

COUNCIL ON ACCREDITATION UPDATE

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Congratulations to the following 9 PCSAs who officially are in the "FIRST CLASS" to start the Council on Accreditation (COA) process on 1-1-03:

Allen County CSB
Champaign County DJFS
Clermont County DJFS
Coshocton County DJFS
Lucas County CSB
Marion County CSB
Stark County DJFS
Union County DJFS
Washington County CSB

The above nine PCSAs join the following eight PCSAs, already accredited through COA: Franklin, Greene, Hamilton, Lorain, Montgomery, Richland, Summit, and Trumbull.

Special congratulations go to Montgomery County CSB, who recently received re-accreditation through COA using the New Standards. Great job! Erie County DJFS is also in the process of achieving COA accreditation.

PCSAO has just recently released a PowerPoint presentation and brochure to assist PCSAs present the COA process to their shareholders. If you have not reviewed this presentation, go to the PCSAO web site: www.pcsao.org.

PCSAO staff are also currently developing an "Evidence Guide" to assist the "First Class" in the COA Self-Evaluation process. The guide will correlate each COA Standard to the appropriate section of the ORC and OAC as well as existing PCSAO Standards for Effective Practice. Portions of the "Evidence Guide" will be released to the "First Class" as completed. The entire guide is scheduled to be completed by spring.

Those scheduled to be in the Second Class, or those still considering COA may find these tools helpful. Don't hesitate to consult PCSAO if you have questions.