

OFC Bi-Monthly Touchpoint Talking Points

July 20, 2022

Welcome - Jeff Van Deusen

Good morning, welcome and thank you for joining us today.

I hope you are enjoying your summer; I can't believe it is already the middle of July. It has been a busy one so far for the OFC team and we are eager to share some updates with you today.

I want to ask you to please mute your mics and put any questions you have in the chat box. We will respond in the chat box or at the end of the presentation. We will also share the talking points and power point with you by early next week.

Before moving on to today's presenters, I want to share a few updates.

We have decided to move our September meeting back a week due to the PCSAO conference. Please put a place holder on your calendars for September 28th at 11:00 A.M. for the next Touchpoint Meeting. We will also include the link in the teams meeting in the talking points.

As you know, the Ohio State Fair is opening back up fully this summer. ODJFS will have a booth and staff on site, July 27 – August 7, 2022. Please, stop by and say hello.

Also, the 2022 *CELEBRATE KIDS! CONFERENCE* dates were announced by the Court Appointed Special Advocates (CASA) for Children. It will be held September 21 – 23, 2022 in Columbus, Ohio and registration is open now on their website. [2022 CELEBRATE KIDS! CONFERENCE - Ohio CASA](#) .

There is also an opportunity to say thank you to a colleague on the website, so if you know a social worker, attorney or CASA volunteer who goes “above and beyond” in their work on behalf of children, you can nominate them to be recognized at the conference. To learn more and submit a nomination please go to their website.

<https://www.ohiocasa.org/celebratekidsconference/>.

Finally, we have bittersweet news to share, Lindsay Williams, the Executive Director of the Ohio Children's Trust Fund will be leaving us the first week of August. Lindsay has been a strong advocate and champion for primary and secondary prevention in Ohio. She has brought a unique perspective to the Trust Fund with her years of experience working in a county children services, along with positions within OFC.

Under her leadership, the Trust Fund has grown, not only in their staffing, but their overall programming and budget.

Thank you, Lindsay, for all you have done for children and families in Ohio! Best wishes to you!

Foster Care Licensing – Stevie Romano

- QRTP updates

- Congratulations to all as our QRTP compliant agencies continue to grow. We currently have 89 compliant agencies, 190 compliant facilities, and 1989 compliant beds for a total of 85% of our ODJFS beds compliant. Paired with our OMHAS partnering agency, we currently have 3266 compliant beds for a total of 90% bed capacity approved as QRTP compliant. This is a tremendous accomplishment, and we are so appreciative of all our agencies for their focus and determination in obtaining and maintaining QRTP compliance.
- Safe Sleep Project
 - We previously shared with you that we are partnering with the Ohio Department of Health on a Safe Sleep Education Project. To support your current efforts in providing safe sleep education to your certified resource providers, our office mailed safe sleep education literature to all currently certified resource providers, including links and resources available on the Ohio Department of Health's website. In addition, we are committed to emailing, or mailing if email contact is not recorded in SACWIS, to newly certified resource providers each month. We are excited to share with you we are in the final phases of our planning with the Ohio Department of Health to roll out Phase 2, which consists of Safe Sleep Education Kits available for certifying agencies to order at no cost. These Education Kits are intended to be available for you to share with newly certified resource providers, currently certified resource providers who are newly accepting infant placements, and currently certified resource providers in need of safe sleep education and resources. As we finalize the specifics of Phase 2, we will share with you when you are able to begin ordering your safe sleep education kits.
- Kickoff Event: Ohio's Approach to Strengthening Relationships Between Primary and Resource Families
 - We are so excited about your energy and participation in our upcoming kickoff event for Ohio's Approach to Strengthening Relationships Between Primary and Resource Families! You, your teams, and your resource providers are registering by the hundreds to attend our kickoff event on July 21st from 1:00-3:00.
 - This training will explain the results of the workgroup implementing the CST Recommendation: *Strengthen Relationships Between Birth Parents and Foster Families*.
 - By attending the kickoff event, you will learn firsthand the new tools and strategies developed to promote best practices throughout Ohio in promoting and preserving the primary and resource family relationship. We'll introduce the C.A.R.E. Guide, a pivotal tool for your success, as well as other supporting materials. This is a great opportunity for your agency to practice, promote, and perfect the co-parenting approach that many counties in Ohio and other states have already implemented into their daily practices. By engaging in this approach, this will allow you to provide instrumental feedback to our team in future stakeholder engagement opportunities.
 - If you haven't done so already, please share the information with your resource providers as they serve a critical role in the success of Ohio's co-parenting approach. If you need the information or the link to register again, please contact me directly and I'll be happy to get that to you. Thank you!

OCTF Updates – Lindsay Williams

- Triple P online and the statewide expansion – Lindsay

Hubs updates- Katina Bays and Cindy Rickett

- Good morning and thank you for giving us a few minutes to share with you information about the Adoption and Resource Home Recruitment and Assessment Program. My name is Cindy Ricketts and I am a member of the Rapid Response Team at The Office of Families and Children (OFC)
 - The Office of Families and Children (OFC) continues to collaborate on ways to address the issue of identifying and certifying resource and adoptive homes across the state. The challenge to find resource and adoption homes who can meet the needs of children in the custody of our County PCSAs and IV-E courts can be for many of different reasons. This includes a lack of qualified assessors to complete the required home studies as well as a lack of resource and adoption home candidates. OFC has been working to establish new ways to increase the number of resource homes available and to augment the current home assessor workforce for agencies, as they work to meet the needs of the children entrusted to their care.
 - This program has three main goals
 1. To support regional and state-wide activities to recruit adoptive and resource homes
 2. To assist public children service agencies (PCSAs), private child placing agencies (PCPAs), private noncustodial agencies (PNAs) and Title IV-E Juvenile Courts in finding homes for children living in out of home placements
 3. To address workforce needs that may be created by multiple statewide and county-based resource family recruitment activities, through the creation a regional pool of certified Tier I and Tier II Assessors that are available to agencies across the state.
- To meet these goals our office is currently working with three agencies:
 - Adopt America Network (AAN)
 - Ohio Children’s Alliance (OCA)
 - The Ohio Child Care Resource & Referral Hubs
- This multi-pronged approach is aimed at increasing the availability of resource and adoptive homes to meet the needs of children/youth in the custody of PCSA and IV-E courts while also supporting the workforce at agencies who engage and approve these families.
- OFC is working with Ohio Children’s Alliance (OCA) to support the development and launch of an adoption and resource home marketing and recruitment campaign, utilizing the It Takes Heart campaign components.
 - This work will focus on:

