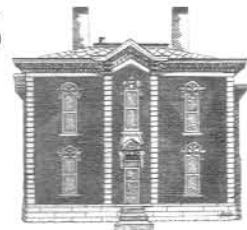




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Resolution # 03-21-05-3

A resolution in opposition to the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services' (HHS) Administration for Children, Youth, and Families (ACYF), Policy Announcement 01-02 (hereinafter referred to as PA 01-02).

Whereas, in 2003, more than 4,000 Ohio children came to live with grandparents and other family members after being abused or neglected at home; and

Whereas, ten or more children are placed in relatives' homes by the Holmes County Department of Job and Family Services each year; and

Whereas, family members submit to background checks and, in some cases, home studies and safety assessments prior to children being placed in their homes; and

Whereas, PA 01-02 will end Title IV-E support for abused and neglected children living with kin unless aunts, uncles and grandparents become "licensed foster caregivers" and meet stringent ongoing licensure requirements to care for their own family members; and

Whereas, forcing relative caregivers to become licensed foster homes will eliminate many kinship resource families who either cannot or will not complete stringent requirements to become licensed foster parents; and

Whereas, forcing family members to become "licensed foster caregivers" is an unwarranted intrusion by government into the lives of families; and

Whereas, the federal government needs to support abused and neglected children in safe and permanent homes with relatives, not add rules which punish families unless they complete unnecessary procedures and expand the use of temporary foster care.

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Board of Commissioners of Holmes County, Ohio opposes ACYF PA 01-02, and encourages our federal legislative representatives to support an amendment to Sec. 474 [42 USC 674] 3 (E), clarifying that Title IV-E support may be claimed for case management and other administrative activities for any IV-E eligible child in out-of-home care, regardless of the setting in which the child is placed.

The Holmes County Board of County Commissioners met during regular session on the 21st day of March, 2005.

Mr. Miller moved for the adoption of the preceding Resolution, Mr. Felkert seconded the motion.

David Hall
David Hall

Yes No

Ray Felkert
Ray Felkert

Yes No

Joe Miller
Joe Miller

Yes No

The preceding Resolution is a true and exact copy of a Resolution adopted during the regular business day of March 21 2005 and is recorded in Commissioners Journal 40 under that date.

Susan Haun
Susan Haun, Clerk to the Board of Commissioner