

Ohio Primary Parent Advisory Council

Mission

The mission of the **Ohio Primary Parent Advisory Council** is to assure that the voice of the primary parents is present at all tables of Child Welfare. **Ohio Primary Parent Advisory Council** is committed to advocating and supporting primary parents involved in the Child Welfare system at the state and local levels.

Membership

Ohio Primary Parent Advisory Council is made up of primary parents and their supporters (professionals & foster parents) from various counties throughout the state. The membership meets monthly to develop the council and advance the cause of advocating, supporting and empowering primary parents. Primary parents are birth parents, legal guardians (permanent kinship caregivers) or adoptive parents that have come to the attention of children service agencies regarding the care of their children.

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Strength, Dignity, & Hope



Activities

Acting as the voice of primary parents **Ohio Primary Parent Advisory Council** provides information and the primary parent perspective to Child Welfare policy makers and service providers. The Council and individual members are available to provide:

- Testimony and information to legislators and policy makers
- Presentations to interested organizations regarding the Council and the experience of primary parents and their children
- Training on engaging and working with primary parents
- Leadership skill development to primary parents

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