- Continuously increasing the traffic to the It Takes Heart website
- Increase number of qualified families to meet Ohio's need
- Create and manage the marketing infrastructure needed to support recruitment
- Continuously develop, communicate, and implement new strategies and tools

- OCA will be working closely with the Ohio Child Care Resource and Referral Association Hubs which are located regionally around the state as well as agencies within each of the Hubs service areas. They will partner with these Hubs in the recruitment of qualified caregivers on behalf of county agencies.

- The campaign is targeted to recruit the type of adoptive and resource families needed regionally across the state to meet the level of need for children and youth, to reflect the ethnic and racial diversity of the children and youth and to recognize the need to work collaboratively with a removal family

- OCA is using the Hubs Service Delivery Areas as their regions. This work will be completed in two stages. OCA will be starting in 4 regions and will expand to the rest of the state in stage 2
 - Stage 1 will be in 4 identified areas- SDA 1, SDA, 3, SDA 6 and SDA 10 and is anticipated to begin in the fall of 2022.

- Good morning, my name is Katina Bays and I am a Project Manager with the Office of Families and Children. Today, I wanted to take just a few minutes to talk with everyone about the Children Services Hubs and their partnership with OFC.
 - The vision behind the Hubs came from the 37 recommendations released by the Children Services Transformation Advisory Council. The goal of the recommendation was to create additional regional supports for child serving partners.
 - When determining "how" to bring this regional support vision to fruition, the decision was made to partner with the Child Care Resource and Referral Hubs that already existed throughout the state. Primarily known in the early childhood spaces, the Child Care Resource and Referral Hubs have been around for some time. Since there was already this existing entity who was engaged in the community, the decision was made to expand the work of the Hubs, into the children services space.
 - One piece that I cannot stress enough, and if you remember nothing else, I hope this is your one takeaway: The Hubs are not being enlisted to replace any existing services, their role is to support our child serving partners.

- Next, I wanted to just briefly go over a visual of the statewide regions. There are 7 Child Care Resource and Referral Hubs statewide. Each of the Hubs, is home to one or more Service Delivery Areas (SDAs). The list on the left, is the name of the Hub and in

parenthesis, you will see the SDA or SDAs housed in each Hub area. The map on the right gives a visual of the counties in each SDA.

- So, what role will the Hubs play in the Adoption and Resource Home Recruitment and Assessment Program? In the first year, the Hubs conducted a statewide needs assessment regarding foster parent recruitment, training, and retention. Responses were gathered from former, current, and perspective foster parents as well as public and private partners, just to name a few. Following the collection of data from the needs assessment, each SDA developed an Implementation Plan for their respective region. The Implementation Plans highlighted themes and needs. For some regions a theme may have been the need for more trauma informed trainings and in others in may have been a workforce shortage of assessors. There was also a focus on building relationship with partners in their regions during the first year.
 - Currently, there continues to be a focus on building relationships with public and private partners. In an effort to engage more personally with partners, Regional Virtual Connections are in the process of being planned to connect each of the Hubs to partners in their region.
 - In addition to relationship building, there is dually a focus on how to best collaborate with partners.
 - Since this program offers support, we understand that the level of support will look different for each partner. So, what supports can the Hubs offer:
 - They can assist with recruitment. If you live in a region where there are festivals or other community events, they can assist (if desired) with being present at the event and talking to prospective families.
 - They can also assist (if desired) with inquires that may be coming into your agencies. For example, if an inquiry comes in through the It Takes Heart Website and your agency is selected, an email regarding that inquiry will go to both your agency (as it always has) as well as the regional Hub. The Hub specialist will call your agency and ask if they can assist in anyway. For some agencies, no assistance may be needed, for others they may ask for support.
 - For those that are seeking support, the Hub specialist can make contact with the family and begin to gather preliminary information about the family and educate them about the process (depending upon their level of interest).
 - The Hubs will also be able to begin to prescreen candidates to determine their viability for pre-service training. The pre-screening will be done by the specialist asking a host of questions regarding criminal history, characteristics, and environmental questions, to name a few. This pre-screening is by no means taking the place of any OAC requirements, but it will be able to paint a general picture of the candidate.
 - If the pre-screening yields no concerns (i.e., a disqualifying offense), the candidate can be referred on to the Regional Training Center (RTC) or identified Private Agency to complete preservice training and the onboarding process.

- If concerns are identified, contact will be made with the county to determine next steps.
- Throughout this process, the Hubs specialist will maintain regular contact with the agency and family as agreed upon.

- We encourage our partners to see the Hubs as a support in the recruitment and retention of resource and adoptive homes.
- We also know that as we increase the number of homes statewide, this will also lead to an increase in the number of Homestudies and Kinship Assessments that will need to be completed. I am now going to turn it back over to Cindy, who will discuss supports we have in this area and introduce the third agency working on the program.

