



*Advocating for safe children, stable families and supportive communities*

# Public Children Services Association of Ohio

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# PCSAO Mission

PCSAO is a membership driven association serving Ohio's 88 County Public Children Services Agencies through the support of program excellence and sound public policy for safe children, stable families and supportive communities.

We do this through member dialogue, active sharing of information, building partnerships, research, training and technical assistance, and advocacy at the state and federal level.





# Your Association

- **PCSAO Board of Trustees** – 15, seek diversity in geography, structure, size, wealth. Serve three 2 year terms each.
- **Quarterly Exec Membership** meetings
- **Committees** – Legislative, Human Resources, Public Info, Rule Review, Conference Committee
- **PCSA Reps** for various initiatives



# Resources/Communications

- **PCSAO Factbook** – alternate years
- **PCSAO Weekly Update** – electronic feel free to forward to your staff
- **HeartBeat Newsletter** – quarterly, 3,000+
- **Website**
- **Annual Conference** – Oct 19 & 20
- **Thanksgiving Progress Report**





# 2011/12 Strategic Plan

1. **Child Welfare Practice Enhancements** – protecting children by strengthening families; connecting lingering foster youth with permanent families; engaging families
2. **Agency / System Innovations** – sharing services & innovations across agencies & counties, maxing \$, consistent data entry, streamlining regulations
3. **State & Federal Advocacy** – adequate, flexible funds, sound policies



# Particular Initiatives

- **MCWIC - State / County Partnership**
  - Streamlining Rules
  - Enhancing Technical Assistance
- **ProtectOhio Title IV-E Waiver, Evaluation**
  - Family Team Meetings & Kinship Supports
- **Supreme Court Advisory Committee**
  - Beyond the Numbers, Judicial Workshops
  - Differential Response / CHIPS
  - Kinship Legal Paths & Domestic Violence





# Kinship Navigator Grant

Federal grant – PCSAO is Project Manager

- Prevent / Divert Kin caregiver families from formal child welfare involvement
- Strategy/service for Kin caregiver families exiting formal child welfare involvement
- In-agency Kin Navigator, or community based. Both in grant, and outside of grant (\$ supported with grant, TANF, levy, aging funds)
- Rigorous Evaluation, link to child outcomes

# Child Welfare Reform

- ∅ Intentional, Steady Safe Reduction of Children in Care
- ∅ Leads nation in rate of Safe Reduction - 42% in past 9 years!
- ∅ CAPMIS, Safety & Risk Assessment Tool
- ∅ Altern/Diff Response
- ∅ **CHIPS, Kinship bill, Adult Adoption**





# State Budget Impact Local Government

## Local Government Fund

*Halved by SFY 2013*

**\$23 M/year local GRF  
funds child welfare, in 43  
counties w/out levies**

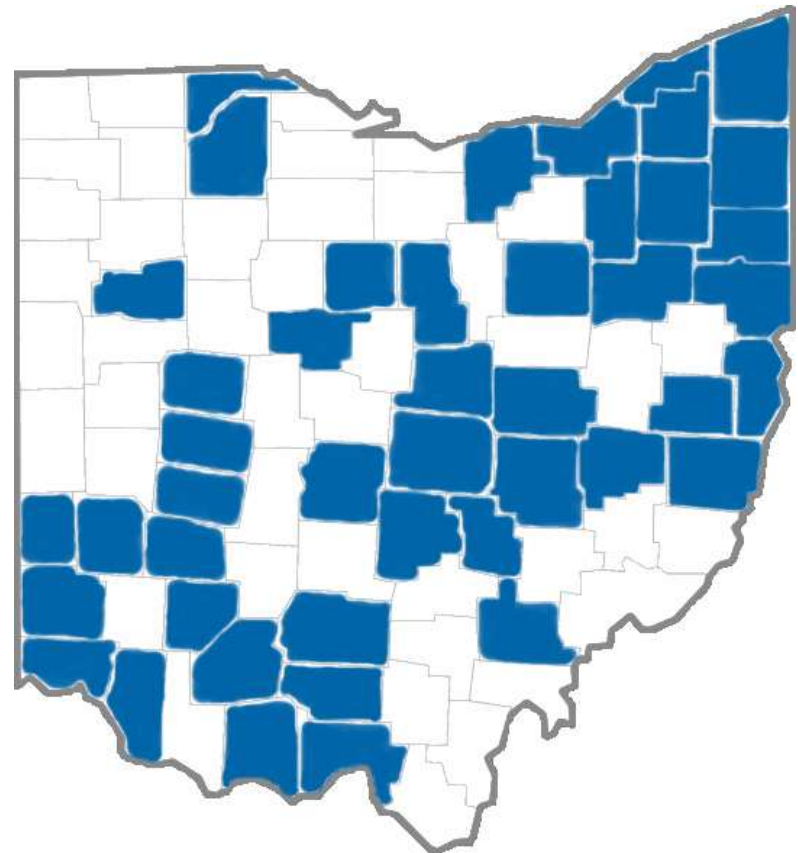
**TPP Losses**— phase out  
schedule accelerated

**\$31.5 M/year Children  
Services losses, in 45  
counties w/ levies**

**RISKS to children....**

White = no Levy

Blue = Levy



# Biennial Budget, Sub HB 153

Child Welfare Investment	Current Investmnt/yr	Proposed Cut	SFY 2012 & '13/year	Sub HB 153 4.28.11
State Child Protection Allocation	\$50.7 M	\$5.07 M	\$45 M	Same
Local Government Fund (to child welfare)	\$23.0 M	\$11.5 M	(maybe...) \$11.5 M	same
Tangible Personal Property tax losses	\$31.5 M	\$31.5 M	\$0	½ replacements, unless zeroed out in 2012
Adoption Assistance	\$70.0 M	\$7 M	\$63 M	Same
Kinship Permanency Incentive program	\$5 M	\$5 M	\$0	\$2.5 M 2012 \$3.5 M 2013
<b>Totals</b>	\$180.2 M	\$60.7 M	\$119.5 M	



**TANF County Allocation to JFSs cut \$80 M / year (27% cut)**

May 1, 2011



# Budget Advocacy

- Child protection important
- We are worthy – good outcomes
- Cuts alone don't work – adjustments for revenues? (Ohio ranked 3<sup>rd</sup> lowest for business taxes)
- Return revenues to valued public services
- Smart investments – send more TANF to county JFSs, return TANF Child Support Collections to CSEAs, max TANF MOE, max state funds and fed reimbursements; two for ones; etc.