May 24, 2020

Elizabeth Darling, Commissioner  
Administration on Children, Youth and Families  
Department of Health and Human Services  
Mary E. Switzer Building  
330 C Street, SW  
Washington, D.C. 20201

Dear Commissioner Darling:

Attached please find Ohio’s application for Federal Fiscal Year 2020 Children’s Justice Act Grant funds. The activities described will implement recommendations of the Subcommittee on Responding to Child Abuse, Neglect and Dependency. This is the State taskforce maintained under the Children’s Justice Act eligibility requirements. There is close collaboration among my staff to ensure the Children’s Justice Act program activities are consistent with the strategies and goals of Ohio’s Child and Family Services Plan and helped support Ohio’s performance under the Child and Family Services Review.

Please contact Ohio’s Children’s Justice Act Coordinator, Tequilla Washington, by phone at: (614) 752-5206 or email at: Tequilla.Washington@jfs.ohio.gov if you have any questions or concerns. Thank you for your continued cooperation.

Sincerely,

Kimberly Hall  
Director
OHIO
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CHILDREN'S JUSTICE ACT GRANT

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I. Eligibility Requirements

Documentation

The following documents immediately follow this page:

1. Letter of Assurance
2. Certification Regarding Lobbying
3. Task Force Roster Listing Membership and Designation
May 14, 2020

Elizabeth Darling, Commissioner
Administration on Children, Youth and Families
Department of Health and Human Services
Mary E. Switzer Building
330 C Street, SW
Washington, D.C. 20201

Dear Commissioner Darling:

This letter is to certify that Ohio has received the Federal Fiscal Year 2019 child abuse and neglect Basic State Grant and continues to comply with the requirements stipulated in Section 106(b) of the Child Abuse Prevention and Treatment Act (Act). Ohio has maintained a state multi-disciplinary taskforce on children's justice and continues to progress in adopting recommendations of the task force or a comparable alternative to such recommendations.

Ohio will make such reports to the Secretary as required, including an annual report on the manner in which assistance under this program was expended throughout the state, with particular attention focused on the areas described in paragraphs (1) through (3) of Section 107(a) of the Act. Ohio will maintain and provide access to records relating to activities under the Children's Justice Act.

It is understood that Ohio is required to participate in at least one federally initiated Children’s Justice Act meeting each year, and that Ohio is authorized to use federal Children’s Justice Act funds to cover travel and per diem expenses for two Children’s Justice Act representatives to attend the meeting.

Thank you for your continued cooperation.

Very respectfully yours,

[Signature]

Mike DeWine
Governor, State of Ohio
CERTIFICATION REGARDING LOBBYING

Certification for Contracts, Grants, Loans, and Cooperative Agreements

The undersigned certifies, to the best of his or her knowledge and belief, that:

(1) No Federal appropriated funds have been paid or will be paid, by or on behalf of the undersigned, to any person for influencing or attempting to influence an officer or employee of an agency, a Member of Congress, an officer or employee of Congress, or an employee of a Member of Congress in connection with the awarding of any Federal contract, the making of any Federal grant, the making of any Federal loan, the entering into of any cooperative agreement, and the extension, continuation, renewal, amendment, or modification of any Federal contract, grant, loan, or cooperative agreement.

(2) If any funds other than Federal appropriated funds have been paid or will be paid to any person for influencing or attempting to influence an officer or employee of any agency, a Member of Congress, an officer or employee of Congress or an employee of a Member of Congress in connection with this Federal contract, grant, loan, or cooperative agreement, the undersigned shall complete and submit Standard Form-LLL, “Disclosure Form to Report Lobbying,” in accordance with its instructions.

(3) The undersigned shall require that the language of this certification be included in the award documents for all subawards at all tiers (including subcontracts, subgrants, and contracts under grants, loans, and cooperative agreements) and that all subrecipients shall certify and disclose accordingly. This certification is a material representation of fact upon which reliance was placed when this transaction was made or entered into. Submission of this certification is a prerequisite for making or entering into this transaction imposed by section 1352, title 31, U.S. Code. Any person who fails to file the required certification shall be subject to a civil penalty of not less than $10,000 and not more than $100,000 for each such failure.

Statement for Loan Guarantees and Loan Insurance

The undersigned states, to the best of his or her knowledge and belief, that:

If any funds have been paid or will be paid to any person for influencing or attempting to influence an officer or employee of any agency, a Member of Congress, an officer or employee of Congress, or an employee of a Member of Congress in connection with this commitment providing for the United States to insure or guarantee a loan, the undersigned shall complete and submit Standard Form-LLL, “Disclosure Form to Report Lobbying,” in accordance with its instructions. Submission of this statement is a prerequisite for making or entering into this transaction imposed by section 1352, title 31, U.S. Code. Any person who fails to file the required statement shall be subject to a civil penalty of not less than $10,000 and not more than $100,000 for each such failure.

Signature and Date

Kimberly L. Hall 05-08-2020

Printed Name

Kimberly L. Hall

Title

Director

Organization

Ohio Department of Job and Family Services
# Children’s Justice Act
## Task Force Membership Roster

**State/Territory:** Ohio

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<td>Law Enforcement</td>
<td>Sgt. John Blubaugh</td>
<td>Sergeant</td>
<td>Columbus Police Department</td>
<td>Sgt. Blubaugh works in the Special Victims Bureau/ Missing Persons Unit of the Columbus Police Department.</td>
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<td>Criminal Court Judge</td>
<td>Honorable Stephen L. McIntosh</td>
<td>Judge</td>
<td>Franklin County Common Pleas Court</td>
<td>Judge McIntosh has been a judge in the Franklin County Court of Common Pleas since 2008. Prior to his time on the bench, Judge McIntosh worked as a prosecutor, a criminal and civil defense attorney, and a civil plaintiff attorney.</td>
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<td>Civil Court Judge</td>
<td>Honorable Anthony Capizzi</td>
<td>Judge</td>
<td>Montgomery County Juvenile Court</td>
<td>Judge Capizzi was first elected as Montgomery County’s Juvenile Judge in 2004 and he previously served as an Acting Judge for Dayton Municipal Court and worked in private practice for over 25 years. Judge Capizzi is a past president of National Council of Juvenile and Family Court Judges (NCJFCJ).</td>
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<td>Magistrate Michelle L. Edgar</td>
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<td>Fairfield County Probate/Juvenile Court</td>
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<td>Honorable Rosemarie Hall</td>
<td>Judge</td>
<td>Stark County Family Court</td>
<td>Judge Hall has served in her role in Stark County Common Pleas Court, Family Court Division since 2011. Judge Hall served as a Magistrate in the court from 2004 to 2011. As a magistrate, Judge Hall developed and presented Working Together for Kids, a parent education and mediation program for never married parents.</td>
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<td>Honorable Mathew P. Puskarich</td>
<td>Judge</td>
<td>Harrison County Probate and Juvenile Court</td>
<td>Judge Puskarich has served as Harrison County Probate and Juvenile Court Judge since 2003. Prior to joining the court, Judge Puskarich was a Harrison County Prosecuting Attorney and a Jefferson County Assistant Prosecuting Attorney.</td>
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<td>Nicole Rodriguez</td>
<td>Chief Deputy Clerk</td>
<td>Ms. Rodriguez has served as the Miami County Juvenile Court’s Chief Deputy Clerk since 1998.</td>
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<td>Doug Schonauer</td>
<td>Court Administrator</td>
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<td>Mr. Schonauer has served as the Court Administrator for the Coshocton County Probate and Juvenile Court for over 10 years.</td>
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<td>Seneca County Department of Job and Family Services</td>
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<td>Attorney for Children</td>
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<td>Court Appointed Special Advocate (CASA)*</td>
<td>Alan Futo</td>
<td>Lead Child Advocate</td>
<td>Summit County, Ohio CASA/GAL Association</td>
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<td>Health Professional</td>
<td>Dr. Megan McGraw Letson, M.D.</td>
<td>Medical Director</td>
<td>Center for Safety and Healing, Nationwide Children’s Hospital</td>
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<td>Mental Health Professional</td>
<td>Heidi A. Malott, LISW</td>
<td>Clinical Manager</td>
<td>Mayerson Center, Cincinnati Children’s Hospital</td>
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<td>Ms. Malott is the Clinical Program Manager, Mayerson Center for Safe and Healthy Children at Cincinnati Children’s Hospital. The Mayerson Center for Safe and Healthy Children at Cincinnati Children’s is a premier program that has helped set the national standard for enhancing and strengthening evaluations of child abuse.</td>
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<td>Dustin McKee</td>
<td>Policy Director</td>
<td>National Alliance on Mental Illness</td>
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<td>Mr. McKee has worked in his role to lead and coordinate the public policy and legislative initiatives of NAMI Ohio as the Director of Policy since 2016. Prior to this position, Mr. McKee worked at a Policy and Advocacy Associate at Voices for Ohio’s Children and at the Ohio Association of County Boards Serving People with Developmental Disabilities.</td>
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<td>Catherine Hill</td>
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<td>Ms. Hill was appointed executive director of Athens County Children Services</td>
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<td>Timothy Schaffner</td>
<td>Executive Director</td>
<td>Trumbull County Children Services</td>
<td>Mr. Schaffner was named the executive director of Trumbull County Children Services (TCCS) in November 2012. As a leader in behavioral health and residential care for children, he has provided consultation and training for many educational, residential and child welfare facilities and brings a wealth of management and child mental health treatment experience to his role as executive director. Prior to joining TCCS, he was the executive director of Valley Counseling Services, corporate director/corporate clinical executive for the Center for Behavioral Medicine at Forum Health and director of youth services at Tod Children’s Hospital in Youngstown.</td>
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<td>Individual Experienced in Working with Children with Disabilities</td>
<td>Brittany Miracle</td>
<td>Program Administrator</td>
<td>Ohio Department of Education</td>
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<td>Jennifer Vargo</td>
<td>Director, Office of Integrated Student Supports</td>
<td>Ohio Department of Education</td>
<td>Ms. Vargo is the Director of the Office of Integrated Student Supports at ODE. This office, in partnership with the U.S. Department of Agriculture, administers several programs that provide healthy food to children and eligible adults. Each of these programs helps fight hunger and obesity by reimbursing organizations such as schools, child care centers and after-</td>
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### Parent/ Representative of Parent Group

