

Cristina Moody
Testimony on HB 33
Supporting the DD Workforce

Dear Law Makers,

I am writing to share my experience with the Cuyahoga County Board of Disabilities and how their services have helped my 2-year-old son, Jude, to develop his speech, increase his social skills, and provide much-needed assistance to our family.

Jude was diagnosed with a developmental delay that required additional resources and support. We were struggling to manage the cost of these resources, and without the help of the Cuyahoga County Board of Disabilities, we would not have been able to provide the level of care that Jude required.

The team at Cuyahoga County Board of Disabilities has been instrumental in providing Jude with the tools and resources he needed to develop his speech and social skills. They provide speech therapy, social skills training, and other interventions that have been critical to his development.

Jude requires additional resources, and the CDD has provided those resources for us. We are grateful for their support, and we urge you to continue funding and supporting these vital services.

Furthermore, I want to emphasize the importance of Direct Support Professionals in our lives. We rely heavily on these dedicated individuals to provide care and support for our family. They are essential in helping Jude reach his full potential, and without their help, we have nowhere to turn.

I strongly urge you to raise wages for these professionals to ensure that they are fairly compensated for the important work they do. We need to support these workers so that they can continue to provide the high-quality care that our loved ones deserve.

Thank you for your attention to this matter. Your support of these services is critical to the well-being of families like ours.