Prioritizing Children: The Strain Facing Child Protective Services

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Who We Are

PCSAO is a membership-driven association of Ohio’s county Public Children Services Agencies that advocates for and promotes child protection program excellence and sound public policy for safe children, stable families, and supportive communities.
Opioid Epidemic =

synthetic drugs addiction overdose
addicted life style chemicals

molecule healthy crime

lab healthy

health lab

money

powder

addict

medicament

illness

illicit

heroin

injection

illegl

addiction

pill

medication

prescription

treatment

dosage

portion

habit

f Δ

formula

substance

illness

spoon

recreational

tablet

pharmacy

chemical

drug

therapay

syringe

needles

dose

danger

narcotic

lab

lifestyle

chemistry

science

stimulant

research

laboratory

medicine

healthy

crime

death

drug
Opioid Epidemic =

The Invisible Victims:

The Children
Impact of Opioid Epidemic on Children

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28% of children taken into custody in 2015 had parents who were using opioids at time of removal

More Children in Foster Care

Entering care at alarmingly higher rates than ever before

67% of children in foster care are 12 and younger; 28% are 3 and younger.

Source: ODJFS SACWIS special data run, received Nov. 2017, supplemented July 2018.
Point in Time Data for July 1, 2013, 2015, 2016, 2017 and 2018
Bad Outcomes for Children

Staying in foster care longer due to recovery timelines

Median Days in Temporary Custody (July 1)

2010: 202
2013: 228
2016: 240

19% increase

Within 1 year of recovery from opiates, 85% will relapse

Source: ODJFS SACWIS special data run, October 2016.
Impacting the Entire Family

More kinship families caring for children with little support

Access to affordable child care is the greatest need among kinship families.

Source: ODJFS SACWIS special data run, October 2017. Additional calculations by PCSAO.
A Traumatized Workforce

➢ **48%** of the children services workforce has reported experiencing at least 1 symptom of secondary trauma

➢ **53%** of the children services workforce has elevated levels of secondary traumatic stress meeting the threshold of PTSD

Source: Quality Improvement Center for Workforce Development Center survey of six Ohio PCSA staff, 2018.
A System that is Broke

21% decrease in State funding to counties in 2008

Source: ODJFS SACWIS special data runs for unduplicated count, October 2016. SCPA from ODJFS, reported in PCSAO Factbook 11th, 12th editions, ODJFS special data run, January 2017. Additional calculations by PCSAO.
Counties fund over 50% of children services expenditures

SFY 2016, from ODJFS SACWIS special data runs for unduplicated count, October 2016 and January 2017. Additional calculations by PCSAO.

Less than 5% of the State’s share ($45m) is allocated to the county PCSAs.
Ohio Ranks 50th in Nation for State Share of Children Services Total Expenditures

2014 Comparison

If Ohio’s state investment doubled, we would still be 50th in the nation

Children coming into care have very complex, multi-system needs

Reasons for Removal

Total = 13,683 as of 7/1/16

- Abuse: 24%
- Neglect: 31%
- Dependency: 27%
- Delinquency: 4%
- Other: 13%

CDC estimates for all need cases of maltreatment in 1 year (2008) = $124 Billion!

Source: ODJFS SACWIS, calculations by PCSAO, SFY2016
The Funding Crisis
Placement costs have increased dramatically

Source: ODJFS SACWIS special data run, received Jan. 2017. Additional calculations by PCSAO.

42% ($138m) were substance abuse-related in 2016
If the opioid epidemic continues at its current pace, Ohio will have **over 20,000 children** in foster care by 2020.

If the opioid epidemic continues at its current pace, Ohio will need $550M for JUST placement costs by 2020.

Source: ODJFS SACWIS special data run, received Jan. 2017. Additional calculations by PCSAO.
The Tsunami is Here!

OHIO'S CHILDREN SERVICES CRISIS

REFORM IS NEEDED NOW!
Reform Outcomes

1. Reduce the number of children entering foster care
2. Reduce the length of stay in foster care
3. Reduce the use of residential care
4. Reduce children experiencing trauma
5. Reduce the cost to taxpayers
Children’s Continuum of Care Reform

Four Strategic Areas

1. Prevention, Intervention, Crisis & Diversion
2. Professional Foster Care
3. Aftercare & Reunification
4. Appropriate Residential Care
Looking for Partners

• Learn more about the reform plan: www.pcsao.org

• Current endorsements include: Casey Family Programs, Ohio Children’s Alliance, Ohio Family Care Association, Kinnect, Family & Youth Law Center, Ohio United Way, Ohio Children’s Defense Fund, Ohio Children’s Hospital Association, Ohio AAP, Voices for Ohio’s Children & more!

#FosterHope4OHKids
Thank You!

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