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Cuyahoga County Department of Children and Family Services makes changes to better protect children, provide stability and well-being

Cuyahoga County Department of Children and Family Services recently formed a community task force to review and evaluate how children are reunited with their families. The community task force is made up of professionals from academic, medical, mental health, drug and alcohol, the courts, domestic violence, neighborhood community service groups and child welfare.

The community task force will also address program implementation, bonding and attachment issues and will make recommendations to the agency within 90 days. Community task force meetings will convene in mid April.

Members serving on the community task force include:

- **Judge Ronald B. Adrine, J.D. -Administrative and Presiding Judge – Cleveland Municipal Court, International lecturer on domestic violence issues**
- **Honorable Judge Richard J. Ambrose, J.D. B.S. - Cuyahoga County Court of Common Pleas**
- **Mary Boyle, B.S.N. - Nurse – Metro Health and Hospice of the Western Reserve**
- **Lynne Chavers, Staff Attorney - Cuyahoga County Juvenile Court**
- **Daralynn Constant, LISW-S, M.S.A.S.S., - Child Protection Coordinator, Rainbow Babies & Children's Hospital**
- **David Crampton, Ph.D. – Associate Professor, Mandel School of Applied Social Services, Case Western Reserve University**

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- **Maureen Dee, LISW-S, LICDC, M.S.S.A., M.B.A. – Executive Director of Catholic Charities Services**
- **William Denihan, Bachelor Degree in Urban Studies - Chief Executive Officer for the Alcohol, Drug Addiction and Mental Health Services Board of Cuyahoga County**
- **Victor Groza, Ph.D. – Professor in Parent –Child Studies, Mandel School of Applied Social Sciences, Case Western Reserve University**
- **Susan Hatters-Friedman, MD - Northcoast Behavior Healthcare, Case Western Reserve University School of Medicine, North East Ohio Health Services/Connections, Perinatal and Women's Health Program, and Forensic Outpatient Services, Private Practice of Forensic Psychiatry**
- **Jessica Horne, Certified Ohio Prevention Consultant II - Executive Director of Cleveland Urban Minority Alcoholism Drug Abuse Outreach Project (UMADAOP) – Graduate of Tennessee State University with a Political Science Degree**
- **Daniel A. Houston, M.A. in Counseling Psychology – International trainer and organizational development consultant, trainer in areas of cultural diversity and leadership development**
- **Patrick Canary – Director of the Center for Innovative Practices**
- **Greg Keck, Ph.D. - Founder and Director of The Attachment and Bonding Center of Ohio**
- **Donna Keegan, M.A., B.A., A.A., LSW - Chief Operating Officer for Berea Children's Home**
- **Judith Layne, J.D., B.A. – Administrator, Guardian Ad Litem Project**
- **John H. Lawson, J.D. - Private Practice Attorney, Lecturer**
- **Melissa Manos, M.SM, M.Ed. M.S. – Director, Help Me Grow of Cuyahoga County**
- **Pat Rideout, J.D. - Senior Consultant for Annie E. Casey Family to Family Initiative**
- **Crystal Ward Allen, LSW, M.S.W.– Executive Director of Public Children Services Association of Ohio PCSAO**

In addition, CCDCFS will develop best practices that will promote shared responsibility and improve communication among all public and private agencies and the community.

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