



SAFE CHILDREN, STABLE FAMILIES, SUPPORTIVE COMMUNITIES

Children's Continuum of Care Reform

#FosterHope4OHKids

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Who We Are

PCSAO is a membership-driven association of Ohio's county Public Children Services Agencies that advocates for and promotes child welfare program excellence and sound public policy for safe children, stable families, and supportive communities.





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WHY A CHILDREN'S CONTINUUM OF CARE REFORM PLAN?





Ohio's Children Services System = CRISIS

"Lack of placement options"

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TOO Long"

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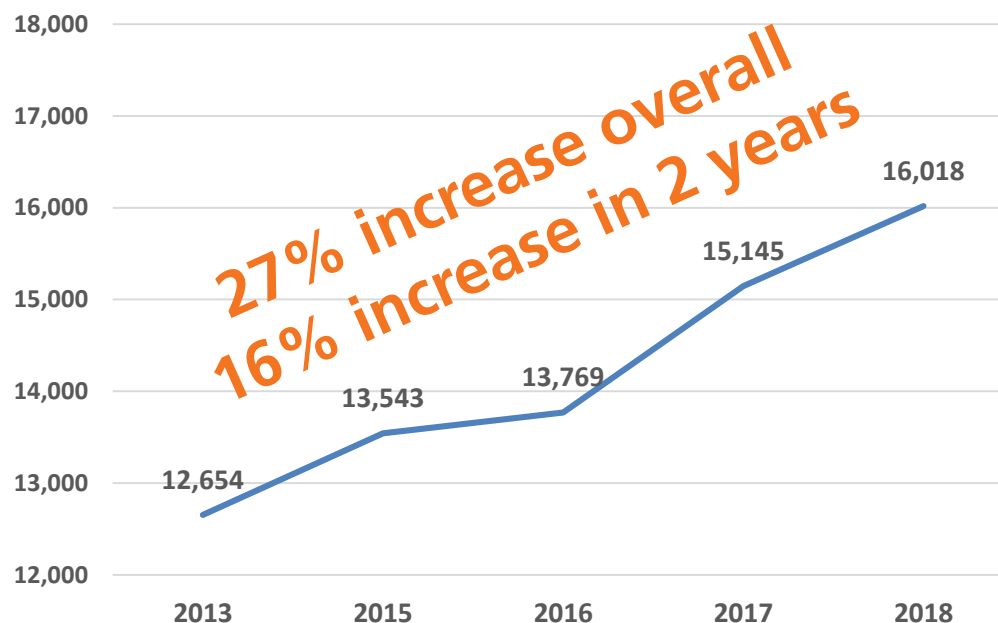




Ohio's Children Services System Is Strained

More children are entering foster care at alarmingly higher rates than ever before

Children in Foster Care on July 1



67% of children in foster care are 12 and younger; 28% are 3 and younger.

Source: ODJFS SACWIS special data run, received Nov. 2017, supplemented July 2018.
Point in Time Data for July 1, 2013, 2015, 2016, 2017 and 2018

