

**Licking County Board of Mental Retardation & Developmental Disabilities**

**Administrative Policy Manual**

**Policy: Use of Public Funds**

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**POLICY**

The Licking County Board of Developmental Disabilities, hereinafter referred to as the Board, uses public funds to support the mission, vision and purposes of the Board. The expected outcome(s) for services and supports provided by or otherwise paid for by the Board include, but are not limited to:

- Services are driven by the person’s needs, and justified by the disability;
- Services focus on the person’s whole life, build upon existing relationships, and respond to changing life circumstances;
- Services are continually evaluated and improved to ensure quality;
- Services connect persons with their community;
- Services encourage self-sufficiency so that persons can be contributing members of their community;
- Services promote the best possible health and welfare of the person;
- Services promote family stability and preservation by strengthening and enhancing the families’ capacity to effectively respond to the challenges of supporting a family member with developmental disabilities.

In addition to these outcome(s) the Board is committed to supporting eligible persons in ways that expand their choices and increase their control over resources spent on their behalf.

Consistent with this policy and in recognition of the Board’s responsibility to provide effective and efficient stewardship of its financial resources, the Board declines to use public funds to pay for certain services and activities. While the Board recognizes the right of any person to purchase or pursue these things with private funds/personal income, it declines financial support to pay for the following:

- Cigarettes;
- Alcohol;
- Tattoos and body piercing;
- Pornography;
- Religious items;
- Marriage and divorce;
- Illegal activities and purchases;
- Gambling;

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- Credit card debt and other debts like 900 phone line charges;
  - Pay per view TV;
  - Firearms, ammunition and weapons of any kind;
  - Gifts, items, and services which do not benefit the person being served;
  - Political donations;
  - Personal expenses related to vacations such as ticket costs, etc. We **will** pay for support staff;
  - Abortion;
  - High risk sporting activities;
  - Other items or services that may be determined to be an inappropriate use of public funds as determined by the Superintendent.

In addition, the Board will not:

- Pay cash to an eligible person;
- Provide payment for any supports that are not present in the support plan;
- Support choice without responsibility;
- Use local funds to pay for anything for which there is an alternative funding source.