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<th>Carlee Perdue</th>
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<td><strong>Carlee is a recovering addict and has been sober for six years. Her substance use led to her involvement with the child welfare system and subsequent removal of her two children. After successful completion of a family dependency treatment court program, Carlee was reunified with both of children.</strong></td>
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### Adult Former Victim of Child Abuse and Neglect**

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<td><strong>Mr. Green’s experience as a former foster and justice-involved youth led him to becoming the Founder and CEO of Think Make Live social enterprise, a nonprofit organization dedicated to empowering community engagement. Mr. Green is a national social justice consultant providing a hallmark experience in supporting opportunities for justice-involved young adults, innovative civic engagement practices and workforce development strategies.</strong></td>
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### Individual Experienced in Working with Homeless Children and Youth

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<th>Bonita Campbell, MS, LSW</th>
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<td><strong>Ms. Campbell provides organizational leadership for Youth Housing Opportunities. She is responsible for fiscal</strong></td>
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management, strategic planning, and quality assurance. Additionally, she represents the agency locally, statewide, and nationally for transition age youth and housing-related initiatives.

| Other | Linda Maxwell | Therapist | White Crane Counseling & Consultation, LLC | Ms. Maxwell is an experienced therapist with a demonstrated history of working in the mental health care industry. She is skilled in nonprofit organizations, relationship counseling, crisis intervention, family therapy, and case management. |

<p>| Additional Workgroup Members | Justin Abel | Technical Assistance Specialist | Ohio Department of Job and Family Services | QRTP Court Oversight |
| Kristen Fox Berki | Deputy Director | Lorain County Children Services | Quality Hearing |
| Barbara Cline | Quality Assurance Supervisor | Athens County Children Services | Quality Hearing |
| Judge Denise Cubbon | Judge | Lucas County Juvenile Court | QRTP Court Oversight |
| Timothy Dick | Assistant Director | Clermont County Job and Family Services | Quality Hearing |
| Carol Fox | CASA Director | Wood County Juvenile Court | Quality Hearing |
| Christine Dobrovich | Chief, Bureau of Child/Adult Protective Services | Ohio Department of Job and Families Services | CHIPS Quality Hearing |</p>
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<td>Chief, Bureau of Children, Youth and Families</td>
<td>Ohio Department of Mental Health and Addiction Services</td>
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*where such programs are in operation*

**see footnote on page 14 of the 2020 CJA Program Instruction regarding the use of alternate wording for this Task Force membership category**
II. Task Force Membership and Function

Description of how the Task Force works together

Information Related to How the Task Force Works Together

1. Structure
   a. Organization

   Ohio’s multidisciplinary task force that complies with the Children’s Justice Act (CJA) requirements set forth in Section 107 of the Child Abuse Prevention and Treatment Act (CAPTA) is established as a subcommittee of the Supreme Court of Ohio (SCO): the Subcommittee on Responding to Child Abuse, Neglect and Dependency (CAND). CAND functions under a standing Advisory Committee on Children and Families appointed by Chief Justice Maureen O’Connor. This report uses the terms CAND and Task Force interchangeably to describe Ohio’s multidisciplinary CJA task force.

   b. Membership

   The Task Force is comprised of a core subcommittee and various topic-specific
workgroups. These workgroups are comprised of both core subcommittee members and additional members with topic-specific expertise and knowledge. As described in previous reports, this work functionality has significantly enhanced the Task Force’s professional participation and diversity in membership while meeting the letter and intent of the federal regulation. Representation that complies with federal multidisciplinary requirements is maintained at all times.

Because the Task Force is established as a subcommittee under the Supreme Court of Ohio’s standing Advisory Committee on Children and Families, the Task Force may additionally focus on topics and recommendations that extend beyond CJA-funded initiatives. These activities will not be discussed within this report.

c. Staffing
The Family and Youth Law Center (FYLaw) at Capital University Law School (Columbus) provides research and support services to the Task Force and workgroups. The Task Force is jointly staffed by ODJFS’ CJA coordinator and SCO’s Manager of the Children and Families Section, the organizational area responsible for administration of the Court Improvement Program (CIP).

d. Frequency of Meeting
The Task Force meets in full three time per year. Task Force meetings are in person, with one telephonic meeting per year permitted. During the period of May 2019 – May 2020, the full task force met on the following dates: August 14, 2019, November 13, 2019, and March 4, 2020. The remaining meetings for 2020 are scheduled for August 12, 2020 and October 28, 2020. The topic-specific workgroups meet with more frequency, based upon the work plans and associated timelines for each workgroup. Workgroup meetings are held both in person and via telephone/other electronic medium. Some of the workgroups also create sub-workgroups for very specific research, i.e. for the group’s legal professionals to examine necessary statutory changes related to the group’s work.

The Task Force workgroups active during the period of May 2019 – May 2020 were: Child In Need of Protective Services Workgroup (CHIPS); CFSR/Quality Hearing Workgroup; and the Family First Prevention Services Qualified Residential Treatment Facility Court Oversight Workgroup. The Task Force’s active workgroups met on the following dates during the period of May 2019 – May 2020:

CHIPS workgroup meetings:
- May 14, 2019
- August 27, 2019
- October 22, 2019 (phone conference meeting)
- January 29, 2020
- February 19, 2020 (judicial sub-workgroup)
• March 2, 2020 (judicial sub-workgroup)
• March 4, 2020

CFSR/Quality Hearing workgroup meetings:
• May 1, 2019
• June 12, 2019
• July 30, 2019
• September 18, 2019
• December 3, 2019 (phone conference meeting)

FFPSA QRTP Court Oversight workgroup meetings:
• February 5, 2020
• March 11, 2020 (legal professionals sub-workgroup)

2. Linkage to Anti-Trafficking Efforts.
   In the fall of 2019, the CJA task force, the Ohio Human Trafficking Task Force and the Children’s Trust Fund collaborated to establish the Human Trafficking Prevention, Intervention, and Training Services Initiative. The initiative provides funding to support human trafficking prevention, intervention and training services throughout Ohio aimed at eliminating the crime of human trafficking and child exploitation. Additional information about this initiative will be discussed in the application for proposed activities section of this report.

3. Linkage to the Child’s Bureau Processes- CFSR, CFSP, ASPR, PIP, CIP
   Ohio continues to place special effort on coordinating the activities of its various federal and state initiatives, including the CFSR, CFSP, ASPR, PIP, and CIP, to ensure that efforts align as pieces of a systemic whole. This is achieved through the institutionalization of communication among programs and by ensuring joint participation in various program planning and work groups. Prior to her departure in December 2019, ODJFS Deputy Director Carla Carpenter served as co-chair of the Task Force and a member of the Advisory Committee on Children and Families. The CJA taskforce also serves as the Court Improvement Program (CIP) Taskforce. Ohio’s CJA Coordinator is a senior manager in Ohio’s state-level child welfare office, ODJFS’ Office of Families and Children. The CJA and CIP Coordinator and CIP Director/Manager of Supreme Court of Ohio’s (SCO) Children and Families Section communicate on an ongoing basis to ensure coordination of efforts. Additionally, the CJA Coordinator attends a monthly SCO-sponsored Family Law Team meeting. This meeting draws from the various organizational areas of SCO that touch upon the families and children who appear before Ohio’s courts. This includes the Ohio Judicial College, Caseflow Management, Dispute Resolution, Domestic Violence, Specialized Dockets, and
Families and Children areas, as well as other areas upon request. CJA and CIP participated in Round 3 of the CFSR and drafting the PIP and CFSP. Consequently, CJA activities have been aligned with the PIP and CFSP.

