Ohio Children’s Alliance

Leading change for child and family service providers
The Ohio Children’s Alliance believes that all children deserve the opportunity to grow up in healthy, safe, and loving environments. Investing in this belief is an investment in our state’s future.

We advocate and foster collaborations aimed at improving lives of children and the success of their families. The Alliance advocates with an informed and unified voice that is effective and produces results.

Members and supporters of the Ohio Children’s Alliance are connected to a respected community of collaborators and are provided access to timely news and innovative resources. Together, we are advancing change and improving lives.

**Educate**
Dedicated to sharing knowledge, resources and opportunities

**Advocate**
Dedicated to building efficient paths to the best outcomes for Ohio’s children and families

**Innovate**
Dedicated to promoting the needs of Ohio’s children by being in front, up front and exceedingly prepared for the future

**Connect**
Dedicated to fostering a respected community of collaborators
Our Team

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Our Work

The Ohio Children’s Alliance strives to deliver value to our members through adherence to our four pillars: advocate, educate, innovate, and connect. This past year proved to be an exciting and historic year for our Alliance, our members, and our entire state. We are proud of what we accomplished together in furthering our mission to “sustainably improve the provision of services to children, young adults, and families” through effective public policy, education offerings, organizational effectiveness, and coalition building.

Governor DeWine signs an Executive Order to overhaul Ohio’s foster care system
Our Collaborative

The behavioral health care and social service sector is rapidly changing in Ohio and across the country. The Ohio Children’s Alliance responded to this volatility by establishing a Collaborative of community agencies that work together to improve their quality of care and promote their sustainability and relevance. Since 2017, the Collaborative has advanced value-based care and social services innovation among more than forty community agencies spanning every region of Ohio.

In creating this opportunity for Ohio Children’s Alliance member organizations, the Collaborative fosters communication and data-sharing, and information on best practices between health plans, health care organizations, and government agencies in behavioral health. This enterprise allows our members to leverage opportunities to innovate and improve health and social outcomes, achieve savings, foster health integration, and establish administrative efficiencies. In doing so, we achieve our mission by providing better care to those that matter most—children and families.

**Clinically Integrated Health Care Network**
Helping our behavioral health providers remain competitive, our CIN engages in value-based care arrangements with Medicaid Managed Care Organizations (MCO).

**Bridges Program**
Ohio’s program that extends foster care to eligible young adults by equipping those who age out of the system with secure housing, employment, and higher education.

**Value Based Care**
Embracing a value-based lens of health care reimbursement because it rewards and incentivizes quality of care instead of simply the volume of services provided.
Expanding the Alliance

During 2019 we added 6 new staff members to our team and expanded our membership count to 81! Due to this growth we renovated and expanded our office including our training center. We can now accommodate larger membership meetings and trainings which we hope you will attend in the new year! Our advocacy capacity and resources expanded as we acquired the nonprofit Voices for Ohio’s Children, assumed a major advocacy grant of theirs, joined the Partnership for America’s Children network, hired a full-time Public Policy Coordinator (Kate Rossman), and maintained our contract legislative lobbyist (Michelle Fitzgibbon). Our latest addition is Lorie Stadtmiller, who is now overseeing our growing health care network within our Collaborative.

Education & Networking

This year we broke attendance records at both our Spring and Fall Conferences! We hosted many great speakers including DeWine Administration cabinet directors (Maureen Corcoran, LeeAnne Cornyn, Lori Criss, Kim Hall) and Jerry Milner, Associate Commissioner of the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services. We convened the 6th Annual Trauma-Informed Care Summit in partnership with OhioMHAS before a sold-out crowd of 400 attendees. We also hosted the Hope 4 the Wounded Conference to advance trauma informed care through the lens of public education. We also grew our membership committees, added a Learning Community for Day Treatment programs, and hosted Ohio Department of Education leaders at our Fall Conference and at our office for a members-only event last fall.
Our First Compensation Report

The Ohio Children’s Alliance published our first comprehensive salary and compensation report with data pulled directly from our member organizations. This report was commissioned in partnership with the Alliance for Strong Families and Communities. The data includes: salary data for CEOs, management, and direct service professionals, and is broken down by agency budget size, staff size, and geographic location.

New Funding for Our Sector

Through our advocacy and through the leadership from key state officials, our sector saw the largest funding increase ever - behavioral health, child welfare, and multisystem youth services! The funding largely came through the FY 20-21 budget bill. The bill provided new funding for children services (more than a $200 million per year increase) and for Ohio’s first dedicated state funding to support multi-system youth and prevent custody relinquishment ($18 million). The bill also reauthorized the Bridges program ($34 million). The federal government’s budget also provided Ohio with $64 million to fight the opioid crisis and, just recently, another $18 million to prepare our sector for the Family First Act.
Our Bridges & Health Network

The Alliance’s provider network, the Child and Family Health Collaborative of Ohio, enjoyed a momentous year during 2019. We welcomed the 1,000th participant to our Bridges program, which we operate through a contract with the Ohio Department of Job and Family Services. We grew our administrative team, and in doing so, further professionalized the program. Our network also decided to take steps to clinically integrate our behavioral health agencies in order to equip us to advance health quality and secure value-based contracts with managed care companies. That major project started mid-year and is now headed by our Health Care Network Manager, Lorie Stadtmiller. We started the on-boarding to a data exchange platform and began sketching out our 2020-2021 contracting strategy with Medicaid MCOs.