- The Office of Children and Families has also contracted with Adopt America Network (AAN) to create a pool of assessors who are trained and available to provide contract services across the state. We are also excited to share that ODJFS will be covering the cost of the assessors for up to 700 kinship assessments and 800 home studies in state fiscal year 2023. This will provide access to assessors who can respond to the increased need for adoption and resource homes while reducing further stress on existing agency resources. This service can include Foster Care, Foster and Adoption, Adoption home studies, Kinship Assessments, as well the home studies and assessments required through the Interstate Compact on the Placement of Children.
- AAN has created a process by which agencies are able to contract with assessors for the completion of these home studies and assessments. AAN's process includes the monitoring of caseloads and the timely completion of work by the contract assessors. They will work to ensure the assessor completes the home study within required timeframes and meets all mandates. The home studies completed by the assessors, will be entered into SACWIS and will require the approval of the resource/adoptive home's chosen agency.
- AAN has split the state into four regions each of which has a supervisor assigned and assessors who are contracted to provide work within those regions. The goal is to contract with up to 300 qualified assessors by the end of state fiscal year 2023. These assessors are independent contractors and are trained to meet all standards required by the state of Ohio. The next slide will show the regions-
- The Regions are Northwest/West, Northeast, Central/Mideast, and South.
 - AAN has a supervisor and support staff assigned and been actively hiring and training assessors in each of the four regions. This program is currently active statewide, and they are ready to receive your requests.
- Contact information – current website which contains the request form and contact information for the program.

Resume Mining: Melissa Palmer

Like many disciplines in the workforce today, children's services face its own set of challenges with workforce recruitment. That's why the Office of Families and Children is partnering with

the Office of Workforce Development to begin a process to locate potential qualified children's services candidates in Ohio Means Jobs. Using a set of key words, Office of Workforce Development staff will secure resumes for review for each Ohio PCSA.

During the months of July and August, Office of Workforce Development staff will conduct resume mining searches in Ohio Means Jobs on behalf of all Ohio PCSAs. Office of Workforce Development will send all resumes for potential candidates to Melissa Palmer and Kristine Monroe at OFC. These resumes will be provided to PCSA's so they can be reviewed and PCSA staff responsible for recruitment and hiring can assess the candidates' qualifications and determine next steps.

On August 17th, we are excited to share that Office of Workforce Development and OFC will be hosting a virtual training session via Microsoft TEAMS meeting. This training session will be held from 10:30am- 12pm. It will be recorded so that interested parties that cannot attend, can view the session later. This interactive training session is open to any PCSA staff that are responsible for recruitment and hiring. Attendees can expect to learn how to conduct their own resume mining searches within Ohio Means Jobs. Attendees will learn how to fully capitalize on Ohio Means Jobs functionality to pursue winning children's services candidates.

The beauty of this unique learning session is that attendees will walk away with the skills needed to confidently conduct resumes searches and use Ohio Means Jobs with increased confidence. Staff interested in attending this session will be required to set up their own Ohio Means Jobs employer account in advance. Following the training, Office of Workforce Development staff will be available to provide technical assistance or answer questions as PCSA staff begin using Ohio Means Jobs to do their own candidate searches.

A quick note, instructions to set up an Employer account and the link to the Microsoft TEAMS Resume Mining Training session can be found in Families and Children Letter (FCL) #034 that was issued on July 8, 2022.

In the meantime, should you have any questions about this workforce project, please feel free to reach out to me.

QRTP Reimbursement Requirements – Trish Wilson

- When a child is placed in a Qualified Residential Treatment Program (QRTP) there are several requirements with timeframes that must be met in order to receive Title IV-E Foster Care Maintenance Reimbursement (FCM).
- A qualified individual, who meets the requirements in rule 5101:2-42-12 of the Administrative Code is to assess a child for each placement in a QRTP no earlier than thirty days prior to the start of each placement or no later than 30 days from the first day of placement.

- If the assessment is not completed thirty days prior to, including the date of placement or by the thirtieth day from the day of placement, the Title IV-E agency cannot claim FCM reimbursement for the entirety of the QRTP placement, including the first thirty days.
- When counting 30 days, it is critical to include the first day of placement in the count. For instance, a child placed on May 12, 2022, would have to have an assessment completed no earlier than April 13, 2022, or no later than June 10, 2022.
- The next requirement is a judicial determination. No later than 60 days after and including the date of placement into the QRTP, the Title IV-E agency is to confirm that the juvenile court has made a judicial determination about the QRTP level of care placement.
- A judicial determination does not require a hearing. It may be an administrative order.
- If the court does not provide a judicial determination within the 60-day timeframe, the Title IV-E agency may only claim FCM for the first 60 days of the placement in the QRTP.
- If the court's judicial determination approves the QRTP level of care placement within the 60-day timeframe, the Title IV-E agency may continue to claim FCM.
- If the court's judicial determination disapproves the QRTP level of care placement within the 60-day timeframe, the Title IV-E agency may continue to claim FCM for only a 30-day period from the date of the judicial determination to transition the child to a less restrictive placement setting.
- When counting 60 days, again it is critical to include the first day of placement in the count. The child placed on May 12, 2022, would need to have a judicial determination completed and dated no later than July 10, 2022.
- The last QRTP requirement with a timeframe is the Director's Signature. We understand this can be somewhat confusing and difficult to track. Ohio SACWIS is tracking this data and providing alerts/activity alerts to the caseworker and supervisor to ensure the Director's signature is captured.
- For any child under the age of 13, placed in a QRTP for more than six consecutive or non-consecutive months, or
- Any child aged 13 or older is placed in a QRTP for more than twelve consecutive months or eighteen non-consecutive months.
- The signature identifies approval by the Title IV-E agency director for the continued placement of the child in the QRTP.
- This documentation is to be submitted at every case review or permanency hearing regarding the child's case plan that supports a continued QRTP placement.

- For a child placed in a non-QRTP that becomes QRTP compliant, the date of compliance/meeting certification requirements starts the federal requirements.
- Beginning with the date the non-QRTP meets the QRTP certification requirements, a child may be reimbursable back to the first day of that month if the following requirements are met:
- Assessment is completed no later than 30 days from and including the date of QRTP compliance.
- Judicial Determination is completed no later than 60 days from and including the date of QRTP compliance.
- Director Signature is captured based on the QRTP's date of compliance.