4. Linkage to Court and Legal Representation Improvement work.
As previously discussed in Section III Prior Year Projects/Activities and Performance Report section of this report, CIP and CJA established the CFSR/Quality Hearing Workgroup as a direct result of the feedback received from the CFSR and root cause analysis process. The goal of this continuing project, after assessing the quality of dependency court practice, is to finalize Court Report and Bench Guide tools to continue to improve hearing quality and assist judicial officers with obtaining the information needed to make all required findings. In addition, the Task Force commenced a new Family First Prevention Services Act QRTP Court Oversight workgroup to help judicial officers understand court requirements related thereto. The Task Force also plans to create a new workgroup in the coming year to improve access to quality legal representation statewide to help properly serve children and families in need of government intervention.

5. Linkage to Family First Prevention Services Act (FFPSA).
The Ohio Department of Job and Family Services (ODJFS) convened the Ohio FFPSA Leadership Advisory Committee to make recommendations for the successful planning and implementation of the federal Family First Prevention Services Act (FFPSA) in Ohio. The Leadership Advisory Committee is divided into four subcommittees; Prevention, Kinship/Adoption Navigator, Family-Based Care, and Qualified Residential Treatment Program (QRTP). Each subcommittee is further divided into workgroups to assist in the development of specific recommendations about FFPSA implementation. Last year, Task Force members served as members of the QRTP Court Oversight workgroup. One of this group’s recommendation was to create a Task Force-specific workgroup to review the court’s role in QRTP placements. This Task Force-specific FFPSA QRTP Court Oversight workgroup, described in more detail below, conducted its first meeting on February 5, 2020.

The Ohio FFPSA Leadership Advisory Committee Governance Structure is pictured below:
6. Additional Linkages:

In 2019, Governor DeWine created the Office of Children Services Transformation and appointed council members to serve as advisors to the office. Both the state CIP Director and the Task force co-chair serve as members of the advisory council. The council was established to evaluate and recommend needed foster care reforms; strengthen children services practices; and prioritize the safety, permanency, and well-being of Ohio’s children and families. The council’s charge is to:

- Advise the Office of Children Services Transformation and other Ohio Department of Job and Family Services officials on statewide issues related to children and families who are involved with the child protection and foster care system.
- Promote a shared state and county vision for agency purpose and practice.
- Create a statewide practice model that provides a consistent framework for developing goals, strategies, and action steps for all planning and performance improvement efforts.
- Develop strategies and recommendations to strengthen all areas of the system, to include the following key priorities: kinship care, foster care, adoption, practice, workforce, and prevention.
- Review data, trends, policies, challenges, and system improvement opportunities that will inform advocacy and decision-making to strengthen the
entire continuum of care for children, families, and caregivers involved with the children services system.

7. Work Plan

The Task Force’s work is guided by the needs identified in each three-year assessment. Additional items that are consistent with the subcommittee’s purpose may be referred for subcommittee consideration at any time. Based upon the identified needs, the task force developed the following recommendations:

- Provide regional, multidisciplinary training opportunities that encourage stakeholder-driven action planning.
- Support experimental, model and demonstration programming that addresses substance use disorders within the families that come to the attention of the child welfare system.
- Support court-connected strategies that are included within Ohio’s Round Three Program Improvement Plan.
- Re-examine the proposed Child in Need of Protective Services legislative language.

8. Communication of Activities

CAND’s project website, http://www.ohiochildlaw.org has proven to be an effective tool to communicate the subcommittee work and provide resources. It is updated with Task Force meeting dates, rosters, and finalized work products.

ODJFS’ Office of Families and Children’s website posts the CJA annual report and program application to ensure that there is full access to this and other strategic planning documents such as the CFSR Final Report, Annual Progress and Services Report, CAPTA State Plan Update, and Child and Family Services Plan. These can be found at http://jfs.ohio.gov/ocf/Reports-Plans-and-Presentations.stm. The SCO’s website provides a link to the ODJFS Office of Families and Children page as well as other reports developed by CAND.

Information regarding these reports and CAND activities are highlighted in ODJFS’ Office of Family and Children Services’ monthly update, First Friday. This publication has a wide distribution across disciplines and geography.
III. Prior Year Performance Report

Improving Team Performance/CFSR PIP

Task Force Recommendation: This activity seeks to address the Task Force’s ongoing recommendation to support regional multidisciplinary training opportunities that promote stakeholder-driven action planning. This also addresses the Task Force’s intent to promote Ohio’s PIP to address areas needing improvement.

Narrative Description
Ohio’s CFSR PIP was approved on July 1, 2019 by the HHS, Children’s Bureau. The PIP was developed in collaboration with fifteen public children services agencies (PCSA) who were part of Ohio’s Round 3 CFSR on-site case reviews and interviews, IV-E Courts, the Supreme Court of Ohio Court Improvement Program, CJA task force, sister agencies, the Public Children Services Association of Ohio (PCSAO), and other stakeholders. The PIP is divided into two component parts; Practice Improvement Strategies and Case Record Reviews and Case Participant Interviews. Ohio’s first Semi-Annual PIP Progress report, collaboratively drafted with PCSAs, CJA and CIP, was submitted to HHS on February 14, 2020. In April, Ohio facilitated four meetings with HHS and aforementioned stakeholders to review PIP implementation progress and timelines. Case record reviews and case participant interviews were scheduled to commence on June 1, 2020 and conclude on May 31, 2021. However, due to Covid-19, a request to delay this component was submitted to HHS.

CJA and CIP are specifically responsible for the following PIP goal and strategies:

Goal 4: Ensure that children achieve permanency in a timely manner.

- **Strategy 2:** Work with 2 counties to implement targeted strategies, based upon statewide findings and areas identified by each county, to reduce court delays throughout the child welfare court case process from shelter care through Termination of Parental Rights. The targeted strategies will combine trainings and formal court processes created in collaboration with the public children services agency and other stakeholders.

- **Strategy 3:** Based upon research into the effects of bench cards and training on bench cards, bench guide and a court report will be created that can be utilized to increase best practices at hearings.

The taskforce has aligned the Quality Hearing Project work to address these PIP strategies. The update for this work can be found in the project update that follows.
**CFSR/Quality Hearing Project**

**Task Force Recommendation:** Promote and support Ohio’s PIP to address CFSR areas needing improvement.

The Quality Hearing Project began as a direct result of feedback received from the CFSR process to explore current practice in statewide abuse, neglect, and dependency cases and identify strengths and opportunities for improvement. Through a partnership with CIP and CJA, the CIP Coordinator contracted with Dr. Alicia Summers to conduct a review of shelter care and permanency/annual review recorded hearings, for the same case, if possible, and evaluate them based on a structured court observation tool. The 12 participating sites were asked to submit between 10 and 30 recordings; 341 total hearings were reviewed. Each participating site received a county-specific *Summary of Findings* describing current and practice in these hearings. A workgroup was selected and convened on March 6, 2019, to attend Dr. Summers’ presentation of Ohio statewide data.

Following the presentation, the workgroup’s first task was to draft a Court Report to be used as an enhancement to testimony provided during annual review hearings or at the court’s discretion or request for other hearings. The goal was to create a Report to provide the judicial officer with the information needed to make all required findings in one place, and to help increase parental engagement during the court hearings. Keeping this in mind, the workgroup also worked to limit the amount of required new information from caseworkers. The final draft of the Court Report includes entirely self-generated information from existing SACWIS documents with the exception of one new, short narrative section focusing on the agency’s reasonable efforts. The group’s next work product was an accompanying Bench Guide to mirror the Court Report; the Bench Guide includes meaningful questions to help prompt the hearing to get the judicial officer needed information to make required findings. The workgroup created both a long and short version of this Bench Guide.

Presently, the final draft of the Court Report is being reviewed by additional stakeholders. Once a final Court Report is approved and the Bench Guides are updated as needed, the workgroup’s next steps will be developing and implementing a training plan.

Franklin County Domestic Relations and Juvenile Court and Summit County Juvenile Court were selected to implement and test targeted strategies to reduce court delays throughout the child welfare court case process. Based on the results of the quality hearing study and consultation with the Supreme Court of Ohio’s Case Management Section, the courts identified the following strategies:

Franklin County
1. Create standard protocols for service on AND cases.
2. Make John Doe service immediately on all cases where paternity is not established.
3. Send original service by ordinary mail.
4. Address documentation of Courtroom Service on AND Cases.
5. Accurate service results will be communicated in a timely manner to clerk and partner agencies/parties.
6. Increase knowledge and number of referrals to Family Recovery Court.
7. Improve continuing education and knowledge for court staff, appointed counsel, and child welfare staff.
8. Increase the awareness and the number of referrals to existing Child Protection Mediation (CPM) program.

