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ODJFS Director Releases Statement on Allegations About Conditions at Cuyahoga County Division of Children and Family Services

Ohio Department of Job and Family Services Director Matt Damschroder today issued the following statement:

“I was very disturbed and concerned to read the allegations about conditions at the Cuyahoga County Division of Children and Family Services on Cleveland.com. We have immediately reached out to see what resources and assistance we can offer. We have also activated our Rapid Response team to evaluate and provide any support needed. Children’s services in Ohio are state-supervised and county-administered. However, we stand ready to help ensure safe, healthy environments for Ohio’s youth. In April, Governor DeWine led the way in long-term reform efforts to placement challenges when he signed an executive order providing \$4.5 million to increase staff and reopen beds in licensed youth treatment facilities. Our department, the Governor’s Children’s Initiative, other child-serving state agencies, and county public children services agencies are continuing to work together to find long-term solutions.”

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The Ohio Department of Job and Family Services manages vital programs that strengthen Ohio families. These include job training and employment services, unemployment insurance, cash and food assistance child care, child and adult protective services, adoption, and child support services.





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