LETTER FROM CEO & BOARD CHAIR

To Our Members and Supporters,

Thank you for your support during 2017! As a result of the hard work and leadership of our member agencies, staff, and supporters, we achieved critical funding, policy victories, and made major changes to our association. We also laid the framework to be strong and impactful for years to come.

After 45 years, our association has decided to change its name, from the Ohio Association of Child Caring Agencies to a new name that identifies and symbolizes our contemporary purpose. We are now the Ohio Children’s Alliance, and together our association is leading change for Ohio’s child and family service providers.

Our Alliance’s largest initiative is a new social enterprise, the Child and Family Health Collaborative of Ohio, which we formed in 2017 to promote collaboration between members, health plans, and government agencies. This exciting venture quickly took on a major project – management of the State of Ohio’s new Bridges program which supports foster youth on their journey to adulthood.

We’ve strengthened our association in many ways this past year, including moving into a larger office space and expanding our personnel to include a full-time Chief Operating Officer. We received several government and foundation grants to advance best practices, trauma informed care, same-day access, and readiness for managed care.

These initiatives are important to child and family service providers as they are on the front lines of responding to the opiate crisis and rising numbers of foster care placements. These societal problems require thoughtful and sophisticated solutions. By working together, we can meet the needs of kids, families, and communities, and advance our state to a better future.

Mark Mecum, Chief Executive Officer  Matt Kresic, Board Chair
WHO WE ARE
The Ohio Children's Alliance, formerly known as OACCA, is a nonprofit association of community agencies that serve children and families. We believe every child deserves a safe and happy home. Our association is dedicated to fostering strong families and healthy kids. Our advocacy efforts produce positive results and system improvements. Member agencies are equipped with timely information and participate in trainings and conferences to advance best practices. The Ohio Children's Alliance and our member agencies are moving Ohio forward, one kid and family at a time.

MISSION
The Ohio Children's Alliance applies the collective strength of our members to sustainably improve the provision of services to children, young adults, and families through policy advocacy, performance improvement, and member support.

VISION
The best system for better results.

BOARD OF DIRECTORS

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EDUCATE
Dedicated to sharing knowledge, resources and opportunities

ADVOCATE
Dedicated to building efficient paths to the best outcomes for Ohio’s children and families

INNOVATE
Dedicated to promoting the needs of Ohio’s children by being in front, up front and exceedingly prepared for the future

CONNECT
Dedicated to fostering a respected community of collaborators
2017 ACCOMPLISHMENTS

• Championed new financial investments for child welfare services ($15 million), multi-system youth ($5 million), kinship care ($15 million), and behavioral health ($7 million)

• Successfully lobbied the state legislature and administration to revise the Medicaid Re-Design timeline and implement a beta test of the new program

• Awarded grants by OhioMHAS to:
  • coordinate the annual Trauma Informed Care Summit
  • offer Middle Management Leadership Academies to dozens of behavioral health professionals
  • provide ten member agencies with professional consultation to advance same day access for therapy and back-office administrative efficiencies
  • convene a Back Office Management and Financial Operations Learning Community for our entire membership

• Awarded a grant by ODJFS to support the Ohio Foster Youth Advisory Board

• Awarded a grant from the CareSource Foundation to advance best practices in foster care and independent living

• Established the Child and Family Health Collaborative of Ohio to advance collaborative opportunities between our member agencies, health plans, and government agencies

• Awarded the statewide Bridges grant from the Ohio Department of Job and Family Services, which provides guidance and support to Ohio foster care alumni as they transition to adulthood

• Launched the Kids First specialty license plate, with support from the state legislature; proceeds support our mission
2017
BY THE NUMBERS

71
FULL MEMBER AGENCIES

137,000
KIDS AND FAMILY MEMBERS CARED FOR

$660 MILLION
SPENT BY OUR MEMBERS

2,040
OHIOANS TRAINED

10,600
PEOPLE EMPLOYED
BY OUR MEMBERS

23
TRAININGS & CONFERENCES
REVENUE & EXPENSES
CALENDAR YEAR 2017

REVENUE

- Membership Dues: $482,423
- Program Services: $271,978
- Contributions and Grants: $198,261
- Investment Income: $45,615

**TOTAL** $998,277

EXPENSES

- Programs: $701,118
- Administrative: $144,974
- Fundraising: $2,075

**TOTAL** $848,167

*Pre-audited figures*
FULL MEMBERS

A New Leaf
Access for Youth
Agape for Youth
Abraxas Youth & Family Services
Advantage Family Outreach & Foster Care
*Adriel
Audrey House
Bair Foundation
*Beech Acres Parenting Center
*Beech Brook
Belmont Pines Hospital
*Buckeye Ranch, The
Camelot Community Care
Caring for Kids
Children's Center of Ohio, The
*Children's Home of Cincinnati, The
CHOICES
Chrysalis Family Solutions
Columbus Springs Dublin
Christian Children's Home of Ohio
Community Teaching Homes
Dungarvin Ohio
Eastway Behavioral Healthcare
Envision
Family Pride of Northeast Ohio
Focus on Youth
Fox Run Center for Children and Adolescents
*Genacross Family & Youth Services
Greene County Educational Service Center
Hittle House
Homes For Kids
House of New Hope
Isaiah's Place
Julia Paige Family Center
JusticeWorks YouthCare
Kids Count Too
Life Start
Lighthouse Youth and Family Services
Marie's House of Hope
*Marsh Foundation, The
Mayo Home for Youth Development
Mended Reeds
National Youth Advocate Program
Necco
New Beginnings Residential Treatment Center
Northeast Ohio Adoption Services
*Oesterlen Services for Youth
Ohio Mentor
Pathway Caring for Children
Positive Leaps
Sequel Pomegranate Health Systems
Pressley Ridge
PsyCare
Quality Care Residential Homes
Ravenwood Mental Health Center
Safely Home
Seeds 4 Life Inc.
Shelter Care
South Community
Specialized Alternatives for Families and Youth
St. Aloysius Orphanage
Stepping Stones Ranch
*St. Joseph Orphanage
St. Vincent Family Center
Step by Step Academy
The Twelve of Ohio
The Village Network
*UMCH Family Services
Viaquest
Youth Advocate Services
Youth Villages

* Denotes charter member
Current as of April 1, 2018

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