

# ANNUAL REPORT 2015

**SAFE CHILDREN**  
**STABLE FAMILIES**  
**SUPPORTIVE COMMUNITIES**



**PUBLIC CHILDREN SERVICES**

association of ohio

37 West Broad Street, Suite 1100

Columbus, OH 43215

614-224-5802

[www.pcsao.org](http://www.pcsao.org)



## From the Director



In 2015 I completed my first full year as PCSAO's executive director, and the association celebrated 35 years since its founding. The accomplishments described in this report could not have been possible without PCSAO's dedicated Board of Trustees and member agencies, talented staff, supportive sister associations, and involved stakeholder groups.

I am proud to work with so many people committed to the safety, wellbeing and permanency of children and to the strengthening of families across our state.

If you support our mission, I encourage you to join us: like our Facebook page, follow our Twitter feed, contribute to the Ohio Reach Scholarship Fund or Gayle Channing Tenenbaum Communications Fund, or become a Mission Champion. Contact us for more information about any of these opportunities!

**Angela Sausser, MA, MSW, LSW**  
Executive Director

## Ohio's Child Protection Agencies

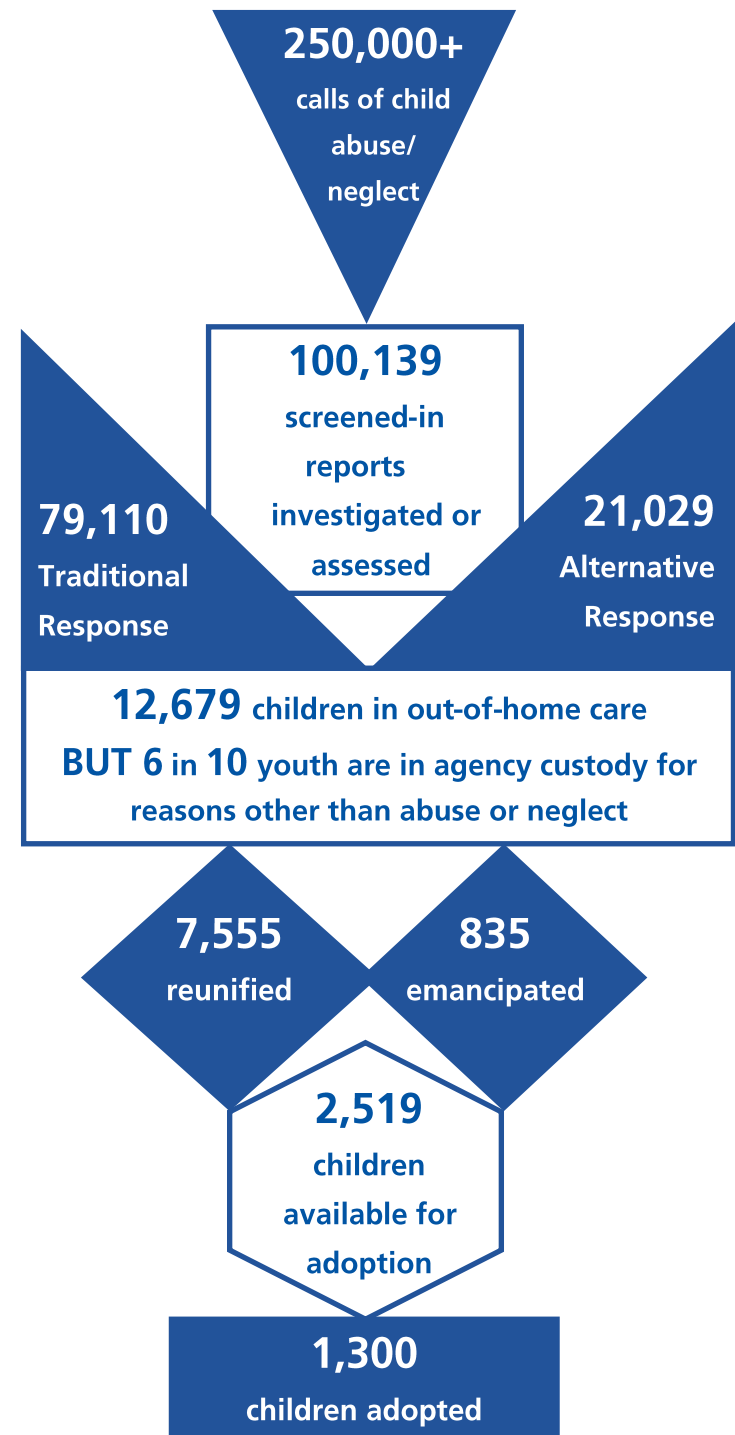
- State-supervised, county-administered system with 83 single-county agencies and 2 multi-county agencies
- 63 housed in a county job and family services department, overseen by county commissioners
- 22 children services boards overseen by citizens appointed by county commissioners
- 46 supported by voter-approved property tax levies
- Rely more heavily on local funds to match federal dollars for services than any other state in the nation
- Lost \$53.5 million in state funding—including an 18 percent reduction in the State Child Protection Allocation alone—since 2009
- Experienced a 16 percent increase in placements since 2009, at least partially attributable to the opiate epidemic

### SFY 2013 Spending on Child Protection

Federal	\$394,131,470	39%
State	\$93,670,643*	9%
Local	\$518,993,007	52%
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$1,006,793,629</b>	<b>100%</b>