Summit County

1. The court will utilize a common carrier for service on AND cases.
2. The court will ensure in-person service during a hearing is properly docketed in the Case Management System and all service, summons, and hearing notices are made viewable in the electronic system.
3. Magistrates’ shall place parties under oath when identifying party names and addresses.
4. The court will use text notifications to remind parties of upcoming hearing dates. The anticipated benefits of these strategies will reduce occurrences of parties failing to appear and improved service outcomes allowing timelier case flow processing.
5. The court will implement a pilot project to use pretrial hearings in advance of the adjudicatory hearing to assist in timely case resolution. The goal of the pilot is to increase the number of opportunities for parties to meet with their attorneys, caseworkers, and GAL/CASAs which ultimately should improve adherence to the case plan.
6. Increase knowledge and participation in Family Recovery Court.
7. Increase the use of CPM earlier in the life of a child welfare case.

Child Welfare, Courts and Substance Use Disorder

Quality Improvement Center for Collaborative Community Court Teams

Task Force Recommendation: This activity seeks to address the Task Force’s recommendation to support implementation of experimental, model, and demonstration programs designed to improve and coordinate substance use disorder services on behalf of families who come to the attention of the child welfare and judicial systems. It also supports
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regional multidisciplinary training opportunities that promote stakeholder-driven action planning.

Narrative Description

CJA supports Ohio’s participation in the National Quality Improvement Center for Collaborative Community Court Teams (QIC-CCCT). The QIC-CCCT is a national research project to address the needs of infants and families affected by substance use disorders and prenatal substance exposure. The project is funded by the Children’s Bureau and operated by the Center for Children and Family Futures and its partners, the National Center for State Courts, Advocates for Human Potential, American Bar Association Center on Children and the Law, the Tribal Law and Policy Institute, and a pool of nationally recognized experts. The goal of the initiative is to strengthen the Collaborative Community Court Teams’ capacity to improve services and outcomes for infants, young children, and their families/caregivers. In addition, it will enhance the capacity of these teams to implement the provisions of the Comprehensive Addiction and Recovery Act 2016 amendments to the Child Abuse and Prevention Treatment Act. Three of the fifteen demonstration sites selected through a competitive selection process are in Ohio; Trumbull, Fairfield and Coshocton. Additional sites are from Oklahoma, Alabama, Georgia, Florida, Arizona, Alaska, Texas and the Yurok Tribe of Northern California. The Supreme Court of Ohio serves as the state-level coordinator for Ohio with a Core leadership team of representatives from the Ohio departments of Job and Family Services, Medicaid, Health, Developmental Disabilities, and Mental Health and Addiction Services.

Since the project began, the original teams have expanded to include not only the court, child welfare, mental health, substance abuse providers, hospitals and clinics, but also brought in partners from WIC, MOMs programs, domestic violence agencies, family and children first councils, developmental disabilities and OB/Gyns. They have also received education from national experts such as Dr. Ira Chasnoff, Judge Leonard Edwards, and Dr. Mishka Terplan. Through this education and collaboration, each of the teams made the decision to identify pregnant women using substances. The teams are working with agencies who see mothers prenatally to link the mothers to services and begin the development of a plan of safe care prior to delivery.

Since full implementation and formal data collection began earlier this year, there is no quantitative outcome data to share. However, the Ohio sites have reported three positive project impacts. First, the project has increased cross system collaboration and communication which improves access to appropriate services. Second, it has increased the number of families who participate in Family Dependency Treatment Courts. These courts show better results through the use of intensive services to help families reach permanency. And finally, it has created a more consistent community approach to women who are using substances during pregnancy—an approach that is more focused on treatment and health outcomes.
Four regional multidisciplinary trainings were scheduled to highlight how Ohio’s QIC-CCCT sites have worked to: enhance their capacity to appropriately implement the provisions of CARA including plans of safe care; enhance and expand their capacity to effectively collaborate to address the needs of infants, young children, and their families/caregivers affected by substance use disorders and prenatal exposure; and sustain effective collaborative partnerships, processes, programs, and procedures implemented to achieve goals. However, due to COVID-19, all four sessions were canceled.

**Intimate Partner Violence within a Differential Response Framework**

**Safe & Together™ in Ohio**

*Task Force Recommendation:* This activity seeks to address the Task Force’s recommendation to promote and support Ohio’s PIP to address CFSR areas needing improvement and continue support to maintain Ohio’s system for responding to intimate partner violence.

*Narrative Description*

In response to strong county interest in the early 2010s, the State of Ohio, supported by Casey Family Programs, the National Center for Adoption Law & Policy (NCALP)—now the Family and Youth Law Center, DMA, the HealthPath Foundation of Ohio, and the Ohio Domestic Violence Network initiated the development of the Ohio Intimate Partner Violence (IPV) Collaborative. This multi-faceted initiative was aimed at building IPV response competency within child protective services agencies and fostering enhanced partnerships among child welfare, courts, domestic violence service providers and other critical stakeholders. Several pilot counties requested training and technical assistance to enhance their response in these cases and identified the Safe and Together Model™ created by David Mandel & Associates, LLC (DMA)—now the Safe & Together Institute—as a model of interest.

The Safe & Together™ CORE training provides a comprehensive introduction to domestic violence using a perpetrator pattern-based, child-centered, and survivor strengths approach. The Model was originally developed for child welfare systems, so it goes beyond a primer on domestic violence to teach practical skills and tools rooted in child welfare assessment, interviewing, documentation, and case-planning. The Safe & Together Model also improves the ability of child welfare to work with complex cases that have substance abuse, mental health, and other intersecting problems, making the connections with domestic violence clearer and helping to ensure a more holistic approach to serving families.

Safe & Together™ has gone through multiple expansions in Ohio. After a successful pilot, Ohio became the first S&T training site to certify local trainers to meet growing training needs across
the state. Since the original four counties, workers from 55 additional county PCSAs have participated in Safe & Together™ trainings bringing the current total to 59, or 67 percent of Ohio counties. So far, thirty-seven (62%) of those have brought the trainings back to their counties for booster trainings for new, incoming staff. Approximately 274 PCSA staff members and community partners have participated in Safe & Together™ trainings within the past year. Meanwhile, Ohio has retained seven (63%) of the original 11 certified trainers, a rarity among Safe & Together sites, which gives Ohio the unique benefit of trainers who are not only extensively experienced in child welfare and domestic violence, but who have also been training and practicing the Model for nine years.

2019-2020 Milestones
The Safe & Together Institute (S&TI) has continued to work with seven Ohio-based trainers through regular communications and technical assistance, quarterly trainer meetings, and pre- and post-training discussions around practice needs. All trainers completed a recertification process in 2019 that will allow them to maintain certification through fiscal year 2020-2021. The Collaborative is currently working with the Ohio Department of Job and Family Services to coordinate a new initiative with Ohio’s certified Safe & Together trainers designed to provide consultations in child welfare cases involving domestic violence in designated counties as part of Ohio’s CFSR Program Improvement Plan (PIP).

The Ohio IPV Collaborative Coordinator has continued to participate in the state-wide, multi-agency Linking Systems of Care for Ohio’s Youth stakeholder group and Supportive Services workgroup. In November, she attended the North America Safe and Together Conference, where Jennifer Sosniak, a Franklin County caseworker, was recognized as the 2019 Safe & Together Champion for North America (she was nominated by an Ohio certified trainer).

S&TI has initiated annual updates to its most frequently used curricula, including the CORE and Supervisor trainings. Ohio started using the latest versions this January. S&TI has also hosted multiple trainings in Ohio as part of their ongoing technical assistance, including three webinars—on Worker Safety, Partnering with Survivors, and Case Planning. S&TI faculty also presented two in-person workshops in Columbus this past summer: Partnering with Survivors and Introduction to Intersections: Domestic Violence, Substance Abuse, and Mental Health.

A total of 59 counties have completed the Safe and Together™ model training. Defiance and Paulding became the latest counties to introduce the Model last fall. The two trained not only child welfare staff, but also law enforcement and court personnel. The map below identifies counties trained in the model:

1 Please note, training numbers have been lower this year reflecting an initial delay in contract processing and training cancellations due to COVID-19 precautions and regulations.
Current efforts focus on reaching untrained counties, establishing regular trainings in regional training centers (The North Central Ohio RTC, Northeast Ohio RTC, and Central Ohio RTC have started offering CORE trainings 2-3 times each year; the Northwest Ohio RTC is offering CORE this fall for the first time since 2012), building supervisory capacity, reviewing implementation and evaluation strategies, and planning additional training support opportunities. With the new challenges presented by COVID-19 and mandatory social distancing, the Collaborative has been working with trainers and S&TI to get Ohio workers access to a virtual CORE training.

