

It Takes a Community!

October 31, 2010 marked the end of an era here at Trumbull County Children Services. On that day Marcia Tiger retired after 34 years with our agency and I assumed the reins as Executive Director. I have big shoes to fill certainly and change in leadership can be challenging, but change can also be energizing. It brings new ideas, a fresh perspective and opportunities for growth.

At the same time, there is change in Columbus. We have a new Governor who has made it very clear that he wants to reduce an \$8 Billion budget deficit. In order to accomplish that, we know there will be major cuts in state funding. These will certainly impact all state funded agencies and the families we serve, but, there is also opportunity.



Nick Kerosky

We have a great spirit of community here in Trumbull County. Our community is like a sturdy oak tree providing protection to our families and children. Children Services anchors strong roots of hard-working people and diverse traditions here. The leaves of our tree are the many community partners who we work with and who help care for our families. Our long, healthy branches are collaboration and teamwork. Compassion, energy and enthusiasm nourish our roots.

Together, let us bring to bear our powerful resources to care for individuals and families in need. During this time of change, uncertainty and fear...It takes a Community. Now, more than ever, we must come together for the greater good. Working together, helping each other, as agencies and as individuals, we will be stronger.

"It Takes a Community" is a phrase I embrace because I know that we cannot do our job without you. I ask for your help and I pledge that Trumbull County Children Services will continue to represent you, our community, in protecting children and caring for families.

My vision for child protection in Trumbull County is community-based, family-centered and prevention-focused. We provide quality services with compassion. We are accountable to ourselves and our community, as well as the state. We continuously strive for improvement and manage our resources prudently as stewards of public dollars. We are a leader among agencies and set the quality standard for the state. We build incentives to encourage workers to ask questions, solve problems, innovate and be cost efficient.

We seek out partnerships with other agencies, businesses, schools, churches and service organizations. We help develop markets for evidenced-based, in-county services and drive those markets. We hold our service providers to the highest standard and focus on outcomes. We work within the community not just to protect, but to nurture and empower children.

Certainly the difficult economic climate and continuing state funding cuts can overwhelm traditional resources. We must look for every opportunity to be fiscally creative, exploring shared costs, pooled funding and partnering with other agencies to meet cooperative needs. We should be open to collaborate with other counties, sharing knowledge, building efficiencies and regionalizing services when in-county resources are lacking.

The future of children and families in Trumbull County depends to a large extent on the dedication and vision of our community. Trumbull County Children Services will be a leader in this effort. I look forward to working with you. Together we can be a strong voice for our kids.



Child Abuse & Neglect Prevention Month is celebrated with the community at the Pinwheels Event in April.



Attorney Craig Neuman... Thanks for your service.

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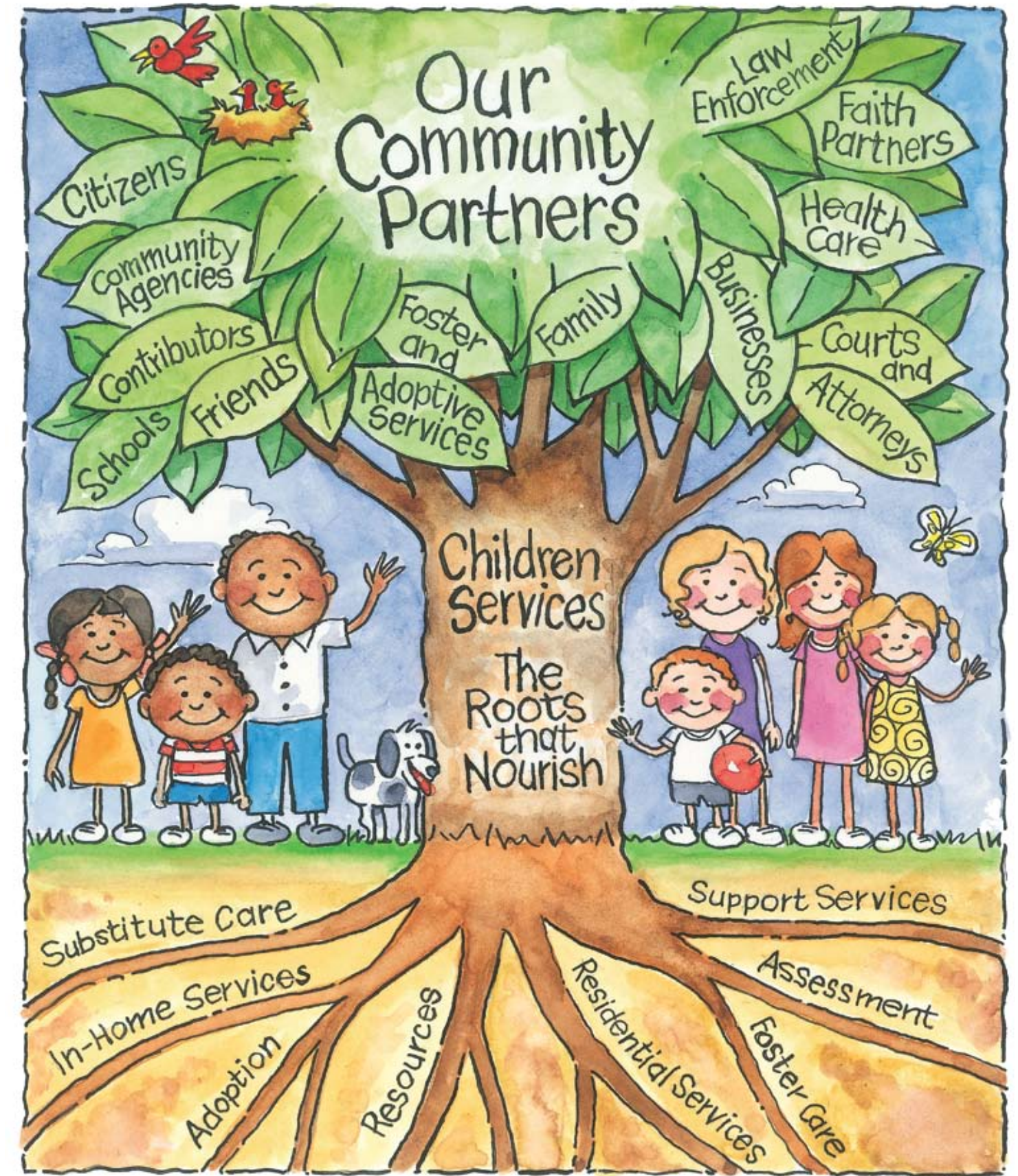
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Speakers are available to address community groups. Call for information.