BH Re-Design Improves

After the Medicaid Administrations of John McCarthy and Barbara Sears, Maureen Corcoran was appointed Director of the Department and quickly got to work to improve the re-design of the behavioral health Medicaid program and prepare for much larger, statewide reforms of Medicaid. During 2019, the state made progress on third party liability claims processing, started the phase-out of the burdensome “rostering” process with managed care companies, and oversaw a massive cash advance and repayment program between managed care and provider agencies. Importantly, the state held managed care companies to greater account by extending several provider protection policies and by raising the standard for managed care claims processing and timely payments. The Alliance advocated and participated in every step of this progress and continues to help shape the future of Ohio’s managed care system, which is set to be radically re-designed statewide during 2020.

Our new marketing campaign for the Bridges program will launch soon during 2020!
## OFFICERS

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Community Teaching Homes

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St. Joseph Orphanage

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## GENERAL REPRESENTATIVES

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Memberships and Coalitions

**NATIONAL ORGANIZATIONS**
- Alliance for Strong Families and Communities
- CHAMPS – Children Need Amazing Parents
- Child Welfare League of America (CWLA)
- Council on Accreditation (COA)
- Foster Family-Based Treatment Association (FFTA)
- National Council for Behavioral Health
- National Organization of State Associations for Children (NOSAC)

**STATE ORGANIZATIONS**
- Coalition for Healthy Communities
- RALI Ohio – Rx Abuse Leadership Initiative
- Ohio Opioid Education Alliance
- Advocates for Ohio’s Future
- Ohio Children’s Budget Coalition
- Ohio Adoption Planning Group (OAPG)
- Ohio Independent Living Association (OHILA)
- Ohio Juvenile Justice Alliance
- Ohio Reach
- Parity at 10 Coalition

**FINANCIAL SUPPORT PROVIDED BY**
- CareSource Foundation
- Dave Thomas Foundation for Adoption
- ODJFS
- OhioMHAS
- United-Healthcare

**PUBLIC PARTNER MEMBERS**
- Licking County Department of Job and Family Services
- Montgomery County Children Services
- Trumbull County Children Services

**SUPPORTING PARTNERS**
- United-Healthcare
- Etactics
- Starfish Alliance
Full Members

A New Leaf
*Abraxas Youth & Family Services
Access for Youth
*Adriel
Advantage Family Outreach & Foster Care
*Agape for Youth
Avondale Youth Center
*Bair Foundation
*Beech Acres Parenting Center
*Beech Brook
Belmont Pines Hospital
Bethany Christian Services
Boundless Behavioral Services
*Buckeye Ranch, The
*Cadence Care Network
Camelot Community Care
*Caring for Kids
Children’s Center of Ohio, The
*Children’s Home of Cincinnati, The
CHOICES
*Christian Children’s Home of Ohio
*Chrysalis Family Solutions
Columbus Springs Dublin
*Community Teaching Homes
*Daybreak
Dungarvin Ohio
*Eastway Behavioral Healthcare
Envision
*Family Pride of Northeast Ohio
*Focus on Youth
Fox Run Center for Children and Adolescents
*Genacross Family & Youth Services
Hittle House
House of New Hope
*Integrated Services for Behavioral Health
*Isaiah’s Place
JusticeWorks YouthCare
Kids Count Too
Life Start
*Lighthouse Youth and Family Services

*Marsh Foundation, The
*Mayo Home for Youth Development
Mended Reeds
*National Youth Advocate Program
Nationwide Children’s Hospital
*Necco
Nella’s Place Therapeutic Group Home
*New Beginnings Residential Treatment Center
*Northeast Ohio Adoption Services
*Oesterlen Services for Youth
*Ohio Mentor
Path Integrated Healthcare
Pathway Caring for Children
Positive Education Program
*Positive Leaps
*Pressley Ridge
*PsyCare
Quality Care Residential Homes
Quality Time With Wisdom
Ravenwood Health
Reach Counseling Services
Safely Home
Sequel Pomegranate Health Systems
*SHELTER Care
*Sojourner’s Care Network
*South Community
*Southeast Healthcare Services
*Specialized Alternatives for Families and Youth
*St. Aloysius
*St. Joseph Orphanage
*St. Vincent Family Center
*The Village Network
Unified Dwelling
Unk’s Place
*UMCH Family Services
*Viaquest
Wellmore Centre
Your Road to Success
Youth Advocate Services
*Youth Villages

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Ohio Children’s Alliance 2019 HIGHLIGHTS