



## Delaware County—21

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### Resources:

**The Mothers Offering Mentoring Support (M.O.M.S.):** Program provides young women in Delaware County with adult and peer role models to increase positive life skill development and the likelihood of family self-sufficiency.

The mission of the Delaware County M.O.M.S. Program is to increase the ability of teen mothers to adequately care for their children by providing; meaningful adult and peer relationships, a positive connection to the community and resources and support in developing the life and coping skills necessary to be successful. The Mothers Offering Mentoring Support (M.O.M.S.) program matches teen moms and pregnant teens with experienced mothers who mentor the teens until their infant's first birthday. This program seeks to increase the teen's positive relationships, reduce the likelihood of a secondary pregnancy within two years of delivery, increase the likelihood of the mother and the baby receiving appropriate pre-natal and infant medical care, and increase the likelihood of self-sufficiency through education and employment attainment all the while helping mothers to effectively manage multiple stressors.

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**Stewards of the Children:** Program is a national evidence-based child sexual abuse prevention program developed by Darkness to Light ([www.darkness2light.org](http://www.darkness2light.org)). Staff and community volunteers identify Delaware County community partners interested in scheduling Stewards of Children. Training was targeted at staff from schools, organizations and faith communities that have direct contact with youth.

"Stewards of Children" is an effective sexual abuse prevention training program that educates adults to prevent, recognize, and react responsibly to child sexual abuse, and motivates them to courageous action. The Stewards of Children program is developed by Darkness to Light, a national child sexual

abuse prevention organization based in Charleston. Trained staff and volunteers will then provide the Stewards training to adults who have direct and routine responsibility for the well-being of children and/or adolescents.

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The intention of the Delaware County Family and Children First Council SFY 2010 OCTF Plan is two-fold:

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1. To target economically disadvantaged families living in the Francher Road-Westerville Estates Trailer Park. Children's Services involvement with these families is significantly higher than any other area in Delaware County.

A community resources center is located on site at the Westerville Estates Trailer Park. We intend to bring needed resources and support to the families at their location so that it is not necessary that they travel to receive these services. Resources include: Benefit Bank, VITA Tax Assistance and JFS assistance programs. An afterschool program providing homework help, life skills and enrichment activities is offered 5 days a week for the children who reside in this area.

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Community Library

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2. To continue the support for families with special needs (Down Syndrome and Autism).

It is our intention to provide family support services which include support groups, to increase families knowledge of community resources, parenting information, activities, or information about their child's special needs. These services include:

The Down Syndrome and Autism support groups provide parents an opportunity to talk to other parents about issues that they deal with in relation to having a child with a developmental delay. The support groups also offer the children the opportunity to socialize with other children with similar needs.

Down Syndrome Playgroup meets the 1st Wednesday of every month at the Hickory Knoll Early Childhood Center. Families of children with Down syndrome, from birth to about the age of 6, attend this playgroup.

Autism Support Group usually meets the 3rd Wednesday of every month at the Hickory Knoll Early Childhood Center. Families with toddlers, preschoolers and elementary aged children attend these meetings. These families do not

all have a child on the Autism Spectrum Disorder. Some families that attend have concerns that their child may have behaviors consistent with that diagnosis and are looking to talk with families who have already traveled down this path to diagnosis.

The Parent Pages Newsletters provides family with information to increase in knowledge of community resources, parenting information, activities, or information about their child's special needs. This newsletter is sent to all families with children identified with developmental disabilities.

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