Annual Report

Services Offered to Children

Children Services offers a full slate of child welfare services for the families and children of Trumbull County. These services are listed below with the number of persons served in 2010.

- Children Services**
 Provided services to 4,845 children in 2,823 families.
- Triage/Assessment Department**
 Assessed and provided services to 1,580 referrals of child maltreatment (i.e., abuse, neglect, dependency, other) concerning 3,138 children.
- Sexual Abuse and Investigation Unit**
 Conducted 344 investigations of serious sexual abuse, physical abuse, neglect and dependency allegations concerning 804 children.
- Ongoing In-Home Protective Services**
 Provided to 1,521 children.
- Children's Center**
 Serviced 26 children; 5,268 days of care in the Children's Center.
- Secure Care Unit for Children**
 Served 16 children for 2,603 days of care.
- Therapeutic Paid Placements**
 31 children received 5,214 days of care in therapeutic foster care.
- Foster Care**
 215 children were cared for in a total of 126 foster homes; a monthly average of 121 children and a total of 45,195 days of care.
- Adoption Services**
 28 children were placed and 23 adoptions finalized.
- Family Support Services**
 Provided to 190 families.
- Independent Living Initiatives**
 28 children were prepared for emancipation from agency care and assisted after emancipation.

Community Partnerships

Trumbull County Children Services actively participates in several community programs that support children, such as the Family & Children First Council, the Child Assault Prosecution Team, the Child Fatality Review Board, the Child Advocacy Center and the County Human Services Planning Committee.



African Soul International educates Trumbull County Children Services staff during Black History month.



Trumbull County Commissioner, Frank Fuda, attends National Adoption Day when 5 families adopted 7 children.



In May, Foster Parents are recognized for their dedication.



Children enjoy activities at our booth during the Trumbull County Fair.



Golfers participate in our Citizens Committee fundraiser.

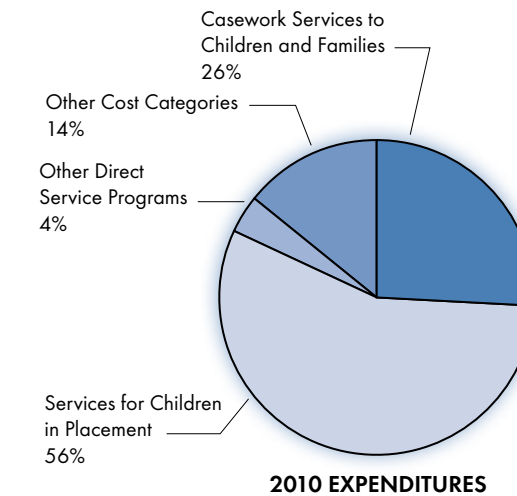
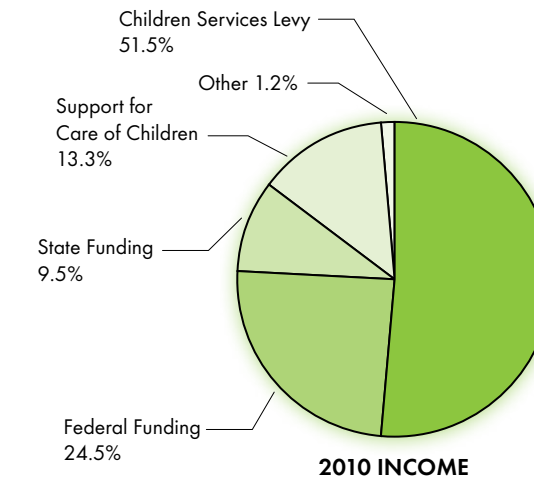
Strength-Based and Family Centered Services

Children Services offers programs which strengthen and maintain family life. We identify positive attributes that have worked successfully for families in the past, and we build on these strengths so that families can solve their problems and grow stronger. Programs are developed which provide support for families and help children find permanency in their birth homes, relative homes or adoptive homes.