These activities reform state systems by implementing a significant shift in how communities address child maltreatment when intimate partner violence is a factor within the home. This approach moves from a short-term, segmented, and crisis-based reaction to a holistic, community approach which focuses on the long-term safety of the child, partnership with the adult survivor, and holding perpetrators accountable.
Evaluation

Feedback is received via training and trainer evaluations, trainer notes, emails to, and in-person conversations with the Coordinator, the Safe & Together Institute, and individual trainers. The Safe & Together Institute has continued working with Michigan State University’s Research Consortium on Gender-based Violence to improve data collection and analysis. The Ohio IPV Collaborative is in talks with S&TI to bring MSU researchers to Ohio for focus groups with local trainers and training participants in two-three counties to gauge Ohio workers’ application of the Model in their day-to-day practice.

Participants are also surveyed each year following CORE trainings. 2019 results are below:

In response to: “Have you added any of the following to your assessments?”
- 98% reported making at least one change to their assessment process;
- 26% incorporated both survivor strengths and protective behaviors and the influence of related issues like substance abuse and mental health; and
- 17% included Multiple Pathways to Harm.

In response to: “Have you added any of the following to your interviews?”
- 97% reported making at least one change to their interviews;
- 26% of respondents included safety precautions for families and child welfare staff;
- 28% incorporated a focus on perpetrator patterns and the impact on children; and
- 18% included efforts to partner with the survivor.

In response to: “Have you added any of the following to your documentation?”
- 95% reported making at least one change to their documentation;
- 31% of respondents included specific examples of survivor strengths;
- 39% included specific examples of the impact on child and family functioning; and
- 14% reported adding detailed interview notes with safety precautions.

In response to: “Have you added any of the following to your case planning?”
- 91% of respondents reported making at least one change to their case planning;
- 32% included a focus on the needs of the children, whether or not they had witnessed the abuse
- 23% included partnership with the non-offending parent; and
- 14% included emphasis on perpetrator behavior change versus just service referrals.
**Action Plans:** The majority (66%) of respondents reported making progress on the Action Plans they created during the training. 4% reported following their plan very closely; 31% reported following the plan closely; and 31% reported following the plan somewhat closely.

**Challenges:** Respondents identified multiple challenges to including the Model’s approach in everyday practice; 21% identified limited time because of tight schedule and heavy caseload; 33% identified lack of community resources, such as shelters and batterer intervention programs; and 21% identified “other” challenges, including not being in a role that works with a family throughout the entire case and issues with supervisors and coworkers insisting on including ineffective services (such as anger management) in case plans.

**Follow-up:** Safe and Together™ trainings for community partners (26%), e-newsletters with practice tips (21%), and webinars (17%) were identified as being the most helpful follow-ups to the CORE training.

**Recommendation:** Overall, 89% said “yes,” they would recommend Safe & Together trainings; 7% said they would “maybe” recommend the trainings; and 4% said “no,” they would not recommend the trainings.

**Training and Support of First Responders**

**Task Force Recommendation:** Ensure that child victims of sexual abuse have access to skilled and competent services regardless of geography.

CJA continues to provide training and support to child sexual abuse first responders through Ohio’s consortium of children’s hospitals. The support has four interlocking components:

1. **Pediatric Sexual Assault Nurses Examiners (PSANE)**

   The Mayerson Center for Safe and Healthy Children trains medical providers from medically underserved Ohio communities to conduct skilled, medical evaluations for sexual abuse and severe physical abuse cases. Previous reports have documented the objectives and benefits of Ohio’s long-term investment. These opportunities allow PSANE to retain competence, meet continuing education requirements and maintain quality assurance for experienced Ohio RNs and APNs as Pediatric Sexual Assault Nurse Examiners.

   The Mayerson Center for Safe and Healthy Children held two five-day didactic PSANE Instruction & Assessment courses to develop necessary skills, educate and meet certification requirements for new Ohio RNs and APNs as Pediatric Sexual Assault Nurse Examiners and provide education and understanding of the Child Advocacy Center.
process for those professionals responding to child sexual abuse. PSANE training was held April 29 –May 3, 2019 and September 23-27, 2019. The September training registered 12 participants representing McComb, Dayton, West Jefferson. Louisville and Cincinnati, OH with additional nurses from Michigan City, Indianapolis and Jasper, IN and Buchanan, MI. Healthcare Systems included Blanchard Valley Health, Akron Children’s Hospital, Dayton Children’s Hospital, Nationwide Children’s Hospital, Riley Hospital for Children, TriHealth, St. Joseph Health, Memorial Hospital and Health Care Center, Franciscan Health and Cincinnati Children’s Hospital.

Evaluations from both trainings were very positive, as indicated by responses to the four questions below:

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<td>93% Strongly Agree 7% Agree</td>
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<td>I will be able to use what I gained from this learning experience to improve by patient’s medical and/or quality of life outcomes.</td>
<td>92% Strongly Agree 8% Agree</td>
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<td>This activity will positively impact the clinical skills and performance of my healthcare team.</td>
<td>91% Strongly Agree 9% Agree</td>
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<td>86% Strongly Agree 14% Agree</td>
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<td>Less than 1 month 57% 1-3 months 35% 4-6 months 3% 7-9 months 5%</td>
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2. Medical Peer Review.

Initial activities included planning, recruiting, advertising and preparing for this new online program. The first peer review session took place on October 15, 2019 with eight participants from Akron Children’s, Dayton Children’s, Cleveland MetroHealth and Cincinnati Children’s Hospitals. The second session was held on January 21, 2020 with four participants from Akron Children’s, Dayton Children’s, Nationwide and Cincinnati Children’s Hospitals. The April session has been postponed and the next regular scheduled session is on June 16, 2020. The Mayerson Center recently finalized the evaluation process for this activity and at the time of this writing did not have data available.

3. Peer Review of Forensic Interviews.

Statewide Peer Review of Forensic Interviews are scheduled for the third Thursday of every month. Regularly participating sites currently include Clark, Fairfield, Franklin, Greene, Hamilton, Ross, Stark, Summit, Tuscarawas, Warren and Wayne counties.
The opportunity to join peer review is announced at each Beyond the Silence (Ohio’s forensic interviewing) training. Ongoing peer review and support are critical quality assurance and continuing education components of the forensic interviewing program supported through these funds.

The annual statewide peer review retreat was scheduled for November 2019; but postponed due to unforeseen circumstances with ONCAC. This annual activity allows participants in statewide peer review to receive continuing education on a specialized topic. It also provides statewide Children’s Advocacy Center and partner agency staff an opportunity to interact in person, which we believe enhances the on-line critiquing experience for participants. Rescheduling the retreat has been delayed due to the Shelter-in-Place orders related to COVID19.

The Mayerson Center recently finalized the evaluation process for this activity and at the time of this writing did not have data available.

4. Beyond the Silence Forensic Interview Training

Oversight for Ohio’s forensic interviewing instructional and training program, Beyond the Silence, continues to be offered through the Mayerson Center for Safe and Healthy Children. Instructional sessions are linked to the Ohio Child Welfare Training Program and held at regional training centers unless an on-site session appears more appropriate or needed. The curriculum meets the National Children’s Alliance standard for forensic interview training. The manual was revised to include the OJJDP Publication, Child Forensic Interviewing: Best Practices.

Two levels of instruction are offered through the programming: a three-day introductory (BTS 1) course and a three-day advanced (BTS 2) course. Since the trainings are held at the regional training centers, they attract a multi-county audience and multidisciplinary audience. The following trainings were held during the past year:

BTS 1 – Franklin County – January 23-25, 2019. This training had 9 participants from Champaign, Crawford, Franklin, Morrow, Washington and Wayne Counties. Participants included 8 children’s services workers and an advocate from the National Youth Advocacy Program.

BTS 1 – Hamilton County – February 13-15, 2019. This training had 15 participants from Butler, Clermont, Hamilton and Washington counties. Participants included 8 children’s services workers and 7 law enforcement officers.
BTS 1 – Summit County – February 20-22, 2019. This training had 29 participants from Columbiana, Cuyahoga, Lorain, Medina and Summit counties. Participants included 18 children’s services workers, 10 law enforcement officers and 1 child advocacy center staff.

BTS 2 – Cuyahoga County – March 20-22, 2019. This training had 19 participants from Ashtabula, Cuyahoga, Morrow and Wayne counties. Participants included 16 children’s protective services workers and 3 law enforcement officers.

BTS 2 – Columbus (Franklin) – April 17-19, 2019. This training was cancelled due to low attendance.

