

Daniel Bradhurst - A Dedicated Public Servant Retires

On July 1, 2002 a friend, colleagues and dedicated public servant will retire after 32 years of public service to Ohio's children, families and communities. When speaking with Dan about his long and illustrious career, I stood in amazement and awe. Here is an individual that really walked the talk and as a result, we are all better off.

Dan Bradhurst began his career in 1971 in Crawford County as a social worker in the Children's Home. In 1979 he became the Crawford County Children Services Assistant Director. In 1983 Dan joined Pickaway County as their Children Services Director and left in 1985 to work with the Department of Human Services (now know as ODJFS). In 1991 Dan returned to Pickaway County where he worked as the Director of Children Services and then the Executive Director of Pickaway County DJFS when it combined with Children Services in 1993.

Not only has Dan been a tireless visionary with down to earth ideas as to how to serve our most vulnerable, he has took his fierce dedication and commitment to the streets after the work day ended. Dan has served as a trustee with PCSAO, was a member of the Children's Trust Fund, President of the Circleville Athletic Boosters, Pickaway School Board member, member of their local community Action League, Chairperson of the Pickaway Family and Children First Council and is the current President of the Pickaway Chamber of Commerce.

Dan will retire but he has made a commitment to the Pickaway County Commissioners to work with them as their County Administrator. So, while his wife of 28 years and two children thought perhaps Dan would now focus on himself - they are not surprised that he will continue to work to better the lives of citizens in and around the community he lies in and loves.

We wish Dan all the best always. Thank you Dan for you commitment, dedication and public service. You are a true leader! ■