Higher Education Summit

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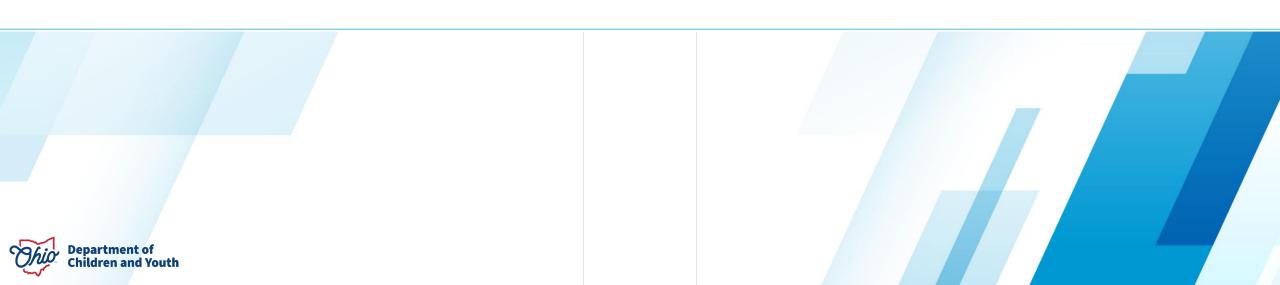
AGENDA

- **1** DCY Today
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- 3 How Can We Partner?





DCY TODAY



OHIO DCY PRINCIPLES AND GOALS

The following principles provide a foundation by which we will be successful in achieving our goals as an agency:



Transparency

Will create transparency across programs utilizing cross-program data



Accountability

Will create accountability to ensure children are receiving services when needed with the intended outcomes



Focus & Prioritization

Continue prioritization of children from birth to age 21 both in policy and funding



Maintain Local Structure

Foster collaboration to ensure strong child and family outcomes but local structure remains a local decision

In order to...



Children & Youth

Help more children thrive in safe,

healthy environments to reach their

first birthday and beyond.



Communities

Ensure continuity of care across the spectrum of ages, stages, and services to help children and youth succeed.



Families

Support families with needed **resources** and supports proactively.



Department of Children & Youth WHO WE SERVE — ANNUAL BASELINE (2023)

OHIO AT A GLANCE

11.8M Residents of Ohio

3.0M Children – Under 21 680K

Children – Under 5

1.6M **Ohioans in Poverty**

496K Children (under 18)

*Data from 2020 Census and Ohio Poverty Report (2020)

CHILDREN SERVICES



24,109

Annual number of children in agency custody and placement

14.230

Total number of children in foster care

71,049

Total number of screened in child abuse and/or neglect reports

EARLY INTERVENTION



34,925

Total El program referral count

28,450

Total number of children served

HOME VISITING

12,571

Total Help Me Grow home visiting program referral count

11.645

Total children served in Help Me Grow home visiting



CHILDREN'S TRUST FUND



22,386

Total number of families engaged in prevention programs

COMMISSION ON FATHERHOOD



2,048 Total number of fathers educated and served

FAMILY & CHILDREN FIRST COUNCIL



2,554 Total children served with family centered services and supports funds

INFANT & MATERNAL MORTALITY



Infant Deaths CY2021

912

Total number of infant deaths

infant deaths per 1,000 live births

7.0/1,000

Total number of

Maternal Pregnancy-Related Deaths CY2017-18

72

Total number of maternal deaths 26.5/100,000

Total number of maternal deaths per 100,000 live births

DOLLY PARTON'S IMAGINATION LIBRARY OF OHIO



467,772

Total number of children served

4,329,946

Total number of books distributed

CHILD CARE & EDUCATION

31,028

Total number of children served in special education preschool (SFY22)

35.40%

Demonstrating Kindergarten Readiness

137,265

Total number of children in care who received Publicly Funded Child Care

8,601

Total count of licensed programs

4,372

Child Care Centers

331 Family Child

Care - Type A Home

2,101 Family Child Care - Type B

Home

1,503

Preschool Programs

294 School-Age Child Care

QUESTION NOT A CRISIS

DEVELOPMENTAL SCREENING TOOL

Expand the Ages and Stages Questionnaire which provides a resource for parents experiencing concerns with their child to answer a few questions in the comfort of their homes and get any necessary referrals.

PARENT RESOURCES

Launched DCY Parent and Youth
Ambassadors program, hosting family
listening sessions, and planning recurring
Parent Cafes to ensure ongoing
engagement and a judge free resource for
parents. Additionally, expanding telehealth
to increase access to care for families.

CENTRAL INTAKE EXPANSION

Created a one stop shop for parents of children birth to five when the have questions or concerns and need a service or support.

EXPANSION OF SERVICES FOR 3-5 YEAR OLDS

Through Home Visiting Expansion, Child Care increased eligibility and Early Childhood Education expansion we anticipate serving at least 15,000 new children.