BTS 1 – Cincinnati (Hamilton) – April 24-26, 2019. This training had 12 participants from Allen, Butler, Clermont, Hamilton, Washington and Warren counties. Participants included 6 children’s protective services workers, 2 law enforcement officers, 2 developmental disabilities workers, 1 mental health professional and 1 victim’s advocate.

BTS 2 – Akron (Summit) – May 15-17, 2019. This training had 9 participants from Allen, Ashtabula, Cuyahoga, Summit and Washington counties. Participants included 7 children’s services workers, 1 law enforcement officer and one child advocacy center staff person.

BTS 1 – Toledo (Lucas) – June 5-7, 2019. This training had 26 participants from Defiance, Erie, Fairfield, Fulton, Hancock, Henry, Lucas, Ottawa, Paulding and Williams counties. Participants included 13 children’s services workers, 8 law enforcement officers, 1 prosecutor, 1 victim’s advocate, and 1 mental health professional.

BTS 1 – Cambridge (Guernsey) – June 26-28, 2019. This training had 15 participants from Guernsey, Jefferson, Knox, Licking, Tuscarawas and Washington counties. Participants included 13 children’s services workers, 1 law enforcement officer and one mental health professional.

BTS 1: Cleveland (Cuyahoga) – July 31- August 2, 2019. This training had 28 participants from Cuyahoga, Erie, and Summit counties. Participants included 26 children’s protective services worker, one law enforcement officer and one victim’s advocate.

BTS 1: Akron (Summit) – August 21-23, 2019. This training had 42 participants from Ashtabula, Cuyahoga, Lake, Lorain, Richland, Stark and Summit counties. Participants included 32 children’s protective services workers, five law enforcement officers and five children’s advocacy center staff.

BTS 1: Mercer County – September 4-6, 2019. This training had 20 participants from Clark, Darke, Greene, Hardin, Mercer, Montgomery and Van Wert counties. Participants included 16 children’s protective services workers and four law enforcement officers.
BTS 1: Columbus (Franklin) – September 25-27, 2019. This training had 11 participants from Clark, Delaware, Franklin, Marion and Richland counties. Participants were all children’s protective services workers.

BTS 1: Toledo (Lucas) – October 9-11, 2019 This training had 18 participants from Fulton, Lucas and Ottawa counties. Participants included five children’s protective services workers, 12 law enforcement officers and one investigator from the Prosecutor’s Office.

BTS 1: Cleveland (Cuyahoga) – October 30 – November 1, 2019. This training had 28 participants from Cuyahoga, Geauga, Lake, Lorain, Richland counties. Participants included 21 children’s protective services workers and seven law enforcement officers.

BTS Gap Refresher: Akron (Summit) – November 19, 2019. This training had 11 participants from Ashtabula, Clark, Cuyahoga, Medina, Stark, and Summit counties. All participants were children’s protective services workers. Gap refreshers are advanced or additional topics in forensic interviewing; the topics are participant driven. In this gap refresher the topic was best practices in forensic interviewing paper, testifying about forensic interviews, suggestibility in forensic interviews and an activity that showed the value of open-ended questions.

BTS 2: Akron (Summit) – November 20-22, 2019. This training had 12 participants from Ashtabula, Cuyahoga, Lorain, Richland, Summit and Washington counties. Participants included seven children’s protective workers and five law enforcement officers.

BTS 2 – Cleveland (Cuyahoga) – December 11-13, 2019. This training was cancelled due to low attendance numbers.

BTS 2 – Toledo (Lucas) – January 15-17, 2020. This training had 8 participants. Participants included 4 children’s services workers, 2 law enforcement officers and 2 child advocacy center staff. Participants were from Fulton, Henry and Wyandot Counties.

BTS 1 – Cincinnati (Hamilton) – February 5-7, 2020. This training had 21 participants. Participants included 17 children’s services workers, 1 child advocacy center staff person, 2 child abuse pediatrics fellows and one guardian ad litem. Participants were from the following counties: Brown, Butler, Clark, Clermont, Hamilton, Ottawa and Warren.

BTS 1 – Akron (Summit)- February 19-21, 2020. This training had 28 participants. Participants included 22 children’s services workers, 4 law enforcement officers and 2 child advocacy center staff persons. Participants were from the following counties: Crawford, Cuyahoga, Lake, Lorain, Trumbull, Medina, Portage, Summit and Wayne. During this grant year, Lake County has decided to adopt Beyond the Silence as the forensic interview protocol for their county. Supervisors initially attended the training. Another training specifically for Lake County caseworkers is planned for the future.
BTS 1 – Cleveland (Cuyahoga)– March 25-27, 2020. This training was cancelled due to the shelter-in-place orders during the COVID19 pandemic.

At the conclusion of each BTS session, a training evaluation is sent to each participant electronically. Overall, the results indicate a positive impact on knowledge and job performance as listed below:

- **BTS 1**
  - 100% agreed the training increased their knowledge and/or skills
  - 99% agreed the training will improve their job performance or parenting skills
  - 98% would recommend this training to others

- **BTS 2**
  - 100% agreed the training increased their knowledge and/or skills
  - 100% agreed the training will improve their job performance or parenting skills
  - 100% would recommend this training to others

**Guardian Ad Litem Rule and Practice Review Initiative**

*Task Force Recommendation:* Review and commend revisions to Rule 48 of the Rules of Superintendence as related to juvenile application.

As detailed in past reports, the Task Force has spent significant time reviewing state laws, ordinances, regulations, protocols, and procedures relating to guardian ad litem (GAL) practice and making specific recommendations to the existing Rule 48 of the Supreme Court Rules of Superintendence as it relates to GAL practice and training in abuse and neglect cases.

A review of an additional public comment stage was conducted during the time period of May 2019 – May 2020; the new comments echoed the first round of public comments and centered around dual appointment, increase in education requirements, and release of the GAL report to parties. Very few additional changes were made after comments were reviewed and considered. The final version will be sent out for final review and the goal is to have the final rule before the Committee of the Rules of Superintendence in June of 2020.
Child in Need of Protective Services

Task Force Recommendation: Re-examine the proposed Child in Need of Protective Services legislative language.

As detailed in previous reports, the Task Force initially decided to reengage with the Child in Need of Protective Services (CHIPS) proposed legislation by focusing on three sub-components of the initial legislative proposal, instead of the comprehensive approach, specifically: Dependency, Sexual Harm, and Harm by Substance Misuse. After much discussion, the Task Force decided to return to a comprehensive CHIPS proposal and formed a new workgroup to commence this project. The new workgroup is comprised of members knowledgeable about historical CHIPS work and new members.

The new CHIPS workgroup held its first meeting on May 14, 2019. The group began by reviewing Ohio’s long history with CHIPS and turned to focus on the current readiness for CHIPS in light of Ohio’s concurrent child welfare system changes. The group discussed ideas such as re-branding, past obstacles and how to overcome same, and identified further information and research needed. Some of the topics identified and reviewed by the workgroup included: CHIPS impact on mandating reporting and child abuse/neglect registry searches; creation of a “Why CHIPS” document and a fact sheet to share with stakeholders; a comprehensive review of the last introduced CHIPS legislation and seven categories included to note necessary changes to better align with the current child welfare climate/practice, including FFPSA mandates; and a review of other areas of Ohio law that a CHIPS model would impact.

After discussion during the January 2020 meeting, the workgroup determined a plan to best align with the concurrent changes in the Ohio child welfare system, including the extensive work of the Governor’s Office of Child Welfare Transformation. The group decide that the new CHIPS proposal should include a focus on process elements, both for the child welfare agencies and the courts, to continue to work toward the long-standing goals of CHIPS, including increasing parental engagement, creating consistency across Ohio’s 88 county-based system, and decreasing time to permanency.

Family First Prevention Services Qualified Residential Treatment Provider Court Oversight Workgroup

Task Force Recommendation: Provide tools and recommendations to guide planning and implementation efforts to successfully fulfill the requirements of FFPSA.

The Task Force’s FFPSA QRTP Court Oversight workgroup compliments the work of Ohio’s FFPSA Leadership Council, and met for the first time on February 5, 2020 to begin work focused on the
court’s role in the prescribed process. The group began with an extensive review of court-related requirements related to QRTPs, including the court’s required review and approval or disapproval of a QRTP placement after 60 days in placement, based upon the independent evaluation required within 30 days of placement. The courts are also required to conduct subsequent reviews of the QRTP after the initial review. The workgroup identified three phases of work. The first was identification of Ohio Revised Code and Ohio Administrative Code changes to comport with FFPSA QRTP court oversight. The second phase of work is the creation of a judicial toolkit to assist judicial officers with the requirements described above. The toolkit will include a review of requirements, related laws, best practice guidelines, sample forms, and procedural and process guidance. The third phase of work will be an educational component for both judicial officers and attorneys.

