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### **DDC Clinic Awarded \$100,000 Through Ohio Capital Budget**

**State investment to support laboratory infrastructure and strengthen cardiogenetic services**

MIDDLEFIELD, Ohio — DDC Clinic for Special Needs Children has been awarded \$100,000 through Ohio's Fiscal Years 2027-2028 Capital Budget, recently signed into law by Governor Mike DeWine.

The funding will support laboratory infrastructure expansion, helping strengthen DDC Clinic's capacity to provide advanced diagnostic services for patients and families affected by rare genetic disorders.

The investment will support the continued growth of the Clinic's Molecular Diagnostics Laboratory and Family Heart Center, enhancing DDC Clinic's ability to diagnose inherited heart conditions such as cardiomyopathy and Long QT syndrome. Expanded laboratory capabilities will help advance cardiogenetic services and provide families with greater access to specialized testing and care.

DDC Clinic has been at the forefront of genetic testing innovation since launching the original GAP (Genetic Awareness Panel) test in 2018. The research team continues to advance personalized medicine, developing innovative approaches to how genetic conditions are identified, diagnosed, and managed across all life stages.

"We are grateful to Governor DeWine and the Ohio General Assembly for this important investment in rare disease care and diagnosis," said Dr. Heng Wang, Medical Director of DDC Clinic. "Strengthening our laboratory infrastructure will help us expand diagnostic capabilities and better serve patients and families seeking answers. As demand for specialized genetic and cardiogenetic services continues to grow, this funding will enhance our ability to provide advanced testing, support earlier and more accurate diagnoses, and advance research that improves outcomes for individuals affected by rare genetic disorders."

State Senator Sandra O'Brien (R-Ashtabula) championed DDC Clinic's inclusion in Ohio's Fiscal Years 2027-2028 Capital Budget. "It is my hope that the funds received for DDC Clinic for Special Needs Children will help discover new ways to improve the lives of Ohio's young people," said Senator O'Brien.

DDC Clinic serves more than 1,500 families and over 2,500 patients from 38 states and seven countries. Its on-site Molecular Diagnostics Laboratory plays a critical role in identifying rare genetic conditions, advancing research, and helping families access personalized care. To learn more about DDC Clinic's pioneering work in rare genetic disease research and care, visit [ddcclinic.org](http://ddcclinic.org).

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**About DDC Clinic**

DDC Clinic is a non-profit medical facility serving children and families affected by rare genetic disorders. Founded in 2002, the clinic combines advanced genetic research with compassionate care to improve the quality of life for patients with special needs caused by rare genetic disorders.

DDC Clinic has been at the forefront of genetic testing innovation since launching the original GAP test in 2018. Our research team continues to push the boundaries of personalized medicine, developing solutions that transform how genetic conditions are identified, diagnosed, and managed across all life stages.