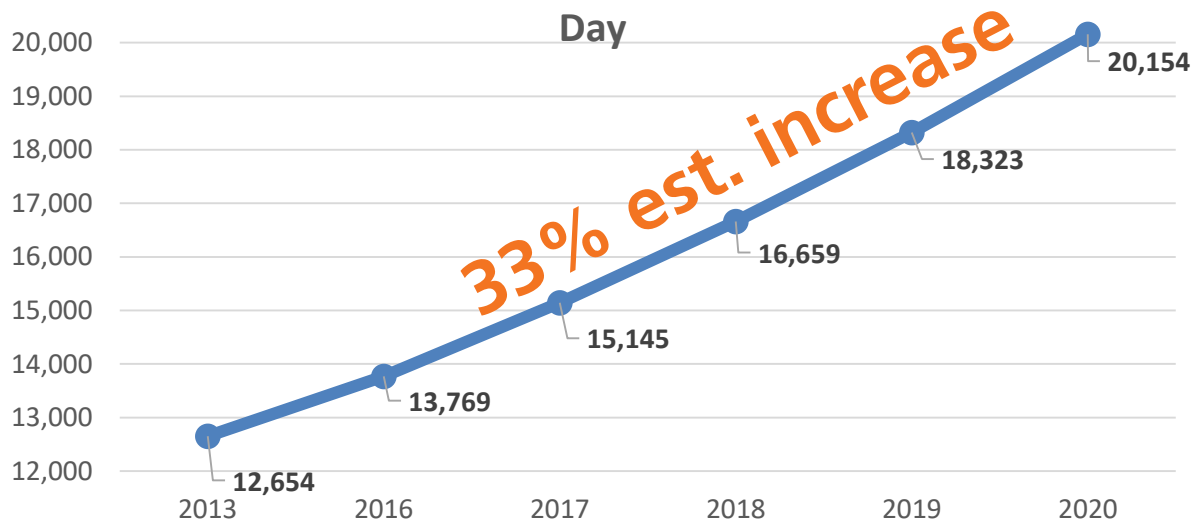




Ohio's Children Services System Will Explode

If the opioid epidemic continues at its current pace, Ohio will have over 20,000 children in foster care by 2020

Est. Number of Children in Foster Care on a Given Day



Only 7,200 foster homes available; not increasing at the same pace – 2.5% increase/year

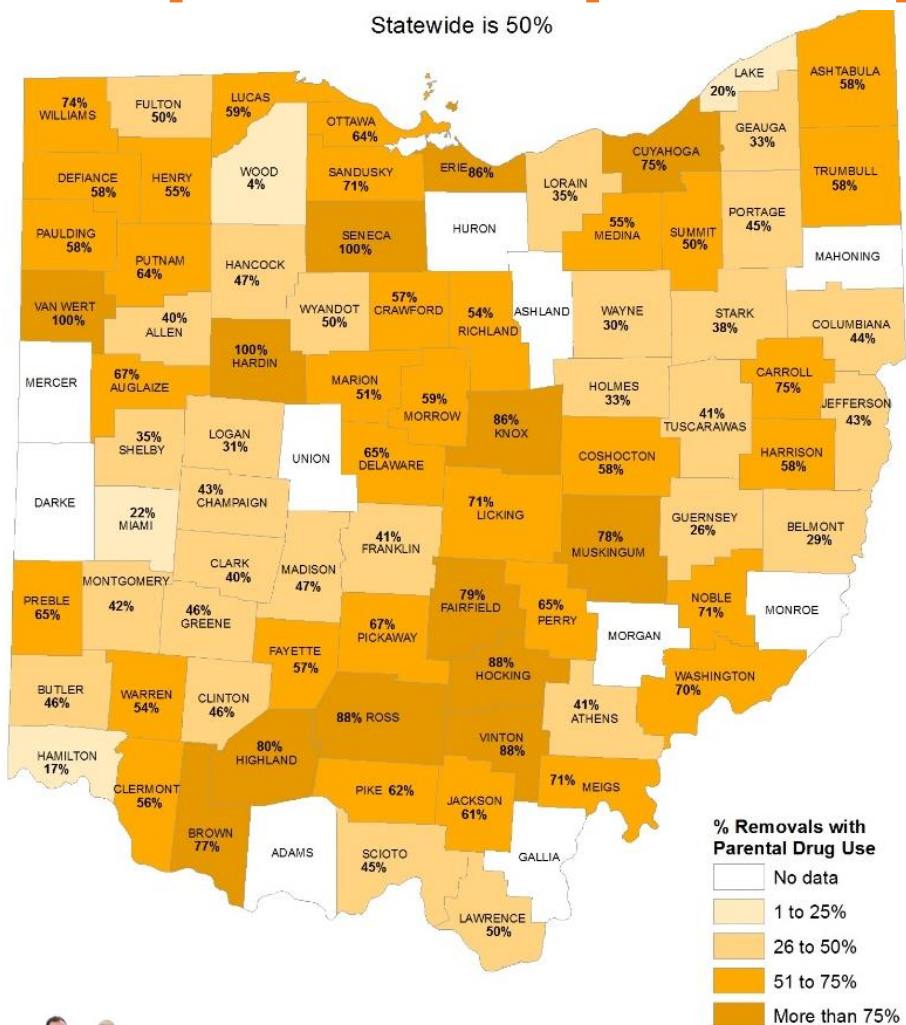
Source: ODJFS SACWIS special data run, received Nov. 2017. Additional calculations by PCSAO. Point in Time Data for July 1, 2013, 2015, 2016, 2017 and Oct. 1, 2017





