

A Long History of Service with Our Community's Support



ANNUAL REPORT



SERVICES OFFERED TO CHILDREN IN 2019

Children Services offers a full slate of child welfare services for the families and children of Trumbull County. These services are listed below with the number of persons served in 2019.

Children Services

Provided services to **4,344** children in **2,032** families.

Intake/Assessment Department

Assessed and provided services to **1,433** referrals of child maltreatment (i.e., abuse, neglect, dependency, other) concerning **3,491** children.

Sexual Abuse and Investigation Unit

Conducted **198** investigations of serious sexual abuse, physical abuse, neglect and dependency allegations concerning **471** children.

Ongoing In-Home Protective Services

Provided to **345** children.

Children's Center

Serviced **41** children; **8,666** days of care in the Children's Center.

Therapeutic Paid Placements

65 children received **11,093** days of care in therapeutic foster care and other residential settings.

Foster Care / Out-of-Home Care

160 children were cared for in Agency foster homes for a total of **27,342** days of care; a monthly average of **78** children were served. The Agency had **95** licensed foster homes during **2019**.

Adoption Services

23 children were placed and **25** adoptions were finalized.

Family Support Services

Provided to **106** families.

Independent Living Initiatives

55 children were prepared for emancipation from agency care and assisted after emancipation.

COMMUNITY PARTNERSHIPS

Trumbull County Children Services actively participates in several community programs that support children, such as the Family & Children First Council, the Child Assault Prosecution Team, the Child Fatality Review Board, the Child Advocacy Center, Trumbull County Juvenile Court and the County Job and Family Services Agency.

2019 HIGHLIGHTS



KraftMaid



Grace AME Church



Warren Rotary Toys for Tots



Mercury Plastics



Second Baptist Church



Marine Corps Toys for Tots



St. Joseph Surgery Center

STRENGTH-BASED AND FAMILY CENTERED SERVICES

Children Services offers programs which strengthen and maintain family life. We identify positive attributes that have worked successfully for families in the past, and we build on these strengths so that families can solve their problems and grow stronger. Programs are developed which provide support for families and help children find permanency in their birth homes, relative homes or adoptive homes.

■ **Substance Use Disorder Programming:** The agency has two grant programs designed to address the intersection of child welfare and parental substance abuse. The Trumbull County Substance Use Disorder (T-SUDE) Initiative is a federal initiative funded by the US Department of Health and Human Services and evaluated by the Institute for Human Potential. The START (Sobriety, Treatment, & Reducing Trauma) program is funded by the Office of the Ohio Attorney General and evaluated by Ohio State University. Both programs pair a child welfare caseworker with a peer recovery advocate to provide intensive case management services.

■ **Family Unity Meetings:** An agency facilitator partners with the family in a community support team that strengthens the family and provides for the safety and well-being of the children.

■ **Family-To-Family Team Meetings:** Family connections are made between foster parents and birth parents to support the children in care. The Family-To-Family relationship provides a foundation that continues long after the child returns home.

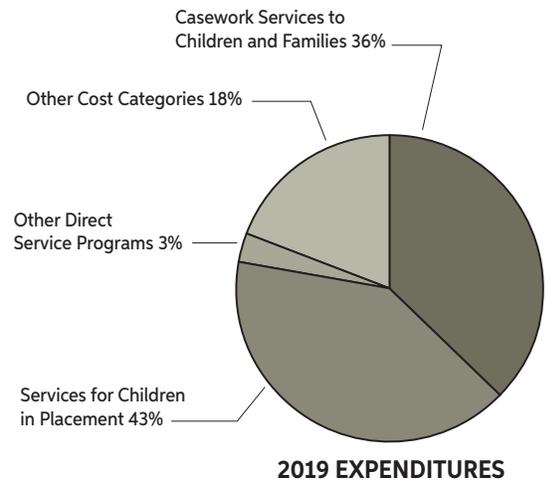
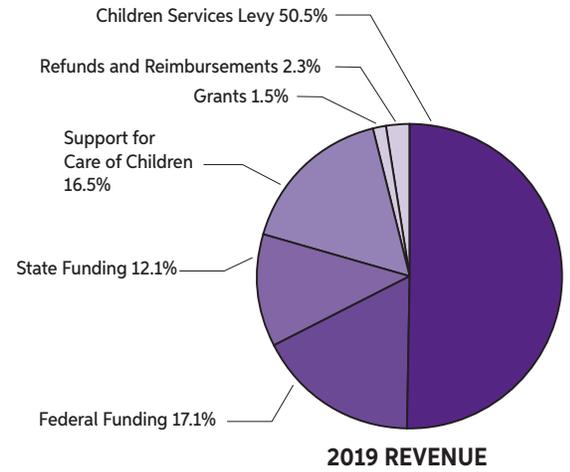
■ **Family Dependency Treatment Court (FDTC):** Family Court, Children Services, the Mental Health & Recovery Board, and other child advocates and treatment providers collaborate to assist parent(s) in achieving sobriety, receiving appropriate drug & alcohol treatment and making positive changes in their lives and the lives of their child(ren). Many families involved in this program have achieved sobriety and reunification.

■ **Ohio's Differential Response System:** Trumbull County Children Services is leading the state in sustaining Differential Response (DR). DR allows our staff the ability to offer either a traditional response or an alternative response to accepted reports of child maltreatment. The Agency develops a variety of family-centered practices that best serve the needs of families and children. Alternative Response focuses on working with families to identify strengths and build in safety networks that ensure child safety.

