2013-2014 ACCOMPLISHMENTS

Notable PCSAO accomplishments in 2013-2014 include:

- Helped secure $10 million in new funding for child protective services that leveraged additional federal funding, and $10 million for adult protective services in the Mid-Biennium Review (SFY2015)
- Partnered with Minds Matter, a program of BEACON (Best Evidence for Advancing Child Health in Ohio Now), to reduce the number of atypical psychotropic drugs prescribed to children in foster care. Use of these drugs in this population has been decreasing. BEACON has expanded to include work to reduce adolescents’ use of opiates.
- Worked with the Ohio Department of Mental Health and Addiction Services and the Office of Health Transformation to create the Trauma Informed Care Task Force.
- Assisted in creating the Child Welfare Opiate Engagement Project, which released recommendations in September 2014.20
- Organized two annual behavioral health summits to further educate the child welfare community on behavioral health issues and identify successful strategies for improving outcomes for children and families.
- Hosted two annual conferences, providing continuing education units and/or continuing legal education credits to nearly 500 attendees each year.
- With the Ohio Attorney General’s Office and the Ohio Association of Child Caring Agencies, founded Ohio Reach, hired staff, and organized an annual Ohio Reach/Connecting the Dots Summit.
- Worked with the Ohio Attorney General’s Office, Ohio Department of Job and Family Services, and sponsor Representative Dorothy Pelanda to secure passage of HB 213, addressing guardians ad litem duties, normalcy for foster youth, narrowing of Planned Permanent Living Arrangements (PPLA), and termination of parental rights.
- Launched the Functional Job Analysis of child welfare caseworkers and caseload update, to help determine an average and appropriate caseload recommendation based on county circumstances. Project work has included a caseload complexity survey of more than 800 caseworkers, a three-month time study, and focus groups.
- With ODJFS, helped launch the Primary Parent Project, including the creation of HOPE, Helping Ohioans Parent Effectively.
- Created a stronger partnership with our sister associations including co-locating with, aligning our members’ districts, and sharing a Legislative Director with the Ohio Job and Family Services Directors’ Association (OJFSDA); and providing satellite office space for the Ohio CSEA Directors’ Association.
- In partnership with the Ohio Child Welfare Training Program, offered executive coaching services and distance-learning webinar trainings specifically designed to meet the leadership and professional development needs of agency directors and administrators.
- Provided orientation for new agency leaders and provided technical assistance and consultation on a range of issues, including grant writing.

PCSAO has continued to be financially responsible with its membership dues and grants. In addition, PCSAO fiscally manages several grants for other agencies, known as pass-through funds.

PCSAO’s total budget for 2014 was $1,431,856, as broken down in the chart below.

PCSAO thanks our core funders including: Casey Family Programs, The George Gund Foundation, and the Ohio Attorney General’s Office.

![Graph showing PCSAO Revenue for 2014]

![Graph showing PCSAO Expenditures for 2014]

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