Wayne County Children Services

Dear Wayne County Community,

Wayne County Children Services strives to PROTECT, PREERVE, and EMPOWER families within our community. We would not be able to make progress on these points without our outstanding community supporters and dedicated staff. Our agency thanks all of you who are passionate and partner with us to protect abused and neglected children and their families. People who serve people, especially children, hold my highest thanks, as they give of their self to benefit and take care of another.

The agency completed 1000 investigations of child abuse and neglect in 2017, while ensuring safety, permanency, and well-being for children in Wayne County. On average, the agency opened 83 new investigations monthly. Neglect and physical abuse continue to be the top two presenting problems in our intake investigations. Domestic violence and addiction are primary factors of neglect and physical abuse, which causes trauma to children. On December 31, 2017, the agency was serving 253 children, which was a decrease of 38 children compared to December 31, 2016. In 2017, the most predominant reason a child was removed from their family was due to “Drug Abuse by a Parent”. “Drug Abuse by a Parent” accounted for 38.98% of children being removed from their homes, which is the highest percentage removal reason for the year.

In 2017, our agency experienced a year like no other in our history. Children of Wayne County who required residential treatment suddenly escalated, which in turn produced a strain on our financial resources. We met the needs of these children when our expenses increased over $900,000 from the previous year with the aid of our local levy funds. Since this escalation, we have been working alongside our partners throughout Wayne County to ensure children in residential care are receiving the best care available. We are also determining how we can prevent other children from escalating to need this highest level of intensive care. Children who require residential care, on average, are children who have experienced multiple trauma episodes and are involved with multiple systems.

Wayne County Children Services is learning from our history, designing an innovative plan with our knowledge, and maintaining optimism that all of us will continue to strive to eliminate child abuse and neglect for our children. In 2018, we call you to join us in taking action to be a positive role model in the life of a child. Every person can make a difference. We are dedicated to achieving a community where all children and families can grow and thrive.

Deanna Nichols-Stika
Executive Director
2017 REPORT OF SERVICES

SAFETY
- 2529 Calls Received by the Agency
- 1000 Child Abuse & Neglect Investigations
  ⇒ 552 Traditional Investigations
  ⇒ 448 Alternative Response Investigations
- 83 Average Number of Intake Investigations Screened In per Month
- 155 Average Number of Ongoing Cases per Month
- 210 Children Served with Protective Services on 12/31/17
- 142 Families Served with Protective Services on 12/31/17

PERMANENCY
- 16 Adoptions Finalized
- 14 Children Placed in Adoptive Homes
- 5457 Hours of Protective Day Care provided to Children and Families
- 63 Total Number of Licensed Foster Homes on 12/31/17
- 121 Inquiries Received from Families for Foster Care

WELL-BEING
Independent Living Programming
- 65 Children Received Programming
- $19,498 Federal Chafee Dollars Utilized
Volunteer Mentoring Support
- 77 Hours of Support provided to Children from volunteer mentors
- 6 Mentor Matches with Children for the Year

2017 FINANCIAL REPORT

Salaries (including payroll expenses) $3,746,812
Medical $481
Clothing $4,940
Foster Homes & Daycare $498,011
Therapeutic Foster Homes $873,814
Residential Care $2,390,774
Other Expenses (travel, supplies, equipment) $1,113,674
Less State & Federal Funds Spent $3,443,059
Total Charged to Wayne County $5,185,447

2017 AGENCY REVENUE

Federal $2,947,845
State $495,215
Local/Levies $3,740,386
Local/Other $1,269,231

2017 AGENCY EXPENDITURES

Salaries/Benefits $3,746,812
Foster Care $439,340
Therapeutic Foster Care $873,814
Residential $2,390,774
Other $1,177,766