- Family Unity Meetings:** An agency facilitator partners with the family in a community support team that strengthens the family and provides for the safety and well-being of the children.
- Family-To-Family Team Meetings:** Family connections are made between foster parents and birth parents to support the children in care. The Family-To-Family relationship provides a foundation that continues long after the child returns home.
- Family Dependency Treatment Court (FDTC):** Family Court, Children Services, the Mental Health & Recovery Board, and other child advocates and treatment providers collaborate to assist parent(s) in achieving sobriety, receiving appropriate drug & alcohol treatment and making positive changes in their lives and the lives of their child(ren). While child safety and well being are the primary goals of the Treatment Court, the emphasis is on the areas of permanency for children, parent sobriety, parent mental health and reduced recidivism of child abuse and neglect. FDTC participants receive comprehensive treatment services and judicial supervision.
- Ohio's Differential Response System:** Trumbull County Children Services is leading the state in implementing Differential Response (DR). DR allows our staff the ability to offer either a traditional response or an alternative response to accepted reports of child maltreatment. This flexibility allows the Agency to develop a variety of family-centered practices that best serve the needs of families and children. Alternative Response focuses on working with families to identify strengths and build in safety networks that ensure child safety. Alternative Response utilizes family engagement to develop family service plans that meet the needs of the children and adults in the home. The Agency has embraced DR as a way to respond to and assist the families of Trumbull County. The Agency has fully implemented Differential Response and continues to be a member of the Leadership Council. Their goal is to successfully implement Differential Response statewide.
- Residential Services:** The Agency partners with Valley Counseling to provide therapeutic services for children who require residential treatment for emotional problems. Trumbull County is fortunate to have community-based residential treatment services offered by the Children's Center and the Secure Care for Children Unit. Without locally-based residential treatment, children would have to receive help from other institutions, miles from their home.



Community members enjoy Wellness Night at a Mahoning Valley Scrappers game.



Businesses, churches, and individuals show great generosity during the Holiday Season. THANK YOU!

2010 Income

Revenue Sources:

Children Services Levy	7,750,830
Federal Reimbursement	
• Title IV-E	3,484,574
• Title IV-B	120,682
• Emergency Services Assistance	97,507
• AdoptOhio & Title IV-B Adoption	8,315
• Caseworker Visits	5,430
Total Federal Funding	3,716,508

State Reimbursement

• Child Welfare Subsidy (SCPA)	905,334
• Feisel Allocation	121,107
• Post Finalization Adoption Subsidy	62,443
• Non-recurring Adoption Subsidy	27,699
• Adoption Maintenance	94,866
• Foster Parent Training	35,660
• Community Luncheon	2,063
• Alternative Response	36,000
• Kinship Permanency Incentive	130,667
Total State Funding	1,415,839

Support for the Care of Children

• Foster Care and Paid Placements	1,056,387
• Residential and Group Care	734,943
• Foster Care Stimulus Funds	174,183
• Special Projects	32,524
Total Support for the Care of Children	1,998,037

Refunds and Reimbursements 120,120

Casey Grant 20,000

Contingency Levy Funds 36,161

TOTAL 2010 INCOME 15,057,495

2010 Expenditures

Service Categories:

Casework Services to Children and Families

• Triage and Investigations	1,198,829
• Alternative Response Program	682,837
• Short Term Services	575,435
• Extended Care Services (In Home)	1,062,981
• Family Support Team	301,345
• After Hours Emergency Team	38,586
• Family Unity Meetings	61,689
Subtotal	3,921,702

Services for Children in Placement

• Children's Center	1,979,912
• Extended Care Services (Substitute Care)	982,457
• Resources and Permanency Planning	1,721,502
• Foster Care and Adoption Subsidy Payments	1,553,953
• Secure Care	826,111
• Paid Placements	675,563
• Transportation Services	480,458
• Independent Living Initiatives	46,270
• Foster Child Daycare	169,835
Subtotal	8,436,061

Other Direct Service Programs

• Child Assault Prosecution Funding	277,381
• Runaway and Homeless Youth Funding	32,518
• Family Emergency Support	162,729
• Kinship Permanency Incentive	140,775
Subtotal	613,403

Other Cost Categories

• Maintenance and Custodians	317,234
• Human Resources and Administration Costs	794,246
• Fiscal, CQI and Support	838,913
• Staff Training and Education	88,081
• Community Education	47,855
Subtotal	2,086,329

TOTAL 2010 OPERATING EXPENSES 15,057,495