Impact of Opioid Epidemic on Children

Statewide is 50%



50% of children taken into custody in 2015 had parental drug use

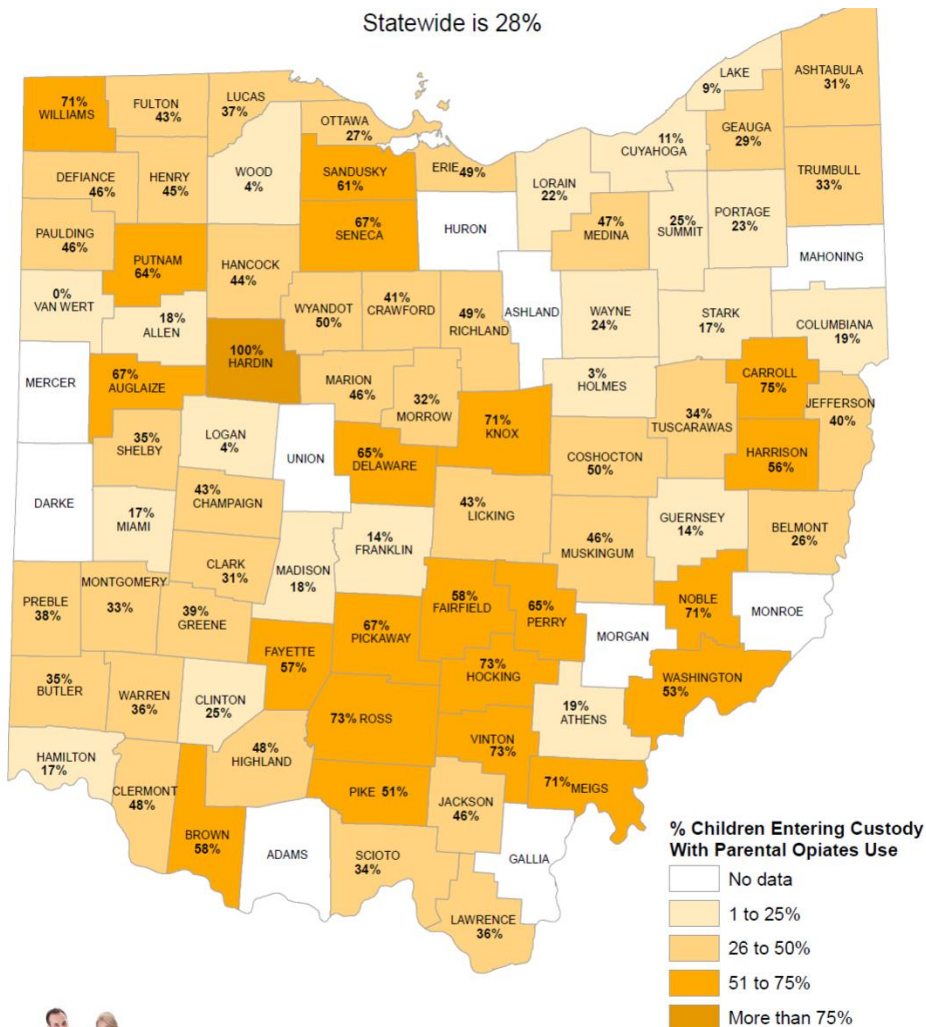
Source: PCSAO Opiate Survey, 78 county Public Children Services Agencies responded, Apr. 2016





Impact of Opioid Epidemic on Children

Statewide is 28%



28% of children taken into custody in 2015 had parents who were using opioids at time of removal

Source: PCSAO Opiate Survey, 78 county Public Children Services Agencies responded, Apr. 2016



