

OHIO YAB 2008-2009 Strategic Plan

❖ OHIO YAB INITIATIVE: PROMOTE AWARENESS OF FOSTER YOUTH ISSUES TO THE REST OF THE CHILD WELFARE FIELD

- **GOAL: TRAINING FOSTER PARENTS & CHILD WELFARE STAFF TO ADEQUATELY PROVIDE ASSISTANCE TO YOUTH WHO HAVE EXPERIENCED FOSTER CARE.**
 - OBJECTIVE: *PREPARE OHIO YAB MEMBERS TO PRESENT TO FOSTER PARENTS AND CHILD WELFARE STAFF*
 - OBJECTIVE: *DEVELOP A STATEWIDE TRAINING PROGRAM WITH YOUTH*
- **GOAL: EDUCATE THE PUBLIC REGARDING OHIO YAB AND FOSTER YOUTH ISSUES**
 - OBJECTIVE: *ATTEND STATEWIDE AND NATIONAL CONFERENCES TO MAKE OTHERS AWARE OF OHIO YAB*
 - OBJECTIVE: *PRESENTATIONS ACROSS THE STATE TO CHILD WELFARE PROFESSIONALS, FOSTER PARENTS, AND OTHER FOSTER YOUTH.*

❖ OHIO YAB INITIATIVE: POLICY & PRACTICE INPUT FROM A YOUTH PERSPECTIVE

- **GOAL: DEVELOPMENT OF YOUTH HANDBOOK**
 - OBJECTIVE: *IDENTIFY THE RIGHTS AND RESPONSIBILITIES OF ALL PARTIES INVOLVED INCLUDING FOSTER YOUTH, FOSTER PARENTS, BIOLOGICAL PARENTS AND CASEWORKERS*
- **GOAL: YOUTH INVOLVEMENT IN THE DEVELOPMENT OF BEST PRACTICES**
 - OBJECTIVE: *CONNECT WITH ODJFS AND PCSAs IN THE STATE OF OHIO TO PROVIDE INPUT REGARDING CHILD WELFARE ISSUES AND POLICIES*
 - OBJECTIVE: *STAY CURRENT REGARDING OHIO CHILD WELFARE LEGISLATION AND PROVIDE TESTIMONY AND INPUT WHENEVER POSSIBLE.*
- **GOAL: PROMOTE AWARENESS OF THE MANDATORY CASA/GAL PROGRAM IN THE STATE OF OHIO**

- OBJECTIVE: *CONNECT WITH STATEWIDE CASA ORGANIZATION*
- OBJECTIVE: *EDUCATE FOSTER YOUTH AND CHILD WELFARE PROFESSIONALS REGARDING THE CASA/GAL PROGRAM.*

❖ **OHIO YAB INITIATIVE: DEVELOPMENT OF A STRONG OHIO YAB**

➤ **GOAL: VISIBLE, FORWARD LOOKING KNOWLEDGEABLE OHIO YAB BOARD ACROSS THE STATE**

- OBJECTIVE: *OBTAINMENT AND DEVELOPMENT OHIO YAB MARKETING TOOLS*
- OBJECTIVE: *PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT OF OHIO YAB MEMBERS*

➤ **GOAL: TO UNIFY THE COUNTIES AT A STATE LEVEL**

- OBJECTIVE: *RECRUIT YOUTH TO BE PART OF OHIO YAB*
- OBJECTIVE: *DEVELOP REGIONAL YAB ACTIVITIES*

➤ **GOAL: BUILD PARTNERSHIPS AND COLLABORATIONS WITH OTHER STATEWIDE CHILD SERVING AGENCIES (SUCH AS FCAA, OHILA, OACCA, I.H.S., OCWTP)**

- OBJECTIVE: *INVITE ORGANIZATIONS TO OHIO YAB MEETINGS*
- OBJECTIVE: *MAINTAIN COMMUNICATION WITH OTHER ORGANIZATIONS*