PASSS Update – Sharla O’Keefe

- As of July 1, 2022, OFC has completed the transition to implementation of the Post Adoption Special Services Subsidy (PASSS) program from being a county-administered program to now being a state-administered program.
- OFC is in partnership with the Ohio Kinship and Adoption Navigator (OhioKAN) program to assist families with navigation of the application process.
- Families can submit their applications for PASSS through an online process through OhioKAN, or they can work with an OhioKAN navigator for completion of applications and assistance with any questions.
- As OFC receives the PASSS applications, OFC staff complete the review of the applications in accordance with the Ohio PASSS rules that became effective July 1, 2022.
- The services that are eligible for PASSS remain the same as when the program was county-administered. However, we are finding that some services previously approved might exceed the types of services that are eligible under rule (for example equine therapy vs. horseback riding that might have a “therapeutic” benefit).
- Our office is working to develop consistency in the services that are approved for PASSS funds.
- There are currently approximately 116 PASSS applications in various states of the process being reviewed by OFC staff for approval.
- For more information and to access the portal, go to <https://ohiokan.jfs.ohio.gov/passs/>.
- If you were unable to attend the trainings held in May and June, the recordings are available on the Children Services Training and Development webpage, along with all materials and the Q & A, at [Children Services Training & Development | Office of Families and Children | Ohio Department of Job and Family Services](#)
- If you have additional questions, you can email JFS_PASSS@jfs.ohio.gov

Closing – Jeff

Thank you for joining us today. We hope you found the overview of these programs and updates beneficial. As always, please do not hesitate to reach out to us for additional clarification about any of the topics addressed here today.

Links and Point of Contacts:

<https://www.triplep-parenting.com/oh-en/triple-p/> Successful kids, happier families - Online Parenting Program | Triple P for more information, contact OCTF@OCTF.ohio.gov

Ryan.Meanor@jfs.ohio.gov POC for out-of-state residential facilities

www.adoptamericanetwork.org/arhap Adoption Resource and Home Assessor Program | ARHAP — Adopt America Network. The Adoption Resource and Home Assessor Program (ARHAP) assigns assessors to perform home studies and kinship assessments, the cost of which is covered by the state of Ohio.

<https://ohiokan.jfs.ohio.gov/passs/> PASSS | OhioKAN Kinship & Adoption Navigator

JFS_PASSSS@jfs.ohio.gov

[Children Services Training & Development | Office of Families and Children | Ohio Department of Job and Family Services](#) The Children Services Training and Development Section within the Office of Families and Children will work collaboratively across the office to provide and develop policy and practice trainings. You may review previously recorded trainings here also.

Question 1: Can the needs assessment from OCCRA be shared? **Great question. Yes, this is something that will be shared during the virtual connections that are slated to be held in August.**

Question 2: Resume Mining - is it only for PCSAs? **Heidi Burns shared: You can contact your local Ohio Means Jobs and they can do this for you for any job type.**

Comment: Tillman, Sonia shared: We are looking forward to the resume mining session and other promising collaboratives between OWD and OFC



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Office of Families and Children Touchpoint Call

July 20, 2022

Agenda

- Welcome – Jeff Van Deusen
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Welcome

Jeff Van Deusen, Deputy Director

Foster Care Licensing

QRTP Update

- 89 compliant agencies (69.5%)
- 190 compliant facilities (80%)
- 1989 compliant beds (85%)

ODJFS and OMHAS

- 3266 compliant beds (90%)

Monthly Updates

- August-December 2022
- Last week of the month
- Additional options

Foster Care Licensing

Safe Sleep Education Project

- Phase 1: Education literature mailed to all currently certified resource providers
 - Includes ongoing education literature emailed/mailed each month to newly certified resource providers
- Phase 2: Safe Sleep Education Kits
 - Partnership with Ohio Department of Health
 - Available for certifying agencies (public and private) to order at no cost and provide to:
 - Newly certified resource providers
 - Currently certified resource providers newly accepting infant placements
 - Currently certified resource providers in need of safe sleep education and resources

Foster Care Licensing

Kickoff Event: Ohio's Approach to Strengthening Relationships Between Primary and Resource Families

- CST Recommendation
- Opportunity to practice, promote, perfect co-parenting approach for future engagement opportunities
- Thursday, July 21, 2022
- 1:00 – 3:00 P.M.
- Training credit available
- Recorded and posted on the Children Services Training and Development webpage
- Need information: Contact Stevie Romano at Stephanie.Romano@jfs.ohio.gov

Ohio Children's Trust Fund



In it Together: Investing in Ohio's Future

Statewide Expansion of Positive Parenting and Positive Early Childhood Education in Ohio

Through a collaborative partnership with:



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Ohio's Prevent Child Abuse America Chapter



Background of Triple P in Ohio

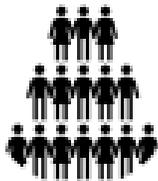
The Triple P – Positive Parenting Program® is a system of evidence-based education and support for parents and caregivers of children and adolescents.

As a funder for Triple P services for many years, the Ohio Children's Trust Fund has been interested in launching the Triple P Online program statewide for many years – similar to North Carolina's approach to providing this program via a public health model.

Through American Rescue Plan Act funding, multiple program areas within the Ohio Department of Job and Family Services have collaborated to ensure that any parent or caregiver throughout Ohio has access to evidence-based parent education.

The state of Ohio has funded various levels of Triple P Positive Parenting Program for many years via both the Ohio Children's Trust Fund, as well as through other state initiatives, such as Bold Beginnings.

Ohio Funded Triple P Levels Overview



Level 2 is a "light touch" intervention providing brief one-time assistance to parents who may be seeking general information about their child's behavior or development.

Delivered as:

- **Selected Seminar Series** (three, 90 minute seminars)
- **Brief Consultations** (15-30 minute one-on-one consultation)



Level 3 is targeted support on specific topics of interest to most parents.

Delivered as:

- **Primary Care** (four consultations for 15-30 minutes)
- **Discussion Groups** (two-hour small groups, up to 5 sessions)



Level 4 is for parents of children with moderate to severe behavioral difficulties, or motivated parents interested in gaining more in-depth understanding of Positive Parenting.

Delivered as:

- **Group** (up to 12 parents, 5 sessions, three phone sessions)
- **Standard** (individual support over 10, 1-hr sessions)
- **Online** (8-session, online)



Level 5 is an intensive support for families with complex concerns. Parents complete a Level 4 Standard or Group program before.

