



Ohio Children's Trust Fund

Ohio's Prevent Child Abuse America Chapter

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Ohio Children's Trust Fund Unveils New Website

COLUMBUS, Ohio – The Ohio Children's Trust Fund (OCTF), which is dedicated to preventing child abuse and neglect, has a new **website** full of information and resources related to caring for children. For parents, the website has everything from links to parenting classes to articles about pregnancy and safe sleep. For professionals, it has information about continuing education events, the effects of trauma on child development, the protective factors that can strengthen families and prevent abuse, and much more.

“The new site will be a tremendous resource for parents and professionals alike,” said OCTF Executive Director Lindsay Williams. “We hope it will help spread awareness of our statewide initiatives and the many child abuse and neglect prevention services available throughout the state.”

The Ohio General Assembly created the OCTF in 1984 as the state's sole public funding source dedicated to child abuse and neglect prevention. It is housed within the Ohio Department of Job and Family Services and governed by a board of 15 members responsible for its policy, direction and expenditures. Local prevention efforts are led by eight regional prevention councils, whose work is highlighted on the new website, as well.

“Having been engaged in conversations surrounding the OCTF website since I joined the OCTF Board in 2015, I am absolutely thrilled with the final product,” said Ohio Rep. Sarah LaTourette, immediate-past board chair. “The content and user-friendly features of the new site captures our vision to promote the efforts of the eight regions and ultimately the mission of preventing child abuse and neglect across all of Ohio.”

Added OCTF Program Manager Nicole Sillaman: “At the Trust Fund, much of our work occurs ‘upstream,’ through the funding and delivery of programs and services aimed at preventing child abuse and neglect *before* a family is in crisis. It's a public health approach – where we engage with families to provide support, education and resources to improve the health, safety and stability of families. This is why our mission at the Trust Fund is to prevent child abuse and neglect through investing in strong communities, healthy families and safe children.”

Learn more at OCTF.ohio.gov.

The Ohio Children's Trust Fund is the state's sole public funding source dedicated to preventing abuse and neglect. Housed within the Ohio Department of Job and Family Services, the Ohio Children's Trust Fund works with its partners in every county to serve all Ohio communities.

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