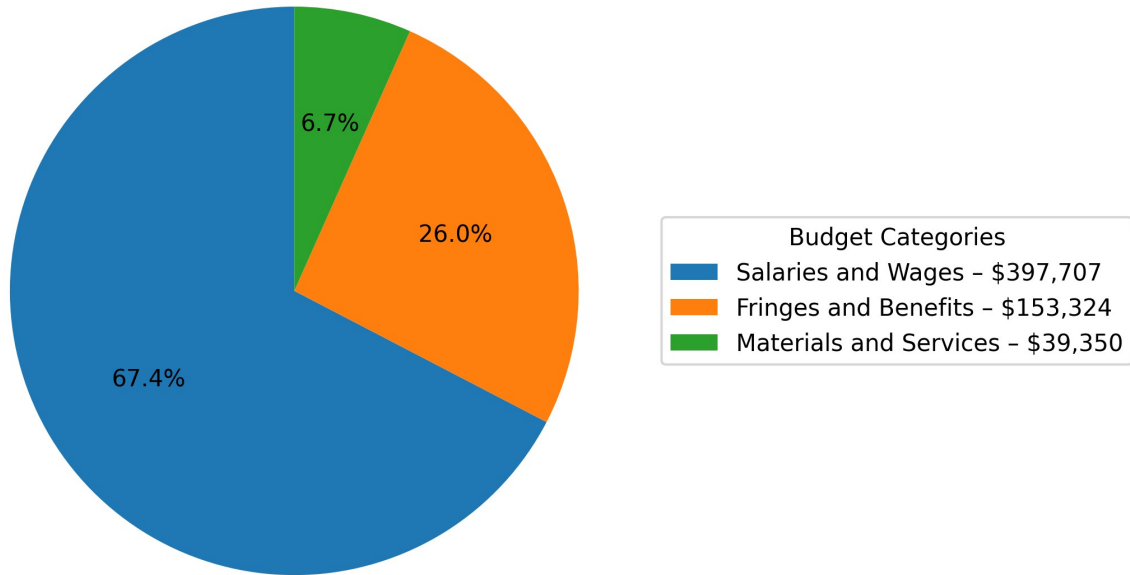


Contributors

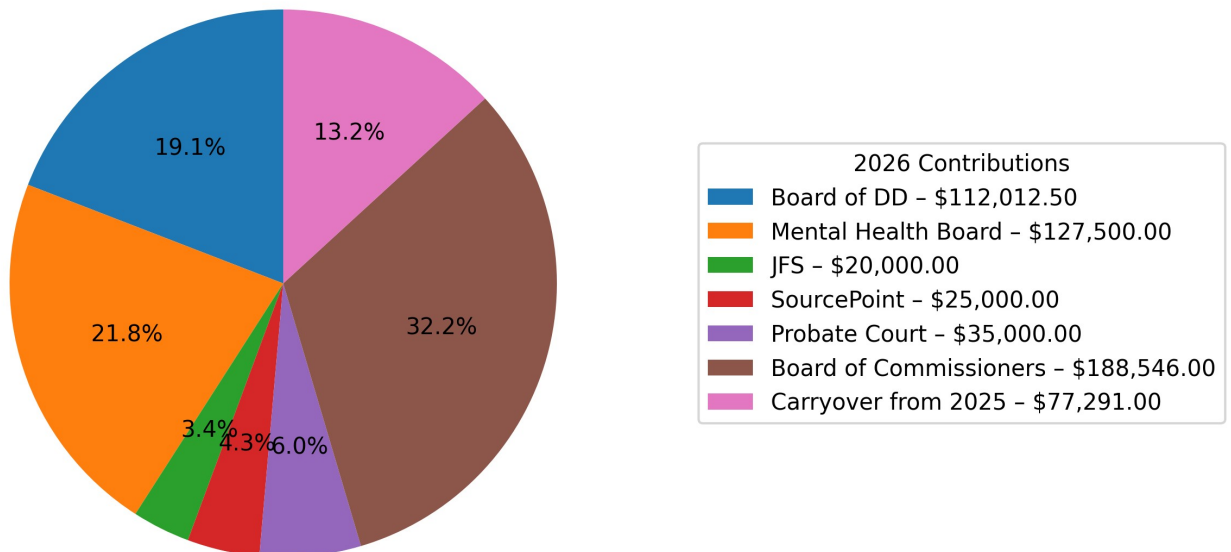
Board of DD	- \$108,750
Mental Health Board	- \$108,750
JFS	- \$33,850
SourcePoint	- \$15,000
Probate Court	- \$35,000
Board of Commissioners	- \$160,835
OhioHealth	- \$11,000

GSB Proposed Budget & Contributions for 2026

2026 Budget Distribution



2026 Contributions Breakdown





2025 GSB YEAR IN REVIEW



857 face-to-face meetings with clients



362 After hours contacts
44 After hours medical consents



Cases by Referral Source

- Probate Court: 25
- JFS/APS: 10
- Mental Health Board: 16
- Board of DD: 12
- Hospital Systems: 7
- Other: 1



Clients involved in the legal system - 13



Adults aged 18-94
59 and below - 40
60 and up - 32



Clients by county

- Delaware - 52
- Franklin - 7
- Holmes - 2
- Knox - 2
- Marion - 3
- Ashland - 3
- Fairfield - 2

Clients by type of housing

- Assisted/Supportive living - 2
- Nursing Home- 13
- Congregate Setting - 14
- Community - 5
- Homeless - 8



Community Partners

Delaware County Board of Commissioners
Delaware County Board of Developmental Disabilities
The Delaware County Probate Court
Delaware County Job and Family Services
Delaware-Morrow Mental Health and Recovery Services Board
SourcePoint
OhioHealth

Current Board Members

Adam Rinehart - President

Appointed by The Delaware County Probate Court

Roxanne Richardson - Vice President

Appointed by the Delaware County Board of Developmental Disabilities

Tyler Lane - Secretary

Appointed by the Delaware-Morrow Mental Health & Recovery Services Board

The Board would like to extend its sincere gratitude to two members whose terms of service have concluded during this year. Magistrate J. Michael Nicks, appointed by the Delaware County Board of Developmental Disabilities, served the Board from February 10, 2022, through June 5, 2025. Throughout his tenure, Magistrate Nicks provided thoughtful insight, professionalism, and a strong commitment to the individuals and families served by the Board. His contributions are deeply valued and helped guide meaningful discussion and informed decision-making.

The Board also expresses its appreciation to Chief Adam Moore of the Delaware City Police Department, who began his service on March 17, 2022. After completing his first term and accepting a second appointment, Chief Moore resigned effective January 1, 2026. During his time on the Board, Chief Moore brought valuable perspective, steady leadership, and a clear dedication to public service, all of which greatly benefited the Board's work.

The Board is grateful for the time, expertise, and service provided by both members and wishes them continued success in their future endeavors.