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MISSION STATEMENT
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INTENSE FAMILY SITUATIONS

By Gloria Questel, Social Services Director

A recent child Welfare study revealed that 53 percent of Ohio's children's services caseworkers have symptoms of post-traumatic stress disorder (PTSD). In Wayne County we are seeing a minor increase in new intakes to the agency, but more importantly we are seeing more intense family situations surrounding addictions. These situations include children witnessing overdoses and deaths of the adults in their life, as well as potentially living exposed to drugs and drug paraphernalia. Childhood trauma is increasingly troublesome as that trauma lasts a lifetime in one way or another. Our workers are experiencing that secondary trauma, as well. Our staff have more deaths of adults on their caseload, more exposure to illegal substances, and more dangerous homes to visit than I have seen in my nearly 25 years in child welfare. I continue to be grateful for our community partnerships in addressing the needs of our local families. I look forward to continuing our work of protecting children and strengthening families.

WCCSB EMBARKS ON AN ENDEAVOR WITH WAYNE COUNTY JUVENILE COURT

By John Dillon, Clinical Services Director

The Ohio Supreme Court, Ohio Department of Job and Family Services, Ohio Mental Health and Addiction Services, and Medicaid are collaborating at the State level to improve outcomes for families in the child welfare agency affected by substance use disorders. Eleven counties were selected as demonstration sites to expand the capacity of their Family Dependency Treatment Court (FDTC) or infuse effective FDTC ingredients into all cases affected by substance use disorders, Wayne County is one of those sites.

The goal is to take all the Abuse, Neglect and Dependency cases and infuse those best practice models into all cases. The infusion will lead to better outcomes for kids and families by way of reaching our permanency outcomes (reunification, termination of parental rights or legal custody transfer to a relative or Kin) faster. Statewide, the findings suggest that the demonstrations sites have made considerable progress in achieving program goals. Among infusion demonstration sites, where the key ingredients are being integrated throughout the family dependency court system, there was a significant reduction in the duration of foster care placement and an improvement in the timeliness of achieving permanency. Our Wayne County program has grown to full capacity in 2018 and continues serving families.
2018 REPORT OF SERVICES

SAFETY

- 2852 Calls Received by the Agency
- 1040 Child Abuse & Neglect Investigations
  ⇒ 496 Traditional Investigations
  ⇒ 544 Alternative Response Investigations
- 87 Average Number of Intake Investigations Screened In per Month
- 136 Average Number of Ongoing Cases per Month
- 211 Children Served with Protective Services on 12/31/18
- 144 Families Served with Protective Services on 12/31/18

WELL-BEING

Independent Living Programming
- 54 Children Received Programming
- $22,203 Federal Chafee Dollars Utilized

Volunteer Mentoring Support
- 397 Hours of Support provided to Children from volunteer mentors and tutors
- 14 Average Mentor Matches with children for the year

PERMANENCY

- 14 Adoptions Finalized
- 14 Children Placed in Adoptive Homes
- 4545 Hours of Protective Day Care provided to Children and Families
- 51 Total Number of Licensed Foster Homes on 12/31/18
- 119 Inquiries Received from Families for Foster Care and/or Adoption

2018 FINANCIAL REPORT

Salaries (including payroll expenses) $3,921,861
Foster Home Expenses (medical, clothing, daycare) $459,203
Therapeutic Foster Homes $1,149,446
Residential Care $1,837,226
Other Expenses (travel, supplies, equipment) $1,115,546

Total Charged to Wayne County $5,092,868

2018 AGENCY REVENUE

2018 AGENCY EXPENDITURES