After the first full workgroup meeting, a sub-workgroup made up of the attorneys and judicial officers in the group met to review and identify a list of potentially impacted statute and rules.

The group also identified additional research and information that will be needed as work continues.

**Website**

The Subcommittee on Responding to Child Abuse, Neglect and Dependency (CAND) website, [http://www.ohiochildlaw.org](http://www.ohiochildlaw.org), continues to function as a very effective tool for the Subcommittee. The website was been redesigned and upgraded to include mobile-friendly usage via the Task Force’s contracted staffing with the Family and Youth Law Center.

FYLaw continues to provide regular updates to the website, including Task Force and workgroup meeting information, workgroup updates, and related documents.

### IV. Prior Year Line Item Budget Expenditures

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V. Application for Proposed Activities

Description of proposed activities for the upcoming year: Ohio will use Federal Fiscal Year 2019-2021 Children's Justice Act monies to focus on the Task Force’s recommendations to:

1. Promote and support Ohio’s PIP to address CFSR areas needing improvement.
2. Support and promote reform of state laws and procedures to improve the investigation and prosecution of child abuse and neglect.
3. Provide tools and recommendations to guide planning and implementation efforts to successfully fulfill the requirements of FFPSA.
4. Provide support to ensure that child victims of human trafficking or children at risk have access to skilled and competent services regardless of geography.
5. Continue support to ensure that alleged child victims of sexual assault have access skilled and competent medical services.
6. Continue support to maintain Ohio’s system for responding to intimate partner violence within a differential response framework.
7. Support implementation of experimental, model, and demonstration programs designed to improve and coordinate substance use disorder services on behalf of families who come to the attention of the child welfare and judicial systems.
8. Provide continued research, communication and support services to the Task Force and its workgroups.

1. Intimate Partner Violence

Proposed Activities

- Continue implementation of the Safe & Together™ Model as an intimate partner violence intervention
- Maintain Ohio Intimate Partner Violence Collaborative
- Secure experts in the Safe & Together™ Model to provide case-specific consultation pertaining to domestic violence for child protection services agency personnel in designated counties as part of Ohio’s CFSR Program Improvement Plan (PIP).

Goals

- Safe and Together™ is more fully integrated into existing Ohio child welfare practice and systems.
- Policies and materials are established that clearly identify the ways in which Safe and Together™ programming supports PCSAs in addressing current and pressing child welfare issues.
- A consistent, statewide understanding of The Safe and Together™ model is achieved.
Extent to which this project/activity contributes to the reform of State systems’ handling of cases of child abuse and neglect

Ohio’s Intimate Partner Collaborative is implementing a significant shift in how communities address child maltreatment when intimate partner violence is a factor within the home. This approach moves from a short-term, segmented, and crisis-based reaction to a holistic, community partnership approach which focuses on the long-term safety of the child while holding caregivers accountable. Case-specific consultation uses experts to provide caseworkers with real-time technical support to critically think through safety concerns for families impacted by intimate partner violence.

CJA Required Category
Experimental, Model, and Demonstration Programs for Testing Innovative Approaches and Techniques

Task Force Recommendation/Goal
This activity seeks to address the Task Force’s recommendation to promote and support Ohio’s PIP to address CFSR areas needing improvement and continue support to maintain Ohio’s system for responding to intimate partner violence within a differential response framework.

Evaluation Methods
- Core training is provided regularly at each of Ohio’s eight regional training centers.
- Safe and Together™ becomes the single training option which meets domestic violence training requirements through the Ohio Child Welfare Training Program.
- Data collection through training evaluations, post-training/consultation surveys, and focus groups indicates an increased understanding and application of Ohio’s Safe and Together™ model.

2. Child In Need of Protective Services (CHIPS) Workgroup
Proposed Activity
The Task Force plans to continue with a comprehensive Child in Need of Protective Services legislative proposal within the specific CHIPS workgroup. After a year of great progress in considering past work and reactions to a CHIPS model, new research, and new state-wide developments and priorities, the workgroup will continue with additional focus on process elements. The workgroup will consider how judicial and PCSA process refinement can help progression toward the workgroup’s goals. The workgroup will continue to consider the Governor’s statewide child welfare priorities in when and how to introduce this proposal and will continue working toward securing support from stakeholders and legislators. The Family and Youth Law Center will partner on the continuing work of this workgroup.
Goals
- Develop a recommendation for a Child in Need of Protective Services (CHIPS) framework to replace the current abuse, neglect, dependency adjudicatory model.
- Use feedback to focus on the needs of Ohio’s children to create a proposal likely to garner support and eventual implementation.

Extent to which this project/activity contributes to the reform of State systems’ handling of cases of child abuse and neglect
This activity seeks to create clear and consistent statewide criteria for initial child abuse screening decisions and to ensure Ohio law relating to the investigation and prosecution of child abuse and neglect properly serves children and families in need of government intervention.

CJA Required Category
Reform of State Laws, Ordinances, Regulations, Protocols, and Procedures to Provide Comprehensive Protection for Children

Task Force Recommendations/Goals
This activity seeks to address the Task Force’s recommendation to support and promote reform of state laws and procedures to improve the investigation and prosecution of child abuse and neglect.

Evaluation Methods
Once in the implementation stage, data collection through training evaluations, post-training surveys, and focus groups indicates an increased understanding of CHIPS-related changes required.

3. CFSR/Quality Hearing Project
Proposed Activity
The Task Force plans to continue with the work of the CFSR/Quality Hearing workgroup. Described in further detail above, the next steps for this workgroup will be to work with all relevant stakeholders to finalize the Court Report and Bench Guides. Once complete, the workgroup will establish detailed plans to implement usage of these work products and training for judicial officers. The Family and Youth Law Center will partner on the continuing work of this workgroup. The Task Force will also continue to work with Franklin County Domestic Relations and Juvenile Court and Summit County Juvenile Court on implementing targeted strategies to reduce court delays throughout the child welfare court case process.

Goals
• Finalize a Court Report and accompanying Bench Guide to promote quality hearings.
• Create an implementation plan and associated training for judicial officers.
• Test targeted court strategies to improve permanency outcomes and reduce court delays.

Extent to which this project/activity contributes to the reform of State systems’ handling of cases of child abuse and neglect
This activity seeks to improve the quality of hearings across the state by ensuring that judicial officers have the information needed to make all required findings and to engage parents and to ensure children receive timely permanency.

CJA Required Category
Investigative, Administrative and Judicial Handling of Child Abuse and Neglect

Task Force Recommendations/Goals
This activity seeks to address the Task Force’s recommendation to promote and support Ohio’s PIP to address CFSR areas needing improvement.

Evaluation Methods
Feedback on Court Report and Bench Guides through initial evaluations, evaluations after introduction of the tools, and post-training surveys. Dr. Alicia Summers will conduct a follow-up study of Franklin and Summit to evaluate the impact on permanency outcomes and court delays.

4. FFPSA QRTP Court Oversight Workgroup

Proposed Activity
The Task Force plans to continue the Family First Presentation Services Qualified Residential Treatment Facility Court Oversight Workgroup. This workgroup will focus on statutory and rules changes impacted by FFPSA QRTP court oversight responsibilities, the creation of a judicial toolkit and related education and training regarding the court’s role in the QRTP approval process. The Family and Youth Law Center will partner on the continuing work of this workgroup.

Goals
• Develop recommendations for areas of statutory and rule changes to comply with FFPSA QRTP mandates.
• Create a judicial toolkit to include a review of requirements, related laws, best practice guidelines, policy and procedure notes, and sample forms.
• Education and training for both judicial officers and attorneys.
Extent to which this project/activity contributes to the reform of State systems’ handling of cases of child abuse and neglect
This activity seeks to create clear and consistent guidance for judicial officers as they begin to implement requirements related to approval of QRTP placements.

CJA Required Category
Investigative, Administrative and Judicial Handling of Child Abuse and Neglect

Task Force Recommendations/Goals
This activity seeks to address the Task Force’s recommendation to provide tools and recommendations to guide planning and implementation efforts to successfully fulfill the requirements of FFPSA.

Evaluation Methods
Data collection through training evaluations, post-training surveys, and focus groups indicates an increased understanding of the court oversight requirements related to FFPSA QTRPs.

5. Quality Improvement Center for Collaborative Community Court Teams

Proposed Activity
The Task Force will continue to support and guide Ohio’s participation in the QIC-CCCT.

Goals
- Strengthen the Collaborative Community Court Teams’ capacity to improve services and outcomes for infants, young children, and their families/caregivers.
- Enhance the capacity of these teams to implement the provisions of the Comprehensive Addiction and Recovery Act 2016 amendments to the Child Abuse and Prevention Treatment Act.