Delivered as:

- **Pathways** (helps parents recognize and change negative thoughts/unhelpful thinking as well as strategies for effectively managing anger)

Overview of Statewide Implementation Components

Through a statewide collaboration, numerous state agency partners are implementing a layered approach to Triple P services – meeting parents and caregivers where they are at so they can choose the best strategies that work best for them and their children.



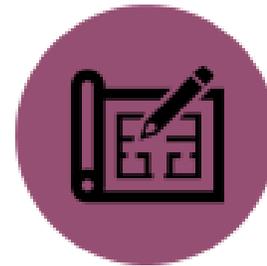
OCTF Statewide Triple P Online

The OCTF has purchased 10,000 TPOL codes for each SFY 2022 as well as 2023 to be accessed by any parent and/or caregiver in the state of Ohio. This is a **universal primary prevention** approach to Triple P services.



OCTF Regional Prevention Plan Triple P Providers

The OCTF has funded Triple P Levels 2, 3 and 4 throughout Ohio for many years via local grants provided to trained service providers implementing both **primary and secondary prevention** services.



ODJFS Family First Prevention Services Act – Phase Two

As part of Ohio's Phase Two implementation for Family First Prevention Services, Triple P Level 4 will be permissible as a parent skill building program to be included on a family's prevention services plan for **tertiary prevention** services.



ODJFS Bureau of Childcare Positive Early Childhood Education (PECE)

Through a partnership with the Ohio Child Care Resource and Referral Association, ODJFS will train providers through the 12 SDAs via the PECE program to ensure all families are exposed to Triple P through numerous touchpoints.

<https://www.triplep-parenting.com/oh-en/triple-p/>

Ohio Website

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HUBS Updates

Katina Bays and Cindy Ricketts

The Adoption and Resource Home Recruitment and Assessment Program

- Program Goals
 - Support regional and state-wide activities to recruit adoption and resource homes (foster and kinship)
 - Assist public children service agencies (PCSAs), private child placing agencies (PCPAs), private noncustodial agencies (PNAs) and Title IV-E Juvenile Courts in finding homes for children living in out of home placements
 - Address workforce needs that may be created by multiple statewide and county-based resource family recruitment activities, through the creation a regional pool of certified Tier I and Tier II Assessors.

The Vendors

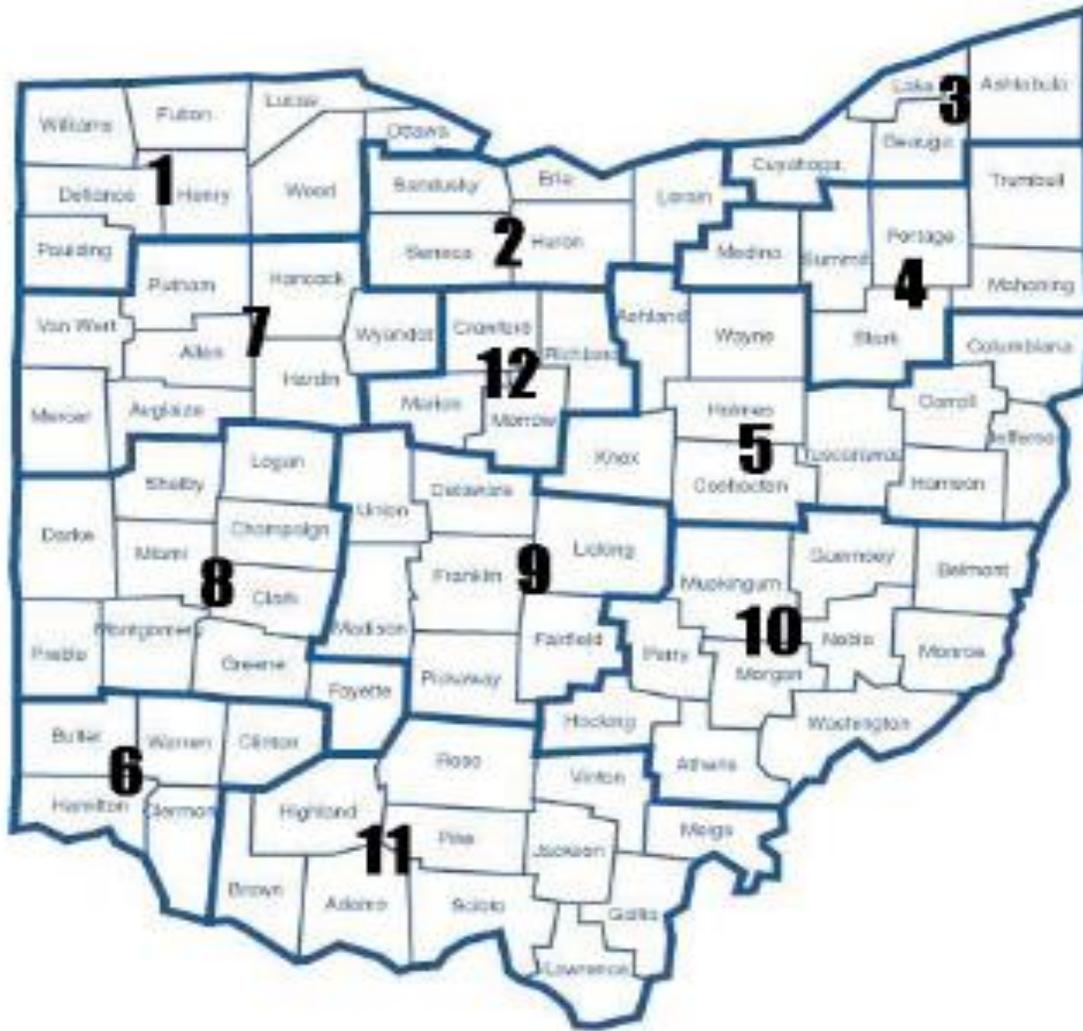
- Three agencies have been contracted by ODJFS to complete different aspects of this program
 - Adopt America Network (AAN)
 - Ohio Children’s Alliance (OCA)
 - The Ohio Child Care Resource & Referral Hubs

