

Annual Report

SERVICES OFFERED TO CHILDREN & FAMILIES IN 2022

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 2022.

Children Services

Provided services to **3,381** children in **1,647** families.

Intake/Assessment Department

Assessed and provided services to **1,069** referrals of child maltreatment (i.e., abuse, neglect, dependency, other) concerning **2,487** children.

Sexual Abuse and Investigation Unit

Conducted **187** investigations of serious sexual abuse, physical abuse, neglect and dependency allegations concerning **464** children.

Ongoing In-Home Protective Services

Provided to **374** children.

Recovery Services

Provided to **40** families.

Children's Center

Serviced **28** children; **4,752** days of care in the Children's Center.

Therapeutic Paid Placements

67 children received **13,647** days of care in therapeutic foster care and other residential settings.

Foster Care / Out-of-Home Care

122 children were cared for in Agency foster homes for a total of **21,306** days of care; a monthly average of **55** children were served. The Agency had **82** licensed foster homes during **2022**.

Adoption Services

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

Family Support Services

Provided to **50** families.

Independent Living Initiatives

47 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, the County Job and Family Services Agency, the County Board of Developmental Disabilities, the County Mental Health & Recovery Board and Community of Support Network and OhioRISE.

2022 HIGHLIGHTS



The Agency partnered with North Mar Church in Warren to host a family celebration at the church to recognize the loving and dedicated foster caregivers in Trumbull County. These parental figures open their home to care for abused and neglected children while the birth family works toward reunification.



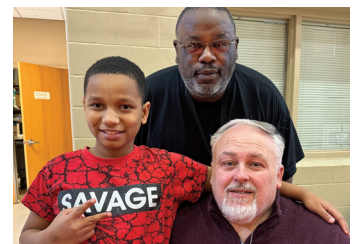
Shari Smith, of Trumbull County, received the Public Children Services Association of Ohio – Family of the Year Award, which recognizes families who overcome obstacles to reunify with their children.



The Annual Foster Caregiver Recognition Dinner honors years of service, newly licensed homes, and foster caregiver dedication to caring for children.



We are thankful for our generous community who makes donations and coordinates events for our kids each year. This support allows our kids to focus on healing and enjoy the experiences that childhood has to offer.

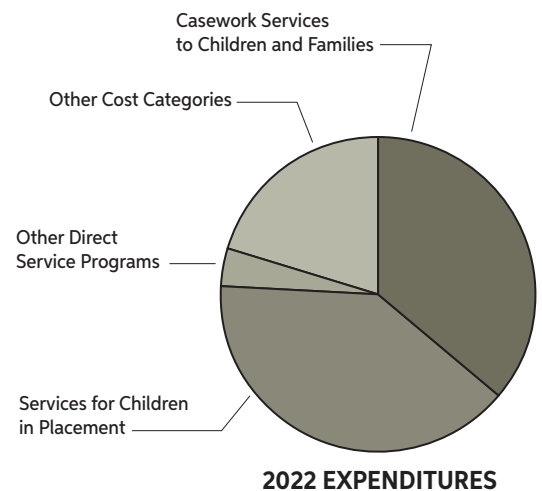
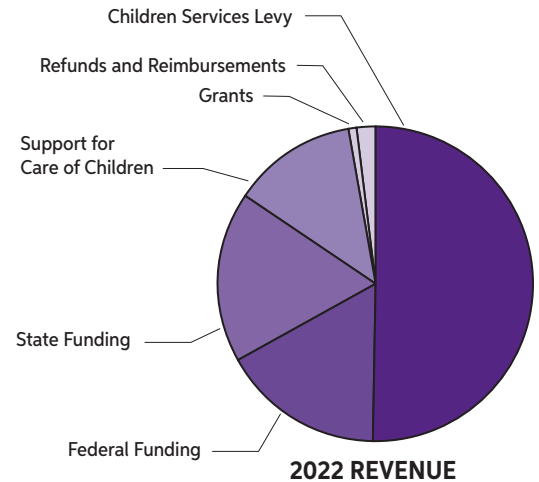


The Agency received the 2022 Region 4 Agency of the Year Award from the National Association of Social Workers. The nomination came from the University Partnership Program at Youngstown State University for our commitment to hosting students during their social work internship.

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 a Prevention Services program designed to address the intersection of child welfare and parental substance abuse. The START (Sobriety, Treatment And Reducing Trauma) program pairs a child welfare caseworker with a peer recovery advocate to provide intensive case management services to families.
- **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.
- **Residential Services:** The Agency partners with Cadence Care Network, Belmont Pines, Valley Home Health Care and Warren City Schools 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 two fulltime WWK Recruiters. The Agency's WWK Recruiters focus exclusively on removing obstacles to permanency and finding adoptive homes for the Agency's hardest to place children.
- **Community of Support Network:** This community network, chaired by the Agency, was formed through a grant funded by the Ohio Department of Job and Family Services. The network is comprised of countywide child serving entities charged with hardwiring best practices and oversight for coordination of comprehensive care for children at highest risk for intensive, out of home placement due to complex behavioral health and multisystem needs. OhioRISE ensures children get the care they need to get healthy, while remaining at home with their family or kin. Cadence Care Network is the managed care entity responsible for the operations of OhioRISE.



The Trumbull Art Gallery, through their Angels for Art Education Fund, hosted a 6-week art program for the children at our residential facility to explore several art forms.

