

PCSAO Publishes COA Evidence Guide

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As promised earlier, PCSAO has published the first installment of the COA Evidence Guide. This Guide shows the 9 counties in the "First Group" entering the COA accreditation process how each COA Standard correlates to the appropriate section of the Ohio Revised Code, the Ohio Administrative Code, and the PCSAO Standards for Effective Practice. The Guide is made available to the "First Class" only in hard copy. The Guide is available to other agencies through the PCSAO web site: www.pcsao.org This Guide will be of assistance to the 8 already accredited agencies when they go through re-accreditation.

To date the COA Evidence Guide includes the following Standards:

- S10. Child Protective Services;
- S11. Adult Protective Services;
- S14. Adoption Services;
- S20. Family-Centered, Intensive Family Preservation;
- S21. Foster and Kinship Care Services;
- G1. Ethical Practices, Rights, and Responsibilities;
- G2. Continuous Quality Improvement;
- G3. Organizational Integrity; and
- G4. Management of Human Resources

Another 10 Standards will be published soon.

PCSAO staff member Julie Root and Social Work intern Kelli Miller did the research of the ORC, the OAC, and the PCSAO Standards to complete the Evidence Guide.

As changes occur to the ORC, and the OAC, PCSAO will note the changes on the PCSAO web site as well as direct notification to the COA counties.

It is the desire of PCSAO that more PCSAs in Ohio will inquire about COA accreditation and will join the "Second Group" this fall. For more information on COA, please review the PCSAO power-point presentation found on the PCSAO web site. Questions should be addressed to Candace Novak at ODJFS (614-995-9925) or Max F. Bucey at PCSAO (614-224-5802)

NEWS FLASH !!!! Erie County DJFS has just learned that they have been accredited by COA. Congratulations to Judy Englehart, Director and all of her staff for a job well done. Now there are 9 PCSAs in Ohio that are COA Accredited.