Adoption and Resource Home Marketing and Recruitment Campaign Ohio Children's Alliance (OCA)

- Drive up traffic to the It Takes Heart Ohio website and include the It Takes Heart campaign materials in the marketing
 - Goals of the campaign:
 - Continuously increase the traffic to the It Takes Heart website
 - Increase number of qualified families to meet Ohio's need
 - Create and manage the marketing infrastructure needed to support recruitment
 - Continuously develop, communicate, and implement new strategies and tools
- Collaborate with the SDAs (Hubs) to establish relationships with agencies (public, private and IV-E court) regionally
- Collaborate with the SDAs (Hubs) to effectively implement a regional marketing and recruitment campaign with a supportive navigation of the process

Adoption and Resource Home Marketing and Recruitment Campaign

- Identify and recruit the type of adoptive and resource(kinship and foster care) families needed regionally and across the state to meet the needs of children and youth in PCSA and IV-E court custody
 - Meet level of need for children and youth
 - Families who will accept
 - children/youth identified as having special needs
 - children/youth who have experienced trauma;
 - sibling groups,
 - teenagers
 - Reflect the ethnic and racial diversity of children/youth in the Child Care Resource and Referral Service Delivery Areas (SDAs)
 - Recognize and understand the need to work collaboratively with a removal family and to serve as a support to families, not a substitute for parents



SDA 1- Defiance, Fulton, Henry, Lucas, Ottawa, Paulding, Williams and Wood Counties

SDA 2- Erie, Huron, Lorain, Sandusky and Seneca Counties

SDA 3- Ashtabula, Cuyahoga, Geauga and Lake Counties

SDA 4- Mahoning, Medina, Portage, Stark, Summit and Trumbull Counties

SDA 5- Ashland, Carroll, Columbiana, Coshocton, Harrison, Holmes, Jefferson, Knox, Tuscarawas and Wayne Counties

SDA 6- Butler, Clermont, Clinton, Hamilton and Warren Counties

SDA 7- Allen, Auglaize, Hancock, Hardin, Mercer, Putnam, Van Wert and Wyandot Counties

SDA 8- Champaign, Clark, Darke, Fayette, Greene, Logan, Miami, Montgomery, Preble and Shelby Counties

SDA 9- Delaware, Fairfield, Franklin, Licking, Madison, Pickaway and Union Counties

SDA 10- Athens, Belmont, Guernsey, Hocking, Monroe, Morgan, Muskingum, Noble, Perry and Washington Counties

SDA 11- Adams, Brown, Gallia, Highland, Jackson, Lawrence, Meigs, Pike, Ross, Scioto and Vinton Counties

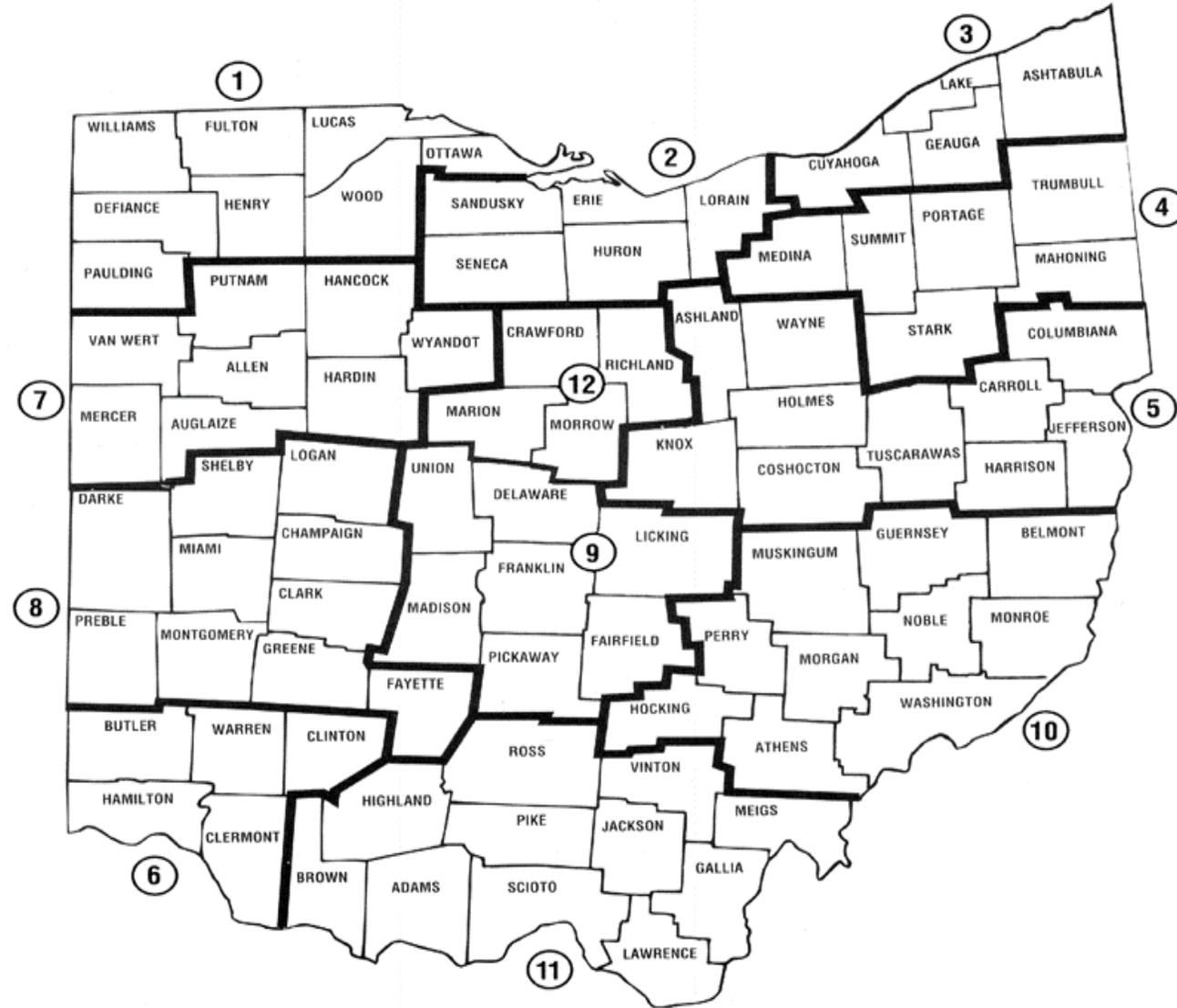
SDA 12- Crawford, Marion, Morrow and Richland Counties

