

Acknowledgments

The PCSAO Factbook is made possible by the generous support and assistance from many people. It is the product of true teamwork and partnerships.

First, many thanks to the dedicated and committed **directors** and **employees** of the **88 County Public Children Services Agencies** for their willingness to research, review and report on a variety of data elements presented in this publication. We appreciate the entire **PCSAO Board of Trustees**, as well as past-President, **Kelly Lynch** and current-President, **Judy Englehart** for their ongoing endorsement of this important biennial project.

Special thanks go to several community partners:

Douglas Lumpkin, Director, and **Sandra Holt**, Deputy Director of ODJFS for their full support of this project.

John McKibben, **David Hubble** and **Senarath Abeyratne** at the ODJFS Bureau of Automated Systems for providing much of the child protection data presented and prioritizing this project, especially given workloads while managing the conversion from FACSIS to SACWIS.

Thomas Goard, ODJFS, Bureau of County Finance and Technical Assistance for providing the CORE reports and line codes to ensure the most accurate and available public expenditures.

Joan Van Hull and **Gwen Harris**, CFSR oversight and evaluation experts at ODJFS for help in understanding the new, complex system of outcome indicators and working with us to present easy to understand, consistent and accurate CFSR data.

Stephen Boudinot, Chief of the Bureau of Cost and Cash Management at ODJFS and others for Adoption Assistance and SAMS subsidies categorized by county, state and federal shares.

Alicia Leatherman, Director of the Early Childhood Cabinet for early childhood education information and statistics.

Kay Rietz, Ohio Dept of Mental Health and **Dora Sterling** for statistics and information about Access to Better Care/Mental Health.

John Corlett, **Dan Hecht** and **Mary Haller**, Office of Ohio Health Plans for the Medicaid information provided and their detailed understanding of eligibility.

Debbie Wright and **Sondra Crayton**, ODH, Early Intervention for providing Help Me Grow data.

Laurie McCool, Research/Reporting Section Chief at ODJFS for providing OWF/TANF data.

Carri Brown and **Tim Hennessy**, ODJFS, Office of Child Support for their speedy response in sharing recent child support collections and paternity establishments.

Matt Cohen and **Marianne Mottley**, ODE, for supplying graduation rates by County.

David Altstadt, **Eben Dowell**, and **Jung King** at Community Research Partners for providing state/county poverty rates and tips to understanding the nuances of Census data.

Samantha Herd, former Director of Public Policy at Ohio United Way (now District Director for Congresswoman Kilroy) for the poverty rate information for a family of three.

George Zeller, for his continued research and efforts to monitor unemployment in Ohio.

Amy Swanson, **Mary Wachtel** and **Sandy Erb-Wilson** of Voices for Ohio's Children for their dedication to children's health coverage.

Jim Burkett, OACCA and **Robin Lindquist-Grantz**, Ohio University for the OACCA Outcomes Data project information.

David Schultz, **David Potts**, **Heather Clark**, **Amanda Nettler** and the talented team at beckmanXMO for producing and printing this (and previous 8th) edition of the Factbook. How about this year's cover? Did they set the bar high for the next edition or what?

All of the **Community Partners** who supported this publication through promotional space in the new Community Resources section – be sure to check it out.

Heartfelt thanks must be extended to the entire PCSAO staff – for their passion, expertise, knowledge and individual contributions to this Factbook. There is a piece of every one of us contained within.

Finally, two very special thank you's go to:

Julie Cibulskas who has earned the title of Factbook Assistant extraordinaire! She has worked on the past four editions. Many thanks for entering data and making the profile pages look great, creating each individual chart and graph, and meticulously reviewing for accuracy.

Sally Kapcar for her support and helping to review/confirm data.

As you can see, many people contributed information and provided support to make this project a reality – a textbook example of teamwork and partnerships!

Gregory Kapcar, MPA, LSW
PCSAO Assistant Legislative Director, and
Factbook Project Manager