

Division of Children and Family Services Community Newsletter

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News and Updates

Adoptions Numbers Increase

Safety, permanency and well-being are the core objectives of the work we do at DCFS. While most of the public focus tends to be on safety, we must also keep permanency a priority for all our children. Whenever we are unable to safely reunite a child with their parents, finding permanency becomes an important goal. Every child needs family; not just until they turn 18 but for the rest of their lives. That's why we're so pleased that in 2018 we helped 142 children achieve permanency through adoption. That's 20 more than in 2017. Ranging from toddlers to teens, we never give up on finding the loving, supportive family that every young person needs. We still need more families to open their hearts and homes through foster care or adoption. If you or someone you know is interested, please call our recruitment line at 216-881-5775.

March is Social Work Month

March is National Social Work Month, a time when we thank the people who dedicate their lives and careers to helping others and changing lives. All this month we'll share stories of employees, whether they work directly with families or behind the scenes, who help improve the lives of our children, families, and older adults in Cuyahoga County Health and Human Services. Please follow us on [Facebook](#), [Twitter](#), and Instagram to see their stories as we say thank you.

DCFS is In Your Neighborhood

Our next In Your Neighborhood event is coming up soon. Please join us to learn more about DCFS, meet some of our employees, ask questions, and find resources that can help your family and community.

Date: Thursday, March 14th, 2019
Time: 5:00pm – 7:00 pm
Location: West Side Community House
9300 Lorain Ave.
Cleveland, OH 44102

Help Prevent Child Abuse and Neglect

In 2018 the Division of Children and Family Services received more than 21,000 allegations for possible cases of child abuse or neglect. There are currently 2,600 children or teens in county custody; the most in a decade. This April we want to bring attention to the role all of us can play in helping prevent child abuse and neglect. On Wednesday, April 10th we are inviting our partners and community members to attend a rally for Wear Blue Day, a state-wide campaign to promote National Child Abuse Prevention Month. Find out how you can be an Everyday Hero, help support a struggling family, and protect a child.

Date: Wednesday, April 10th
Time: 12:30pm
Location: Public Square

Stay tuned for more details on speakers and how you can participate.

DCFS Facts and Figures

Custody Data as of March 4, 2019

Court Ordered Protective Supervision (COPS) Children	757
In-Home Supportive Services (IHSS) Children	2,676

Custody Type

Emergency Custody/Ex-parte/Officer Acceptance/Agency Authority	758
Initial Voluntary Agreement for Custody	3
Permanent Custody/Surrender	570
Planned Permanent Living Arrangement (PPLA)	61
Temporary Custody 1st Extension	127
Temporary Custody 2nd Extension	40
Temporary Custody/Court Order	1,041
Total	2,600

[More details here.](#) *This report is updated weekly every Monday.

[Read the DCFS Yearly Statistical Report here](#)

Resources

[Online Resource Guide](#)

[Neighborhood Collaboratives](#)

[Mandated Reporting](#)

[Quality Parenting Initiative](#)

[Online Caregiver/Parenting Videos](#)

[Foster Parent Training Schedule](#)

[Adoptable Kids](#)

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