Children Services Hubs

- The Vision
- The Goal of Children Services Hubs is to build more community resources and supports in Children
- Child Care Resource & Referral Agencies already engaged with many community partners and known to families
- Not being enlisted to replace any existing services

Child Care Resource & Referral Agency

- 4C for Children (SDA 6 & 8)
- Action for Children (SDA 9)
- Early Childhood Resource Center (SDA 4)
- Child Care Resource Center (SDA 2)
- COAD Child Care Resource Network (SDA 5, 10, 11)
- Starting Point (SDA 3)
- YWCA Child Care Resource and Referral of Northwest Ohio (SDA 1, 7, 12)



Hubs Role in The Adoption and Resource Home Recruitment and Assessment Program

Focus of First Year

- Conducted Needs Assessment
- Developed Implementation Plan for Each Service Delivery Area (SDA)
- Relationship building with Public and Private partners

Current Focus

- Collaborate and develop relationships with Public and Private Agencies
 - *Regional Virtual Connections-coming soon*
- Assistance with Recruitment and Inquiries
- Assist with prescreening of Resource and Adoptive Homes to determine viability of candidacy
- Refer viable candidates to RTCs and identified private agencies to complete preservice training and onboarding processes
- Increase capacity of workforce by supporting recruitment and retention strategies

Adoption and Resource Home Assessor Program (ARHAP)

Adopt America Network

- The Assessor Program is open and available to PCSA's, PCPA's, PNA's, and Title IV-E Juvenile Courts in the state of Ohio
- ODJFS will cover the cost of up to 800 foster or adoption homestudies and 700 kinship assessments during state fiscal year 2023
- Accepts requests for home studies related to the following: Foster, Foster and Adopt, Adoption, Kinship Assessments, and ICPC

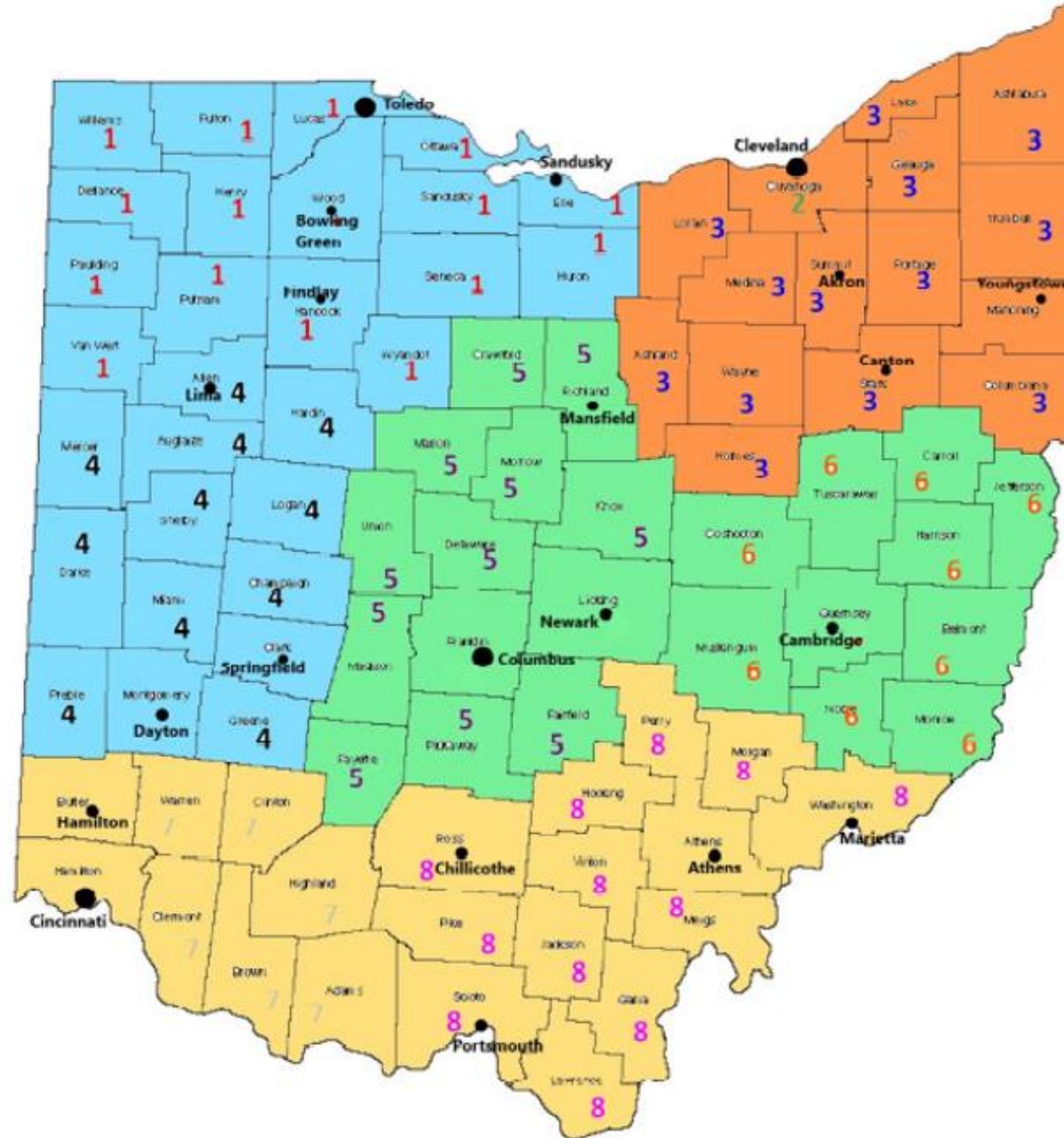
Adoption and Resource Home Assessor Program- Process