DATA SHARING/REFERRALS

As a result of being under one Department we have been able to better connect children in foster and kinship placements with early childhood education (~1,000 children will receive referrals.)





Vision: Each Ohioan is able to live up to their full potential and have the opportunity to live their version of the American dream.

Mission: Promote positive, lifelong outcomes for all Ohio youth.

THE WORK OF DCY OUTCOME AREAS SHORT-TERM GOALS LONG-TERM GOALS

Creates a culture that prioritizes

- Transparency & Accountability
- Supporting Local Structure
- Data-driven Decisions
- Family & Youth Voice
- Equity
- Awareness
- Identification
- Prevention
- Intervention
- Wellness
- Support

And focuses efforts along the continuum of care

Providing support and programming across a variety of program areas

- Maternal & Infant Wellness
- Early Care & Education
- Early Childhood Development
- Children
 Services, Foster,
 Kinship, &
 Adoption
- Family Support & Stabilization
- Young Adult Supports

Supporting Areas

Infant Wellness: Reduce infant mortality

Early Childhood Development:

Increase access to and usage of early intervention and medical supports

Early Care & Education: Decrease staff turnover and increase child enrollment

Maternal Health: Decrease maternal mortality and improve prenatal health

Family Stability: Support family resiliency and access to healthy, nutritious food

Safe & Healthy Homes: Support safe, stable homes for children to grow up in

Parent Awareness: Increase awareness of services and child development milestones

Screening & Referral: Increase ASQ* Screening and referral to appropriate services

Education: Improve youth educational outcomes and graduation rates

Adolescent Health: Reduce prevalence of behavioral, mental, & physical health risks

Increase the number of families served by Home Visiting by 10% (1,165 more children)

10% increase in serving mothers and infants (additional 1,400 moms and babies) through neighborhood navigation, Baby and Me Tobacco Free and Safe Sleep

Reduce turnover by 5% for Administrators, Lead Teachers and Assistant Teachers

53% of infants and toddlers receiving Early Intervention (EI) services will increase social / emotional development

55% of infants and toddlers receiving EI services will exit EI within age expectation in the social and emotional domain

Increase Early Childhood Mental Health (ECMH) direct service consultation by 25% (85 to 109 consultants)

Decrease the number of children in congregate care settings by 10% (200 children)

Increase the number of licensed foster parents by 5% (with focus on high acuity children (approximately 350 children)

Increase access to nontraditional care and care for children with special needs by 10% (2,000 children)

Increase Publicly-Funded Child Care (PFCC) access for infants and toddlers by 10% (2,000 children)

Increase the number of children in 2024/2025 school year demonstrating on the Kindergarten Readiness Assessment (KRA) by 7% (7,800 children)

SUPPORT CHILDREN

& YOUTH: Help more children thrive in safe, healthy environments to reach their first birthday and beyond

EMPOWER

FAMILIES: Empower families with needed resources and supports before, during and after a need

UPLIFT COMMUNITIES:

Invest in community resources to enable support along the continuum of ages, stages, and services to help children and youth succeed



LONG TERM GOAL #1: SUPPORT CHILDREN & YOUTH

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LONG TERM GOAL #2: EMPOWER FAMILIES

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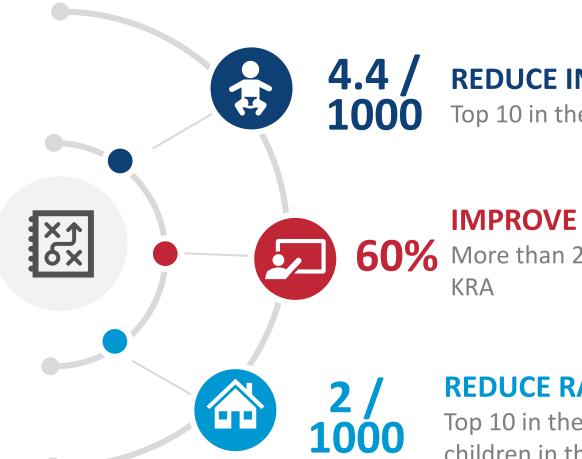
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DCY TOMORROW – GOALS & PROGRESS



BIG GOALS OVERVIEW



REDUCE INFANT MORTALITY RATE

Top 10 in the country, saving an additional 330 babies per year

IMPROVE KINDERGARTEN READINESS

60% More than 26,000 more children demonstrating Readiness on the KRA

REDUCE RATE OF CHILDREN ENTERING FOSTER SYSTEM

Top 10 in the country, supports families to keep more than 3,300 children in their homes



WORKFORCE

Ohio's Early Childhood Professionals



24,163 Lead Teachers



23,655 Assistant Teachers



32,114 Other Professionals

Key Takeaways:

- Ohio has a pool of 79,932 Early Childhood Professionals
- Consider how to best support and prepare these professionals



DO WHAT'S RIGHT FOR KIDS.

What gap can you fill?

Where can you and your system help?





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