Extent to which this project/activity contributes to the reform of State systems’ handling of cases of child abuse and neglect
This activity seeks to implement and test strategies to inform PCSAs and local courts on the most effective multi-system strategies and approaches to improve services for children and families affected by substance use disorder.

CJA Required Category
Experimental, Model, and Demonstration Programs for Testing Innovative Approaches and Techniques

Task Force Recommendations/Goals
This activity seeks to address the Task Force’s recommendation to support implementation of experimental, model, and demonstration programs designed to
improve and coordinate substance use disorder services on behalf of families who come to the attention of the child welfare and judicial systems.

*Evaluation Methods*
Data collection through training evaluations, formal project evaluation.

6. **Quality Legal Representation Workgroup**

*Proposed Activity*
The Task Force plans to create a new workgroup to focus on defining high quality legal representation. This workgroup will evaluate current needs, education/training, and various representation models for possible implementation.

*Goals*
Develop recommendations to improve the quality of and access to high quality legal representation for parents and children involved in child abuse, neglect, dependency cases.

*Extent to which this project/activity contributes to the reform of State systems’ handling of cases of child abuse and neglect*
This activity seeks to improve and increase access to quality parental representation statewide to help properly serve children and families in need of government intervention.

*CJA Required Category*
Investigative, Administrative and Judicial Handling of Child Abuse and Neglect

*Task Force Recommendations/Goals*
This activity seeks to address the Task Force’s recommendation to support and promote reform of state laws and procedures to improve the investigation and prosecution of child abuse and neglect. This project also serves as a CFSP strategy.

*Evaluation Methods*
Data collection through training evaluations, post-training surveys, and focus groups indicates an increase in positive perception and experience with representation and increased outcomes, as measured by specific factors.

7. **Human Trafficking Prevention, Intervention, and Training Services Initiative**

*Proposed activities*
Collaborate with the Ohio Human Trafficking Task Force and the Children’s Trust Fund to provide funding to support human trafficking prevention, intervention and training services throughout Ohio aimed at eliminating the crime of human trafficking and child exploitation.
Goals

- Victim support services for minor human trafficking victims or those at risk of victimization. Services may include the following:
  - Medical screenings, forensic interviews, case management services, service and placement recommendations, referrals and follow-up for trauma focused mental health services; and/or collaboration on multidisciplinary team investigations when appropriate;
  - Rehabilitation and educational services, housing or other concrete support services.

- Training and Professional Development for those implementing Human Trafficking Victim Support Services for Minors. Innovative approaches may include:
  - Education tailored to the needs of the professional audience receiving human trafficking training;
  - Training content and materials found on http://humantrafficking.ohio.gov;
  - Provide basic human trafficking information, signs and indicators, relevant laws, etc.;
  - Training to target audiences that include child welfare staff, law enforcement, juvenile justice and court staff, educators, and where appropriate, other service providers working with minor victims of human trafficking.

- Human Trafficking Prevention Initiatives for Minors. Innovative approaches may include:
  - Utilization of the OCTF’s 10-session Human Trafficking Youth Prevention Curriculum for at-risk youth;
  - Receipt of training to administer this curriculum; and
  - Working with partners to identify and provide this curriculum to at-risk youth.

Extent to which this project/activity contributes to the reform of State systems handling of cases of child abuse and neglect

These activities contribute to the development of a statewide infrastructure that serves human trafficking and exploitation child victims and children at risk of becoming victims through skilled professionals with specialized expertise regardless of geography.

CJA Required Category

Experimental, Model, and Demonstration Programs for Testing Innovative Approaches and Techniques
Task Force Recommendation/Goal
This activity seeks to address the Task Force’s recommendation to provide support to ensure that child victims of human trafficking or children at risk have access to skilled and competent services regardless of geography.

Evaluation Methods
Data collection through training evaluations, service recipient data, strategy utilization and impact.

8. Children Services Transformation Advisory Council

Proposed activities/goals
The task force will promote, support and partner with the council to carry out their charge to:

- Advise the Office of Children Services Transformation and other Ohio Department of Job and Family Services officials on statewide issues related to children and families who are involved with the child protection and foster care system.
- Promote a shared state and county vision for agency purpose and practice.
- Create a statewide practice model that provides a consistent framework for developing goals, strategies, and action steps for all planning and performance improvement efforts.
- Develop strategies and recommendations to strengthen all areas of the system, to include the following key priorities: kinship care, foster care, adoption, practice, workforce, and prevention.
- Review data, trends, policies, challenges, and system improvement opportunities that will inform advocacy and decision-making to strengthen the entire continuum of care for children, families, and caregivers involved with the children services system.

Extent to which this project/activity contributes to the reform of State systems handling of cases of child abuse and neglect
These activities contribute to the evaluation and recommendation of needed foster care reforms; strengthening of children services practices; and prioritization of the safety, permanency, and well-being of Ohio’s children and families.

CJA Required Category
Reform of State Laws, Ordinances, Regulations, Protocols, and Procedures to Provide Comprehensive Protection for Children
Task force recommendation/goals
This activity seeks to address the Task Force’s recommendation to support and promote reform of state laws and procedures to improve the investigation and prosecution of child abuse and neglect.

Evaluation Methods
Data collection through training evaluations, post-training surveys, and focus groups indicates an increased understanding of strategies implemented based on council recommendations.

9. **Training and Support for First Responders**

*Proposed activities*
The contract for this service ends on June 30, 2021. During the remainder of the contract, the task force will continue to evaluate the need for continued and/or expanded services. As such, the proposed activities will:

- Ensure that child victims of sexual abuse have access to skilled medical services regardless of geographic location.
- Provide professionals who may be the first interviewers of child sexual abuse victims a basic understanding of the dynamics of forensic interviewing for this special population.
- Provide programming to support:
  - Pediatric Sexual Assault Nurse programming/PSANE instruction.
  - Statewide internet-based Medical Peer Review program.
  - Peer Review of Forensic Interviews.
  - Beyond the Silence Forensic Interview Training.

*Goals*
- Increase competence and capability of pediatric sexual assault nurses to conduct skilled medical evaluations and evidence collection for alleged child victims of sexual assault.
- Support quarterly Ohio-wide internet based Medical Peer Review program to develop/maintain necessary skills, including medical assessment capability, and to sustain quality assurance.
- Support the development of basic forensic interviewing skills in any first responder who may come into contact with alleged child victims of sexual assault.
- Develop a sustainability plan for institutionalization of programming.

Extent to which this project/activity contributes to the reform of State systems handling of cases of child abuse and neglect
These activities contribute to the development of a statewide infrastructure that serves child victims of sexual abuse through skilled professionals with specialized expertise.

**CJA Required Category**
Investigative, Administrative and Judicial Handling of Child Abuse and Neglect

**Task Force Recommendation/Goal**
This activity seeks to address the Task Force’s recommendation to ensure that child victims of sexual abuse have access to skilled and competent services regardless of geography. In addition, data shared earlier in the report suggests the need for continued support.

**Evaluation Methods**
- Five-day didactic Pediatric Sexual Assault Instruction & Assessment: Requirement for IAFN Certification and for Ohio Nursing CEs; daily knowledge quiz and satisfaction survey; pre/post testing at beginning/end of training.
- Medical Peer Review Program: Requirement of the National Children’s Alliance accreditation standard; number of cases presented per site; annual satisfaction survey.
- Forensic Interview Peer Review Program: Requirement of the National Children’s Alliance accreditation standard; annual satisfaction survey for all participants; post-review progress survey for all presenters.
- Beyond the Silence Forensic Interviewing Program: Pre/Post testing for both BTS 1 and BTS 2; BTS 2 requires case video submission for instructor critic.

**10. Task Force Research, Communication, and Support**

**Proposed activities**
This activity is to secure administrative and task-oriented support at the direction of the Task Force, to include:

- Staffing and administrative support of the Task Force and its workgroups.
- Development and implementation of research as approved by the Task Force and its workgroups.
- Development of reports and documents as requested by the Task Force and its workgroups.
- Arrangement, participation in, and preparation for public and professional education activities as requested by CAND.
- Maintenance of Task Force communications.
- Development of public information documents at the direction of CAND.
**Extent to which this project/activity contributes to the reform of State systems’ handling of cases of child abuse and neglect.**

The research and support activities of the Task Force document and provide the foundational basis for the Task Force’s work to implement systemic change.

**Task Force Recommendation/Goal**

This activity seeks to address the Task Force’s recommendation to provide continued research, communication and support services to the Task Force and its workgroups and maintain compliance with eligibility criteria to ensure adequate administration of Children’s Justice Act programming.

**11. Children’s Justice Act Administration**

**Proposed Activities**

Funds will be used to support the expenses associated with participation in at least one federally initiated Children’s Justice Act meeting. This activity is a required eligibility criterion for states’ receipt of Children’s Justice Act funding.

**VI. Proposed Line Item Budget**

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