- The Requesting Agency submits a Homestudy Request Form via email
- The Assessor Program Manager reviews the request; the request will be assigned to an Assessor Program Regional Supervisor within one business day
- If the request has not been accepted a notification form will be sent to the agency within two business days
- The Assessor works directly with the Requesting Agency
- The Assessor Program Regional Supervisor updates the Requesting Agency bi-weekly (at minimum) throughout the process
- When the Homestudy/Assessment is completed it is reviewed by the supervisor for quality assurance
- The requesting agency receives the homestudy within 4.5 months or the kinship assessment within 21 days. The requesting agency is responsible for the final decision.

Adoption and Resource Home Assessor Program

- To better serve the entire state of Ohio, AAN has multiple staff available in every region to assist requesting agencies, all operating under a regional supervisor
- AAN's goal is to contract with 300 qualified Assessors by the end of state fiscal year 2023
 - Assessors are independent contractors
 - All assessors assigned to conduct the home studies and assessments will be trained and meet all standards required by the State of Ohio

Northwest/West



Northeast

**Central/
Mideast**

South

To Inquire about the program

- **Website:** www.adoptamericanetwork.org/arhap

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Resume Mining with OWD

- During the months of July and August, Office of Workforce Development staff will conduct resume mining searches in Ohio Means Jobs on behalf of all Ohio PCSAs.
- On August 17th, we are excited to share that Office of Workforce Development and OFC will be hosting a virtual training session via Microsoft TEAMS meeting. This training session will be held from 10:30am- 12pm
- FCL #034 provides details on how to sign up and prepare for the August 17th training.
- Setting up an Employer account prior to the training is highly recommended!

QRTP Reimbursement Requirements

Trish Wilson

QRTP Reimbursement Requirements

Federal Qualified Residential Treatment Program (QRTP) requirements to receive Title IV-E Foster Care Maintenance (FCM) reimbursement.

- **Assessment of Child** is to be completed:
 - No earlier than 30 days prior to and including the **date of placement**, or
 - No later than 30 days from and including the **date of placement**.
- Assessment not completed within 30-day timeframe will cause the child to not be Title IV-E reimbursable for the entirety of the placement in the QRTP, including the first 30 days.
- If the Assessment is completed and it does not identify the child as needing a QRTP level of placement, the agency will have 30 days to transition the child to a less restrictive setting.

QRTP Reimbursement Requirements

- **Judicial Determination** is to be completed no later than 60 days from and including the **date of placement**.
- If the court does not provide a judicial determination within the 60-day timeframe, the Title IV-E agency may only claim FCM for the first 60 days of the placement in the QRTP.
- If the court's judicial determination approves the QRTP level of care placement within the 60-day timeframe, the Title IV-E agency may continue to claim FCM.
- If the court's judicial determination disapproves the QRTP level of care placement within the 60-day timeframe, the Title IV-E agency may continue to claim FCM for only a 30-day period from the **date of the judicial determination** to transition the child to a less restrictive placement setting.

QRTP Reimbursement Requirements

- **Director Signature** is required when:
 - Any child under the age of 13, is placed in a QRTP for more than six consecutive or non-consecutive months, or
 - Any child aged 13 or older is placed in a QRTP for more than twelve consecutive months or eighteen non-consecutive months.
 - The signature identifies approval by the Title IV-E agency director for the continued placement of the child in the QRTP.
 - This documentation is to be submitted at every case review or permanency hearing regarding the child's case plan that supports a continued QRTP placement.

QRTP Reimbursement Requirements

Non-QRTP becomes QRTP compliant/meeting certification requirements

- Beginning with the date the non-QRTP meets the QRTP certification requirements, a child may be reimbursable back to the first day of that month if the following requirements are met:
- **Assessment** is completed no later than 30 days from and including the **date of QRTP compliance**.
- **Judicial Determination** is completed no later than 60 days from and including the **date of QRTP compliance**.
- **Director Signature** is captured based on the QRTP's date of compliance.

PASSS Update

Sharla O'Keefe

Post Adoption Special Services Subsidy (PASSS)- Sharla O'Keeffe

- As of July 1, 2022,OFC has completed the transition to implementation of the Post Adoption Special Services Subsidy (PASSS) program from being a county-administered program to now being a state-administered program.
- OFC is in partnership with the Ohio Kinship and Adoption Navigator (OhioKAN) program to assists families with navigation of the application process.
- Families can submit their applications for PASSS through an online process through OhioKAN, or they can work with an OhioKAN navigator for completion of applications and assistance with any questions.
- As OFC receives the PASSS applications, OFC staff complete the review of the applications in accordance with the Ohio PASSS rules that became effective July 1, 2022.

Post Adoption Special Services Subsidy (PASSS)

- The services that are eligible for PASSS remain the same as when the program was county-administered. However, we are finding that some services previously approved might exceed the types of services that are eligible under rule (for example equine therapy vs. horseback riding that might have a “therapeutic” benefit).
- Our office is working to develop consistency in the services that are approved for PASSS funds.
- There are currently approximately 116 PASSS applications in various states of the process being reviewed by OFC staff for approval.

Post Adoption Special Services Subsidy (PASSS)

- For more information and to access the portal, go to <https://ohiokan.jfs.ohio.gov/passs/>.
- If you were unable to attend the trainings held in May and June, the recordings are available on the Children Services Training and Development webpage, along with all materials and the Q & A, at [Children Services Training & Development | Office of Families and Children | Ohio Department of Job and Family Services](#)
- If you have additional questions, you can email JFS_PASSS@jfs.ohio.gov

Questions?

Thank You!

Next meeting: September 28, 2022 from 11:00 A.M. - Noon

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