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Ohio Children's Trust Fund Announces Board Appointments

COLUMBUS, OHIO – The Ohio Children's Trust Fund (OCTF) is pleased to announce new and reappointed board members.

OCTF is the state's sole public funding source dedicated to preventing abuse and neglect. Housed within the Ohio Department of Job and Family Services, it works with its 88 county partners to serve all Ohio communities. Board members represent various regions of the state.

"OCTF greatly benefits from the expertise of these individuals and their many years of experience in promoting child welfare and working to ensure the safety of all Ohio children," said OCTF Executive Director Kristen Rost. "I thank them for their commitment."

The following are new and reappointed board members:

Julie Barnes, executive director of the Stark County Department of Job and Family Services in Canton, represents northeast Ohio. She brings to the board knowledge of social work and child abuse and neglect services. Barnes is filling the unexpired balance of a term that began Aug. 29 and continues through July 2, 2015. This is her first term.

Jon Fishpaw, vice president of Advocacy and Government Relations for Catholic Health Partners in Cincinnati, represents central Ohio. He is treasurer of the OCTF board and brings to the job knowledge of government relations and advocacy, the health care industry, and the private sector. His second term began Aug. 28 and continues through July 2, 2016.

Christina Klefeker, coordinator of Service-Learning and Volunteerism for Miami University's Hamilton campus, represents southwest Ohio. She brings to the board expertise in child welfare and higher education. Her first term began Aug. 29 and continues through July 2, 2016.

Judy Leb, training coordinator for Lucas County Court Appointed Special Advocates/Guardians Ad Litem in Toledo, represents northwest Ohio. She brings to the board expertise in the legal community and child welfare, especially issues affecting children with disabilities. Her first term began Aug. 28 and continues through July 2, 2016.

Dr. Kathi Makoroff represents southwest Ohio. She is an associate professor of pediatrics at the University of Cincinnati's College of Medicine and a full-time child abuse faculty member at the Mayerson Center for Safe and Healthy Children at Cincinnati Children's Hospital Medical Center. She brings to the board expertise in the medical community and higher education. Her first term began Aug. 28 and continues through July 2, 2016.

Dr. Lolita McDavid represents northeast Ohio. She is medical director of Child Advocacy and Protection at Rainbow Babies and Children's Hospital at the University Hospitals of Case Western Reserve University School of Medicine in Cleveland. McDavid is vice chair of the OCTF board and brings expertise in the medical community and higher education. Her second term began Aug. 28 and continues through July 2, 2016.

To learn more about the Ohio Children's Trust Fund, visit www.jfs.ohio.gov/octf.

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