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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 2013.

■ Children Services

Provided services to 4,424 children in 2,223 families.

■ Intake/Assessment Department

Assessed and provided services to 1,409 referrals of child maltreatment (i.e., abuse, neglect, dependency, other) concerning 3,250 children.

■ Sexual Abuse and Investigation Unit

Conducted 258 investigations of serious sexual abuse, physical abuse, neglect and dependency allegations concerning 609 children.

■ Ongoing In-Home Protective Services

Provided to 483 children.

■ Children's Center

Serviced 27 children; 4,797 days of care in the Children's Center.

■ Secure Care Unit for Children

Served 10 children for 2,457 days of care.

■ Therapeutic Paid Placements

36 children received 7,349 days of care in therapeutic foster care and other residential settings.

■ Foster Care

180 children were cared for in Agency foster homes for a total of 37,073 days of care; a monthly average of 102 children were served. The Agency had 119 licensed foster homes during 2013.

■ Adoption Services

17 children were placed and 8 adoptions finalized.

■ Family Support Services

Provided to 147 families.

■ Independent Living Initiatives

33 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.



Pinwheels



Relay for Life



Adoption Day at the Trumbull County Courthouse



RUMO Speaker, Nina Turner
25th District State Senator



Foster Parent Dinner Speakers



High School Graduation Day

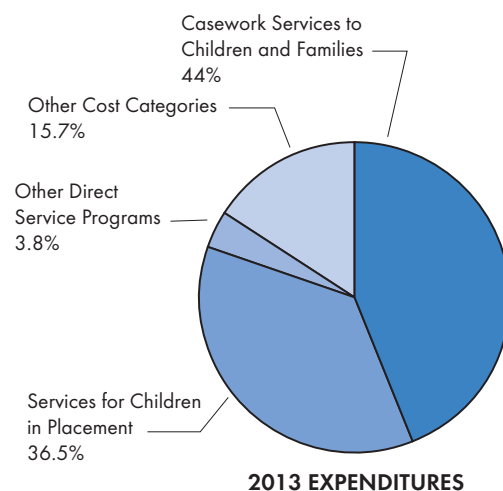
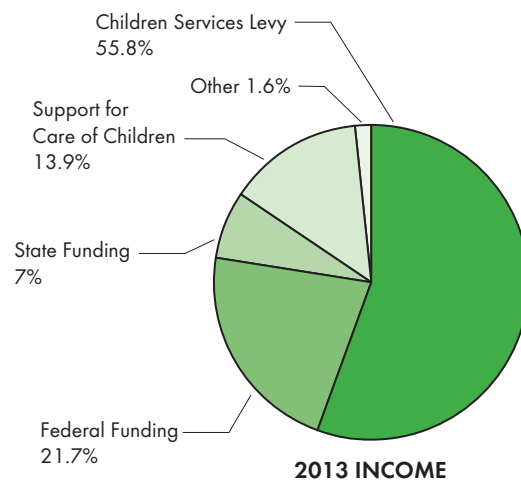
STRENGTH-BASED AND FAMILY CENTERED SERVICES

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.



Day Care Visits for Trick or Treat



CELEBRATING THE HEROES

Almost two years ago, we made a commitment to the community to be transparent in our day-to-day operations and to be responsible caretakers of their financial investment in the agency. Toward that end, we established particular areas of focus for 2013:

- “Dashboards” are published quarterly to compare our performance with federal, state, or best practice standards, and opportunities for improvement are identified AND action plans are developed and implemented.
- The agency has initiated a community-wide effort to establish a “trauma informed community of caring.”
- Foster parents and caseworkers have worked very hard at moving our partnership up to the next level and have been extremely successful. Monthly planning meetings are well established.
- We have reduced the length of stay at our residential center by 29% and have reduced overall residential placements by 30%.
- We have reduced our overall expenses by 4%.



