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FAMILY-CENTERED-NEIGHBORHOOD-BASED (FCNB) SERVICES
SUCCESS STORIES FROM THE FIELD

Since our last article regarding the integration of Family-Centered, Neighborhood-Based Services and the efforts of Ohio's counties in embracing this approach, PCSAO has uncovered some more GOOD NEWS! In Logan County, staff have developed an exciting idea to bring out foster parents to assemble Life Books for children in their care. These Life Books, better known as Scrap Books, keep a recorded and visual history of the child's growth and development while in the temporary care of the agency. This is critical to the child who often feels adrift. The Life Books are reviewed with the child on a periodic and appropriate basis to help the child stay connected to his birth family and to recall important events. Logan County Children Services holds **LIFE BOOK PARTY NIGHTS** after major holidays. The agency provides the materials (colored paper, stickers of the season, glitter, etc. and refreshments) and the foster parents bring in the photographs, school programs, etc. and they make a night of it! What a WONDERFUL way to bring foster parents together for support and camaraderie and to highlight the importance of the LIFE BOOK in the child's life. Eventually, the agency hopes to expand this idea, bringing together foster and birth parents to develop the Life Book together for the child after visits. ■