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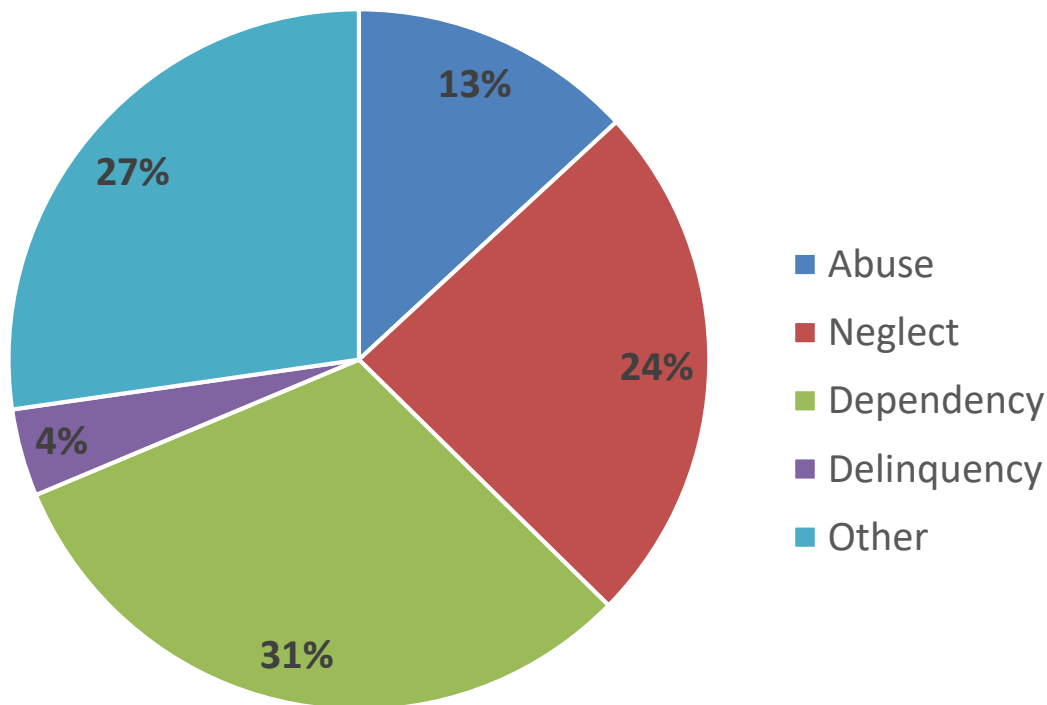


Ohio's Children Services System Today

Children coming into care have very complex needs

Reasons for Removal

Total= 13,683 as of 7/1/16



Source: ODJFS SACWIS, calculations by PCSAO, SFY2016

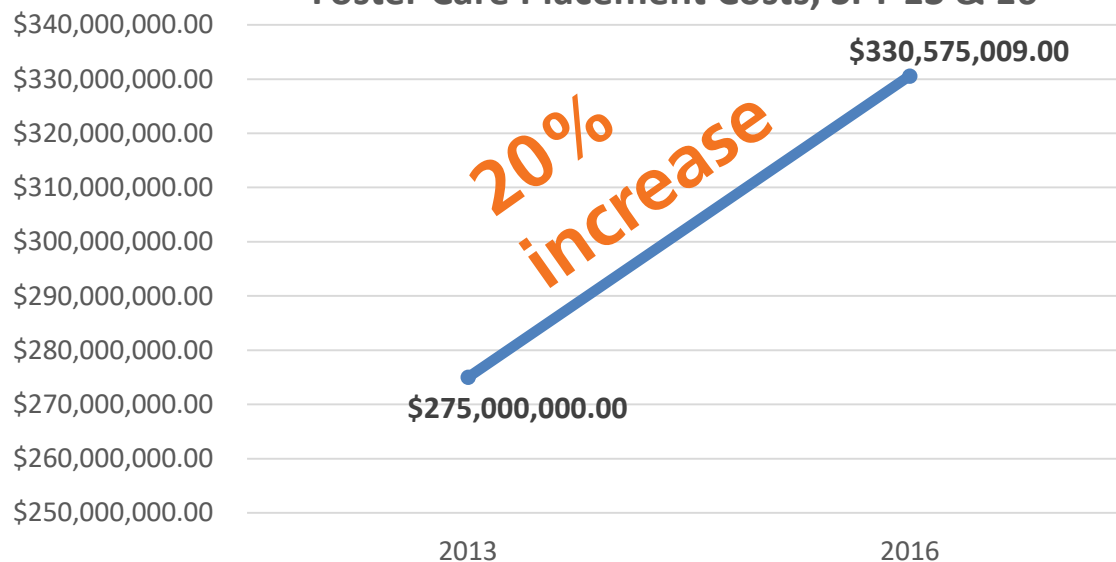




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Placement costs have increased dramatically due to more children in care and their needs are more complex

Foster Care Placement Costs, SFY 13 & 16



66% paid with local dollars,
34% paid with federal dollars

Source: ODJFS SACWIS special data run, received Jan. 2017. Additional calculations by PCSAO.