■ **Residential Services:** The Agency partners with Valley Counseling, Cadence Care Network, Belmont Pines and Valley Home Health Care to provide therapeutic, trauma based services for children who require residential treatment for emotional problems. Trumbull County is fortunate to have community-based residential treatment services offered by the Children's Center. Without locally-based residential treatment, children would have to receive help from other institutions, miles from their home.

■ **Wendy's Wonderful Kids (WWK) Recruitment Program:** The Agency's WWK Recruitment Program is graciously being funded by the Dave Thomas Foundation. These funds have allowed the Agency to hire a fulltime WWK Recruiter. The Agency's WWK Recruiter focuses exclusively on removing obstacles to permanency and finding adoptive homes for the Agency's hardest to place children.

■ **Permanency Roundtables:** All children and youth deserve permanency and permanent connections. Toward that goal, Permanency Roundtables (PRTs) are structured case consultations focused on the goals of expediting legal permanency for the child, stimulating thinking and learning about ways to accelerate permanency, and identifying and addressing systemic barriers to timely permanency. The values guiding PRTs include youth empowerment, the relentless persistency of permanency, sound prep for adulthood, a supportive team environment and the development of strategies that increase hope.



The Bike Lady

Thank You, Trumbull County

As we reviewed 2019, we were drawn to look back at the entire history of Child Welfare/Child Protection in Trumbull County. It is a history rich in stability, innovation, quality of services and overall protection for the children and families in Trumbull County. We have never talked about our agency's strengths without recognizing that we are simply a part of a system of care that works because every agency partner works together with the shared belief that our focus is on our citizens and our tools are sharpened by relationships and communication.



Timothy Schaffner

The thread that connects these many decades involves not only these essential partnerships with other child and family serving agencies, but also the support of our community at large. From the public servants elected by the people to assure services are funded and coordinated, to foster families who open their homes to youth, to mandated reporters of child abuse and neglect like teachers and police officers and doctors and nurses, the child safety net in our county is large and filled with people with a shared purpose. We all know that to keep children safe, we must count on each other's eyes, ears and hearts to get the job done.

There are many citizens, friends of Children Services, who work behind the scenes toward this common purpose in a variety of ways. We have a cadre of mentors who commit at least an hour or two of each week to connect with a child who might be without a family support system. Our churches are our connection to so many individuals and families who are ready to step up at a moment's notice to donate or volunteer or create a program needed by our agency or our community. The businesses in our area are always dependable for gifts for kids during the holidays, and they are also quietly ready to respond to any need we present to them to keep our campus and community safe and ready to care for those in need.

Finally, we have all heard the story of the advice given to Mr. Rogers as a child by his mother. She told him to "look for the helpers" in a crisis. It is easy for our focus to be drawn toward the problem and threat, but we know that there are ALWAYS people who will rush to help their neighbors. We experience that every day in the calls we receive from people just wishing to help, to the almost daily donations of goods and services, and to the goodwill we feel when we are out in the community doing our work. This support and goodwill are also resoundingly expressed every few years by the voters who vote for our levies which comprise the majority of our funding used to provide quality services for the children and families of our county.

Thank you, Trumbull County, for your ongoing support.

2019 REVENUE

Revenue Sources:

Children Services Levy	\$9,044,898
Federal Reimbursement	
• Title IV-E	2,833,624
• Title IV-B	128,232
• Medicaid	14,768
• Emergency Services Assistance	84,176
• Caseworker Visits	7,277
Total Federal Funding	\$3,068,077
State Reimbursement	
• Child Welfare Subsidy (SCPA).....	2,042,002
• Post Finalization Adoption Subsidy.....	64,111
• Non-Recurring Adoption Subsidy.....	18,869
• State Match Funding.....	37,842
• Foster Parent Training.....	11,220
• Adoption Supplemental Allocation	4,981
Total State Funding	\$2,179,025
Support for the Care of Children	
• Foster Care and Paid Placements	1,352,116
• Residential Care	1,213,623
• Behavioral Health	293,551
• Independent Living.....	101,395
Total Support for the Care of Children	\$2,960,685
Grants	\$266,317
Refunds and Reimbursements	\$410,472
TOTAL 2019 REVENUE	\$17,929,474

2019 EXPENDITURES

Service Categories:

Casework Services to Children and Families	
• Intake and Assessments	1,537,693
• Investigations	347,222
• In Home Services	765,151
• Substitute Care Services.....	1,299,020
• Recovery Services.....	472,096
• Resources and Permanency Planning.....	1,494,320
• Family Support Team	167,915
• After Hours Emergency Team.....	85,893
• Family Unity Meetings	95,606
Subtotal	\$6,264,916
Services for Children in Placement	
• Children's Center.....	2,978,392
• Foster Care and Adoption Subsidy Payments	1,408,152
• Paid Placements	2,260,703
• Transportation Services	438,367
• Independent Living Initiatives	219,094
• Foster Child Daycare	134,821
Subtotal	\$7,439,529
Other Direct Service Programs	
• Child Assault Prosecution Funding.....	311,207
• Runaway and Homeless Youth Funding	14,490
• Family Emergency Support	153,010
• Family Dependency Treatment Court	13,094
• Family & Children First Council Funding.....	83,605
Subtotal	\$575,406
Other Cost Categories	
• Maintenance and Custodians	364,670
• Human Resources and Administration Costs.....	929,603
• Fiscal, Quality Assurance and Support.....	1,119,641
• Legal Services	515,916
• Staff Training and Education	73,943
• Community Education and Recruitment Activities.....	45,728
• Wendy's Wonderful Kids	84,085
Subtotal	3,133,586
TOTAL 2019 OPERATING EXPENSES	\$17,413,437



Wear Blue is a statewide awareness campaign that takes place on the second Wednesday of every April, Child Abuse Prevention Month.



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