Timothy Schaffner

The agency has much to be proud of from an operational perspective. What has impressed me most, though, is the courage and determination I see every day on all fronts. We recently interviewed a young teenager with four siblings who reported extreme physical abuse in the home. Despite the fact that his siblings and parent adamantly denied the allegations and accused him of manipulation, he persisted in his story. He and his siblings were removed from the home while the allegations were investigated. In the safety of a great foster home, the others reported the same abuse the next day. His persistence won the day and is the reason that healing can begin for his family.

This is by no means an isolated event. Every day some child steps up to a teacher or a counselor or a pastor and tells his or her story. Imagine the courage it takes for a nine-year-old to step forward and tell of events that are happening at home, feeling that in just telling he risks certain injury. And the courage does not stop with the children. The neighbors, relatives, teachers, friends who “make the call” often feel at some risk, but they do it to protect the children. The African proverb, “It takes a village to raise a child,” is often quoted. Our county is filled with people who know that “It takes a village to PROTECT a child.” Thank you Trumbull County.

And last, but certainly not least, are our staff and foster families. Our caseworkers are exposed, at times, to the worst living conditions imaginable. They see horribly injured children, as well as adults crushed by addiction and domestic violence, and they work in neighborhoods ravaged by violence, drug abuse and oppressive poverty. Our residential staff members work with our most traumatized youth and are often the target of their anger and frustration. And our foster parents, they open their homes at all hours of the day and night to frightened, sometimes angry, children. They are experts at caring and safety and trust, exactly what these children need in the midst of their terrible crisis.

I invite you to celebrate the heroes in our community. Without each and every one, we cannot keep our children safe and build stronger families.

2013 Income

Revenue Sources:

Children Services Levy	9,536,992
Federal Reimbursement	
• Title IV-E	3,469,362
• Title IV-B	140,157
• Emergency Services Assistance	81,612
• Caseworker Visits	9,568
• Medicaid Administration	5,322
Total Federal Funding	3,706,021
State Reimbursement	
• Child Welfare Subsidy (SCPA)	957,555
• Post Finalization Adoption Subsidy	26,593
• Non-Recurring Adoption Subsidy	11,839
• State Adoption Incentive	3,250
• Foster Parent Training	51,340
• Community Luncheon	1,400
• Kinship Permanency Incentive	131,600
Total State Funding	1,183,577
Support for the Care of Children	
• Foster Care and Paid Placements	1,135,089
• Residential and Group Care	1,155,259
• Independent Living	78,149
Total Support for the Care of Children	2,368,497
Refunds and Reimbursements	276,704
TOTAL 2013 INCOME	\$17,071,791

2013 Expenditures

Service Categories:

Casework Services to Children and Families

• Intake and Assessments	1,591,271
• Investigations	502,734
• In Home Services	1,165,787
• Substitute Care Services	1,311,968
• Resources and Permanency Planning	1,737,546
• Family Support Team	200,006
• After Hours Emergency Team	102,187
• Family Unity Meetings	90,457
Subtotal	6,701,956

Services for Children in Placement

• Children’s Center	1,682,648
• Foster Care and Adoption Subsidy Payments	1,374,589
• Secure Care	782,345
• Paid Placements	1,035,731
• Transportation Services	453,177
• Independent Living Initiatives	134,113
• Foster Child Daycare	106,818
Subtotal	5,569,421

Other Direct Service Programs

• Child Assault Prosecution Funding	277,381
• Runaway and Homeless Youth Funding	20,330
• Family Emergency Support	137,292
• Kinship Permanency Incentive	125,175
• Family Dependency Treatment Court	14,399
Subtotal	574,577

Other Cost Categories

• Maintenance and Custodians	310,206
• Human Resources and Administration Costs	680,879
• Fiscal, CQI and Support	885,287
• HVAC Systems Improvements	412,151
• Staff Training and Education	63,045
• Community Education	43,876
Subtotal	2,395,444

TOTAL 2013 OPERATING EXPENSES	\$15,241,398
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