A Network of Community Support

I've heard the saying, "Have an interesting life" is a curse, but over the past year "interesting" has only been positive for Trumbull County. As a community system of care, our ability to serve youth with the most complex behavioral health and multi-system needs and their families was tested through implementation of OhioRISE (Resilience through Integrated Systems and Excellence). As a community of care, we have only seen success.

The components that have helped Trumbull County blaze the trail for the successful rollout of OhioRISE are portable to ANY community. Below is our formula for success and a tribute to our skill and dedication to the health of youth and families in our community.



Timothy Schaffner

- **Family and Children First Council (FCFC)** provides a monthly venue for family/child serving executives and providers to identify challenges and formulate and implement practical solutions to eliminate barriers to care for families in crisis. Participation is an expectation, and we are always in pursuit of new partners.

- Through a comprehensive **Community Wide Orientation**, we introduce new employees to those services they will regularly use to assist families, how to make referrals, and the importance of working with each other to break down barriers to services.

- We implement community subcommittees to help ensure a smooth transition for agencies and families when the state mandates change. The **Community of Support Network** is an example of an all-inclusive interagency group that was formed to ensure the successful rollout of **OhioRISE** and continues to be the model of best practice for the rest of the state.

- Leadership at every level comes to the table regularly to define what success looks like and to actively participate in action planning for system wide goals to best meet the needs of families. This attitude of cooperation is shared throughout our organizations **BECAUSE** of these relationships.

- We advocate for programs that encourage teamwork and draw from those that place **youth and family values first**. Though there are many state and federal opportunities to direct our focus, we remain committed to goal setting that enhances teamwork and evidence-based outcomes for our kids and families. We are known as a **"community system of care."**

- We conduct **After Action Reviews** for high-risk cases to identify system issues, opportunities for improvement, and ways to refine our skills.

- We maintain contact with each other in real time to solve real issues. There are no systemic or cultural barriers to impromptu calls between executives, supervisors, or line staff. Our common goal is maintaining the **"speed of the need"** in responding to our kids and families.

As community partners charged with keeping families healthy and together, we want to know if our families most in need feel successful in their journey. So, we ask them, and the overwhelming answer is yes!



Community of Support Network Membership

2022 REVENUE

Revenue Sources:

Children Services Levy	\$9,420,758
Federal Reimbursement	
• Title IV-E	2,736,718
• Title IV-B	136,025
• Medicaid	10,403
• Emergency Services Assistance and Kinship Care	169,891
• Caseworker Visits	6,097
Total Federal Funding	\$3,059,134
State Reimbursement	
• Child Welfare Subsidy (SCPA)	2,059,151
• Multi-System Youth Funding	410,955
• Children Services Best Practices Funding	110,576
• Prevention Services/Ohio START Funding.....	349,610
• Foster Care Recruitment & Retention Funding	146,560
• Community Support Network Funding	68,913
• Post Finalization Adoption Subsidy.....	63,925
• Non-Recurring Adoption Subsidy.....	20,849
• State Match Funding.....	22,014
• Foster Parent Training.....	10,145
• Q RTP Reimbursement.....	20,000
Total State Funding	\$3,282,698
Support for the Care of Children	
• Foster Care and Paid Placements	1,245,300
• Residential Care	716,808
• Behavioral Health	235,579
• Independent Living	171,455
Total Support for the Care of Children	\$2,369,142
Grants	\$144,820
Refunds and Reimbursements	\$361,167
TOTAL 2022 REVENUE	\$18,637,719

2022 EXPENDITURES

Service Categories:

Casework Services to Children and Families

• Intake and Assessments	1,612,757
• Investigations	314,296
• In Home Services	721,539
• Substitute Care Services.....	1,269,422
• Recovery Services	444,980
• Resources and Permanency Planning	1,590,234
• Family Support Team	147,094
• After Hours Emergency Team	83,181
• Family Unity Meetings	86,720
Subtotal	6,270,223

Services for Children in Placement

• Children's Center.....	2,458,364
• Foster Care and Adoption Subsidy Payments	1,135,686
• Paid Placements	2,604,144
• Transportation Services	381,478
• Independent Living Initiatives	156,910
• Foster Child Daycare	163,385
Subtotal	6,899,967

Other Direct Service Programs

• Child Assault Prosecution Funding	329,133
• Family Emergency Support & Kinship Care Funding	229,660
• Family Dependency Treatment Court	21,070
• Family & Children First Council Funding.....	72,675
Subtotal	652,538

Other Cost Categories

• Maintenance and Custodians	373,314
• Human Resources and Administration Costs.....	958,304
• Fiscal, Quality Assurance and Support.....	1,200,269
• Legal Services	555,752
• Staff Training and Education	191,780
• Community Education and Recruitment Activities.....	37,010
• Wendy's Wonderful Kids	137,107
• Communities of Support.....	40,006
• Foster Care Recruitment and Retention.....	21,862
Subtotal	3,515,404

TOTAL 2022 OPERATING EXPENSES	\$17,338,132
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Each year during National Child Abuse Prevention Month, community members and leaders participate in our Pinwheels for Prevention Campaign to spread awareness about the importance of reporting concerns of abuse and neglect. In 2022, 1,519 pinwheels were planted on the Kinsman House lawn, representing one report of child maltreatment in our community. Pictured from left to right: Tim Schaffner, TCCS executive director; Kevin Gavitt, TCCS board president; and Doug Franklin, mayor of Warren.



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