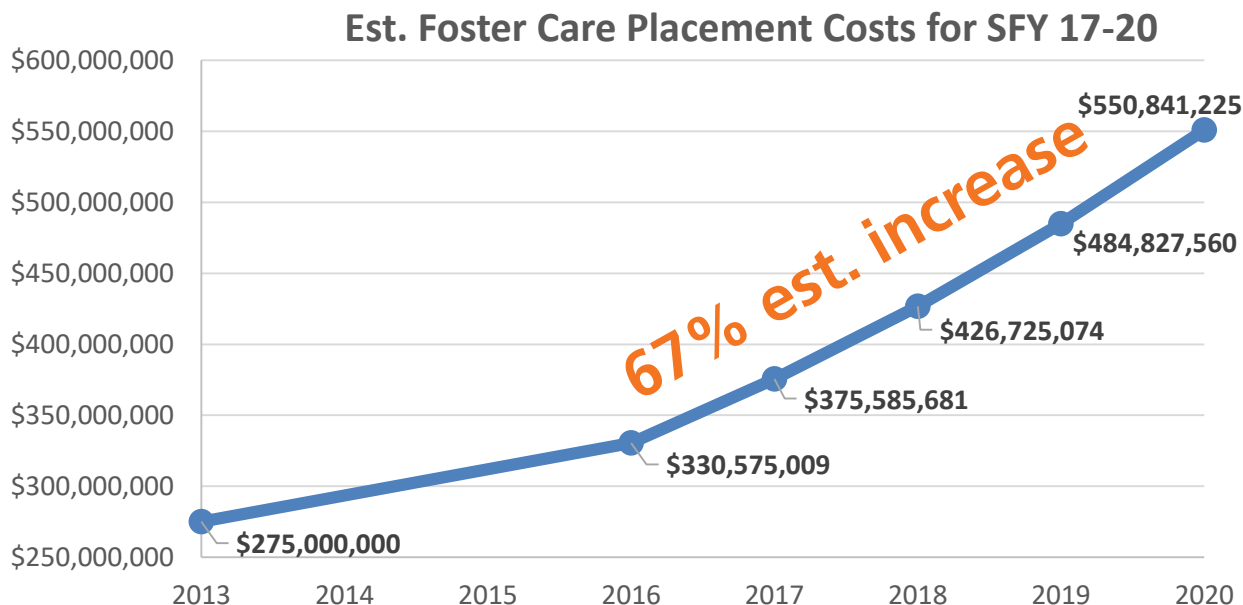




Ohio's Children Services System Will Explode

The skyrocketing cost of foster care in Ohio is reaching levels that will require substantially more State resources

An additional **\$175M** will be needed in 3 years - just for placement costs!



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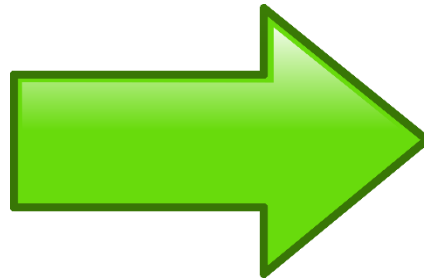
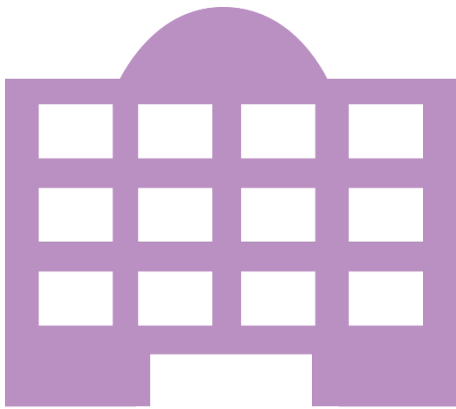


Ohio's Children Services System is in a Crisis

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Reform Is Needed



Reform Outcomes

1. Reduce the number of children entering foster care
2. Reduce the length of stay in foster care
3. Reduce the use of residential care
4. Reduce children experiencing trauma
5. Reduce the cost to taxpayers



Continuum of Care Reform

Four Strategic Areas

1. Prevention,
Intervention,
Crisis & Diversion

2. Professional
Foster Care

3. Aftercare &
Reunification

4. Appropriate
Residential Care



Looking for Partners

- Learn more about the reform plan and provide endorsement here: www.pcsao.org
- Current endorsements include: Casey Family Programs, Ohio Children's Alliance, Ohio Family Care Association, Kinnect, Family & Youth Law Center, Ohio United Way, Ohio Children's Defense Fund, Ohio Children's Hospital Association, Ohio AAP, Voices for Ohio's Children & more!





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Endorse the Children's Continuum of Care Reform Plan

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