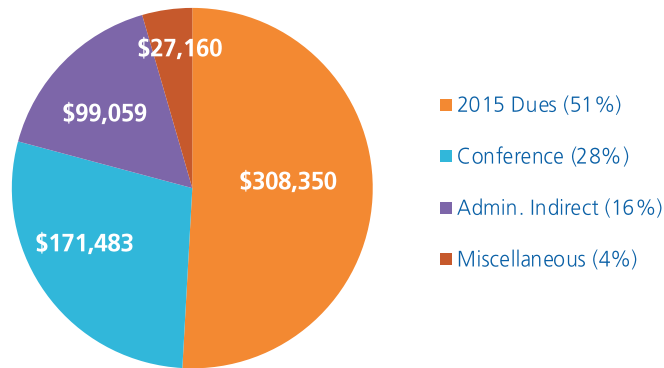
\*\$49,429,210 retained for statewide programming

## Child Protection by the Numbers

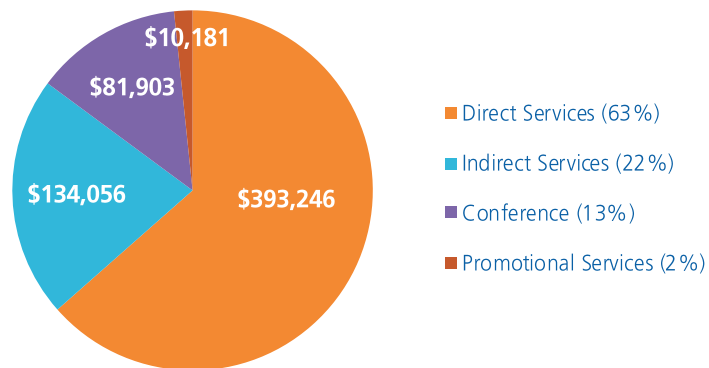


# 2015 Financial Report

## Revenue



## Expenditures



## Grants and Donations

PCSAO appreciates the following funders for their generous contributions and support in 2015:

- Annie E. Casey Foundation, \$75,000
- CareSource Foundation, \$25,000
- Casey Family Programs, \$220,000
- Franklin County Children Services (Wendy's Wonderful Kids), \$174,000
- George Gund Foundation, \$40,000
- Ohio Attorney General's Office, \$211,250
- Numerous conference sponsors, including UnitedHealthcare (\$20,000)
- Numerous donors to the Gayle Channing Tenenbaum Communications Fund

## Board of Trustees

Matthew Kurtz, President  
Knox County Job & Family Services

Catherine Hill, Vice President  
Athens County Children Services

Cynthia Scanland, Secretary  
Allen County Children Services

Kate Offenberger, Treasurer  
Carroll County Job & Family Services

Moira Weir, Past President  
Hamilton County Job & Family Services

Susan Bailey-Evans  
Champaign County Job & Family Services

Julie Barnes  
Summit County Children Services

Eileen Dray-Bardon  
Columbiana County Job & Family Services

Scott Ferris  
Lorain County Children Services

Deborah Forkas  
Stark County Job & Family Services

Lorra Fuller, PhD  
Scioto County Children Services

Patti Jacobs  
Warren County Children Services

Jacqueline Ringer  
Marion County Children Services

Timothy Schaffner  
Trumbull County Children Services

Kathi Spirk  
Clinton County Job & Family Services

Corey Walker  
Defiance-Paulding Consolidated JFS

David Wigent  
Wood County Job & Family Services

Randall Muth, JD, *Ex-Officio*  
Mahoning County Children Services

## staff

Angela Sausser  
Executive Director

Scott Britton  
Assistant Director

Mary Wachtel  
Legislative Director

Jeed Jitprasert  
Director of Operations

William Murray, IV  
Ohio Reach Coordinator



## National Memberships

- Child Welfare League of America
- National Association of County Human Services Administrators
- National Foster Care Coalition

# ACCOMPLISHMENTS

## Mission

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

## Strategic Priorities

- Pursue policy and resource assistance for youth served by multiple systems (developmental disabilities, mental health, juvenile justice) in addition to child protection
- Address the integrated health needs of children and families, ensuring access to trauma-informed care services through managed care
- Increase the awareness of child protection efforts to keep children safe and families stable, with a specific focus on the opiate epidemic
- Increase permanency efforts for children in care
- Ensure supports and services for transition-age youth emancipating from care
- Advocate for sound federal and state policy and adequate resource investments
- Support member agencies and enhance program excellence

## Public Policy Advocacy

- Successfully advocated for creation of the Joint Legislative Committee on Multi-System Youth in the 2016-17 state budget
- Secured specific guardrails and timelines in the budget for the Medicaid behavioral health services transition to managed care
- Hosted four legislative briefings on issues ranging from permanency to multi-system youth and workforce challenges
- Testified on a range of bills impacting children and families before the Ohio General Assembly



## Program Excellence

- Released the 12<sup>th</sup> biennial edition of the PCSAO Factbook
- Hosted our 30<sup>th</sup> annual conference, drawing more than 800 professionals over three days
- Implemented a mentoring program on four Ohio college campuses aimed at helping former foster youth succeed in higher education
- Improved permanency outcomes for youth by expanding a six-county pilot of Youth-Centered Permanency Roundtables to five new counties and supporting Wendy's Wonderful Kids
- Championed Wear Blue, a social media campaign for child abuse prevention awareness in April, expanding social media presence and reaching thousands of local business, schools, and partners
- Co-hosted the fifth annual Ohio Reach Fostering Pathways to Success conference for transition-age youth, drawing 250 youth and 200 professionals
- Supported a four-county pilot program engaging "primary parents"—parents who once had open child protection cases—as peer advocates for those currently involved in the system
- Expanded our caregiver recruitment guide and released a video showcasing "A Day in the Life of a Caseworker"



## Member Support

- Completed a three-year study of workforce and caseload challenges that includes an innovative workload calculator for agency use
- Redesigned PCSAO's website and launched a new website for Ohio Reach
- Facilitated more than 110 meetings for membership and stakeholders, attended 26 district meetings, and participated in more than 50 state-led meetings

