

Foster Parents Needed

Helping our children and making a commitment to them for as long as they need one is a big commitment.

But our kids deserve no less from you or our community.

Our kids are very special young people. Some of them are older and some have brothers and sisters. They have strengths and weaknesses, needs and vulnerabilities just like all kids do. What they need right now is a parent like you who can help meet their needs and take care of their problems.

Steps to Foster Parenting

1. Call us at 329-5340

When you call us, you will be asked a few questions about yourself, your family, and your interest in fostering or adopting our children. We can also answer your questions as well.

2. Read the information provided to you.

After you call to tell us you are interested, we will send you a packet of information about Lorain County Children Services, the children we serve and the importance of fostering.

3. Come to pre-service training.

The pre-service training is an opportunity to learn more about the specific issues related to foster parenting. Pre-Service training is required to be a licensed foster parent or certified adoptive parent.

4. Complete a Homestudy with our social worker.

Our staff will guide you through an assessment process designed to help us, and you, learn as much about each other as possible. The homestudy is the document submitted to the Ohio Department of Job and Family Services in order to receive your license to foster.

Contact Us

To Report Abuse or Neglect, call :

440-329-5340 (during regular business hours.)

After hours, on weekends and holidays, please use 440-329-2121.

Our mailing address is:

Lorain County
Children Services
226 Middle Avenue
Elyria, OH 44035

Website:

www.ChildrenServices.org

Facebook:

LCCS Foster Parents
or
LorainCountyChildrenServices



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"In partnership with the community, the staff, foster parents, and volunteers of Lorain County Children Services are committed to the safety and well-being of abused, neglected and dependent children and will provide the highest quality protection, permanency, and prevention services for children and families.

- LCCS Mission Statement



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2014

annual report



Scott Ferris becomes new Executive Director

On June 16, 2014, Scott Ferris began in the post leading Children Services,

Ferris came to Lorain County from the Allen County Children Services in Lima, where he had worked since 2005. A Cleveland native, Ferris earned his master's degree in public administration from Cleveland State University and he has also worked as agency director or social worker in Cuyahoga, Athens and Ashtabula counties. Scott has 18 years experience as Executive Director overall and was happy to have the opportunity to work with Lorain County.

"This is a very highly regarded agency around the state for the work they're doing," said Scott adding "I am looking forward to supporting our social workers and staff, foster and adoptive families, and community stakeholders as we work to improve on the excellence this community has come to expect from our agency."

Community Passes Children Services levy

During the November 2014 elections, Lorain County voters approved Issue 6, a 1.8 mill levy for services to abused and neglected children.

The 1.8 mill levy will generate 10.7 million dollars each year. The annual cost to a property owner (At \$100,000 value) is \$56.52.

Protecting children from abuse and neglect is a team effort and we appreciate being on your team. Thank you for passing the Children Services levy.

Differential Response

In June 2014, LCCS began implementation of Ohio's Differential Response practice. Prior to this practice expansion, all referrals that were screened in for service required adherence to a uniform protocol for investigation and assessment (now called the Traditional Response.) With the implementation of Differential Response, screened in referrals can be served through either the Traditional Response (investigative) or Alternative response (assessment and family engagement model.)

2014 statistics reflect this implementation mid year.

Once the agency receives a referral and screens it in for service, only those cases served through the traditional model will require the investigation to substantiate or unsubstantiated the allegations. Alternative response does not require a Finding nor does it requires anyone to be labeled an Alleged Perpetrator. 2014 data (and future data sets) will reflect this practice expansion.

2013		2014	
Total Received	4000	Total Received	4343
Screened Out	198	Screened Out	1054
I/R	1402	I/R	890
Dependency	9	Dependency	20
Screened in Child Abuse/Neglect (CAN)	2191	Screened in CAN (received Traditional Response) (received alternative response)	2156 TR 1,580 AR
FINS	169	FINS	175
Screened in Emotional Maltreatment	299	Screened in Emotional Maltreatment	308
Screened in Physical Abuse	1041	Screened in Physical Abuse	1075
Screened in Sexual Abuse	250	Screened in Sexual Abuse	322
Screened in Medical Neglect	108	Screened in Medical Neglect	119
Screened in Neglect	1244	Screened in Neglect	1248
Screened in Shaken baby	0	Screened in Shaken baby	1
Multiple Allegation Reports	634	Multiple Allegation Reports	589
Number Percentage Indicated/substantiated	655 - 29.90%	Number Percentage Indicated/substantiated	498 - 31.52%

2014 Financial Statement

REVENUE:	2015
FCM/IVE Waiver (Monthly)	\$2,794,185.48
Title IVB	\$153,465.00
Title XX JFS	\$0.00
Title XX JFS-TANF	\$500,000.00
Ive. Admin./Train.	\$2,766,076.78
State CWS/SA	\$1,246,293.62
Social Security	\$104,007.18
Child Support	\$33,723.37
Misc. Income-Reimb	\$68,842.98
Levy Funds	\$8,890,317.11
Fund Bal.-Approp.	\$0.00
TOTAL REVENUE	\$16,556,911.52

EXPENDITURES:	
Personnel/Training Total	\$9,336,183.68
Office Supplies & Agency Equipment	\$192,460.35
Vehicle & Travel	\$154,609.07
Services to Clients & their Families	\$4,659,481.86
Facilities	\$477,119.59
Other	\$280,596.59
Total Expenditures	\$15,100,451.14
Excess Receipts Over (Under) Expend.	\$1,456,460.38

In 2014....

Lorain County Children Services received 4,343 referrals from people in our community who were concerned about a child. Each of those referrals are managed to see if the information being reported should be screened in as suspected child abuse or neglect. Nearly 2,000 of those calls were screened out or the person calling was provided with Information and Referral. 2,156 referrals were screened in as possible child abuse or neglect. The agency assigned caseworkers to these 2,156 situations to see if the allegations were true and the child needs our intervention.

1,580 of these cases were provided with a Traditional Response, and 576 cases were assigned the Alternative Response pathway (once that pathway became available to us in June 2014.) Of the 1,580 cases investigate through the Traditional Response, 498 situations were substantiated.

Custody

On January 1, 2014, 113 children were in the custody of LCCS. During the year, 96 children entered custody and 100 exited custody. On December 31, 2014, 109 children were in our custody.