

# CCAO LEGISLATIVE PRIORITIES

## 2017-2018

### **REPLACE REVENUE LOST FROM THE ELIMINATION OF THE MEDICAID MANAGED CARE ORGANIZATION SALES TAX**

Given that the county and transit authority portion of the Medicaid MCO tax collected statewide is predicted to be \$200 million during SFY 2019, it is essential that any solution brought forth addresses the significant fiscal problem this creates for counties. The loss of the Medicaid MCO sales tax is even more significant than the previous Local Government Fund (LGF) reductions.

### **ADDRESS GROWING PRESSURES ON COUNTIES CAUSED BY THE OPIATE EPIDEMIC**

The opiate epidemic is an unprecedented crisis that impacts counties in two particular areas.

1. Child protective services (CPS) has seen an increase in the number of children in custody due to parental addiction. These children have greater needs and the reunification process takes a lot longer.
2. Justice and public safety services are under considerable strain due to the spike in addicted individuals going to county jails. Jails are experiencing increased risks and expenses associated with this population.





## **STRENGTHEN STATE-COUNTY PARTNERSHIP**

### **REPLACE VOTING EQUIPMENT**

Ohio's current voting equipment, which was largely purchased 10 years ago to comply with the Help America Vote Act, is nearing the end of its lifespan. Through a collaborative effort among CCAO, Ohio Association of Elections Officials, Secretary of State's office and Department of Administrative Services, a proposal for voting equipment replacement has been developed which follows the precedent set by Ohio's procurement of electronic poll books. Counties seek state partnership in replacing voting equipment.

### **PROVIDE 50 PERCENT REIMBURSEMENT FOR INDIGENT DEFENSE**

The General Assembly should ensure the state reimbursement rate to counties for indigent defense is at least 50 percent, provide full reimbursement for death penalty cases, and continue to identify and implement system reforms to assist counties in carrying out the state's constitutionally mandated obligation.

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