

LORAIN COUNTY CHILDREN SERVICES

2018 ANNUAL REPORT



MISSION

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.



OUR COMMITMENT TO OUR COMMUNITY



We take our responsibility both to the children and to the community very seriously.

We believe that an important part of that responsibility is to report to you on the work we have done and are doing to serve your interest in protecting Lorain County's children.

Each number contained in this report represents a child. A child that was hurt by abuse and neglect and counts on you, the community to help.

Our partnership with you allows all of us to do the right things right, the first time, every time, one child at a time. It is you that tells us when a child is hurting. It is you that becomes a foster or adoptive family. And it is you who supports social service agencies and providers in your neighborhood. After all, it takes a community to protect a child.

2018 Highlights

- During 2018, Lorain County Children Services recommitted to its core values and guiding principles using them to better define the scope and intent of its 2018-2020 Strategic Plan.
- We initiated the process of national re-accreditation as a family and child serving agency through the Council on Accreditation for Services for Families and Children, Inc to demonstrate that we are meeting highest national standards for child protective services.
- We launched new recruitment and support activities for foster and kinship families so that if children need to leave their home, licensed foster families and approved kinship families have the support and resources to assure the children's safety permanence and well-being.

2018 statistics

LORAIN COUNTY CHILDREN ARE AFFECTED BY ABUSE OR NEGLECT

Of all the calls taken by Referral Specialists in 2018...

2017		2018	
Total Referrals Received	4422	Total Referrals Received	4677
Screened Out	2454	Screened Out	2503
Information and Referral Only	284	Information and Referral Only	362
Dependency	13	Dependency	31
Screened in for assessment/ investigation	1802	Screened in for assessment/ investigation	1665
Family in Need of Service	154	Family in Need of Service	116
Concerns		Concerns	
Emotional Maltreatment	9%	Emotional Maltreatment	15%
Physical Abuse	33%	Physical Abuse	37%
Sexual Abuse	10%	Sexual Abuse	8%
Medical Neglect	3%	Medical Neglect	3%
Neglect	43%	Neglect	44%
Shaken Baby	<1%	Shaken Baby	<1%
Multiple Allegation Reports	2%	Multiple Allegation Reports	3%

Lorain County Children Services accepts referrals 24 hours a day, seven days a week.

To make a referral, call LCCS at 440-329-5340 (regular business hours) or 440-406-5121 (evenings, weekends and holidays.)





67%

of reports made to the agency come from Mandated Reporters, including mental health providers, school personnel, court staff, child care providers, and law enforcement.

33%

of reports made to the agency come from family members, neighbors, friends and the parents themselves.

2018

ANNUAL BUDGET

Revenue

Local Levy Funds \$11,389,675.01
Federal Funds \$7,506,837.99
State Funds \$1,466,334.24

56%*Local Levy Funds***37%***Federal Funds***7%***State Funds***62%***Casework Staff Services and
Support/Operations Staff***33%***Foster care/Kinship Care and
other Professional Services to
Children***5%***Training costs, vehicles, facilities
and other administrative expenses*

Lorain County Children Services receives public funds in order to provide public child protective services. Funds from the local levy and funds from the federal government account for the majority of revenue. Highly qualified trained staff provide investigation, assessment and case management services to abused and neglected children; recruit, train and support foster and kinship families; and, provide services to older youth and young adults emancipating from foster care.

CONDITIONS AFFECTING CHILDREN

Although it is true that children have always been negatively affected by their parent's substance use, the Opioid Crisis brought new challenges. Cases are more complex, the rate of addiction often outpaced treatment beds and far too many parents died from overdosing.

The Comprehensive Addiction and Recovery Act of 2016 (CARA) created new and specific federal data collection requirements regarding infants (under 12 months old) born and identified as being affected by substance abuse or withdrawal symptoms or a Fetal Alcohol Spectrum Disorder. The new requirements ensure the safety and well-being of infants following the release from the care of health care providers, by (1) addressing the health and substance use disorder treatment needs of the infant and affected family or caregiver; and (2) monitoring these plans to determine whether and how local entities are making referrals and delivering appropriate services to the infant and affected family or caregiver (in accordance with state requirements); and develops the plans of safe care for infants affected by all substance abuse.

Between its launch in May 2018 and December 31, 2018, LCCS received 142 reports regarding infants affected by substance abuse, withdrawal or Fetal Alcohol Spectrum Disorder.

26% MORE CHILDREN STAYED IN FOSTER CARE AND 30% MORE STAYED WITH KIN IN 2018.



Do you want to learn more about foster parenting?

Contact Lorain County Children Services today!

•440-329-5340•
•CHILDRENSERVICES.ORG•

Lorain County Children Services and its partners in the community safety net have many resources that can help a family keep their children safe and protected while concurrently working on ways to improve family functioning. In some cases however, the services are inadequate or the concern is too great to have children remain with their family. Caseworkers and parents work together to locate appropriate and willing relatives and kin to help care for children allowing parents to concentrate on correcting the problems that are occurring. If relatives are not available, children can stay with one of our highly qualified and trained foster parents. If foster parents trained and licensed by us aren't available, we can purchase foster care services through a network of private agencies.

Ways to Get Involved

with kids served by Lorain County Children Services



WINTER

Christmas Drive

Food Drive

SPRING

Easter Baskets

Peanut Butter & jelly
drive

SUMMER

Summer Fun Pails

Summer Bike giveaway

FALL

School Supply Drive

Thanksgiving Dinners

If your workplace, service club, school or organization would like to get involved with one of these projects - or if you have a great idea not listed - please call Patti-Jo Burtnett at 440-329-5172



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BE A FOSTER PARENT
LORAIN COUNTY CHILDREN SERVICES
 ChildrenServices.org
 Facebook.com/LCCSFosterParents



**Service to Country -
 - Service to Community**

**Veterans make great
 foster parents.**
 We want you to make a difference for
 children in your community.

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 440-329-5340

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April 11, 2018
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 2018**
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**WHEN YOU BRING SOMEONE INTO YOUR
 LIFE, YOU ARE BRINGING THEM INTO YOUR
 CHILD'S LIFE AS WELL.**

CHOOSE YOUR PARTNER CAREFULLY.

Never leave your child with someone you don't trust with their life.