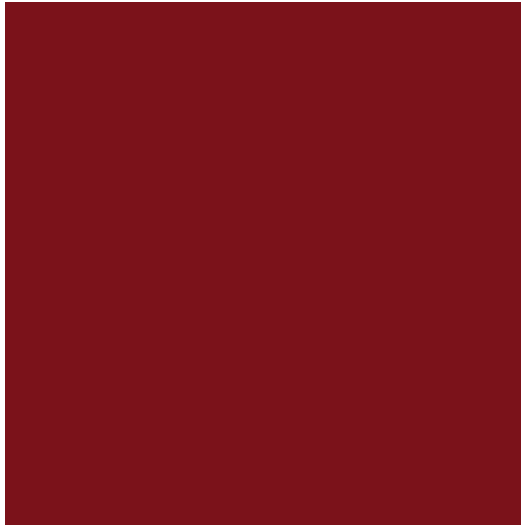


Stark County Job & Family Services



2016 Annual Report

Job and Family Services plays such a vital role in the Stark County community, as it impacts areas that range from protecting, clothing and feeding vulnerable children, to training, employing and partnering with their parents. I am continually reminded of how blessed Stark County is to have such a dedicated and professional staff. Your work is essential and your success is far-reaching.

Stark County Commissioner Janet Weir Creighton



Congratulations to Job and Family Services for another great year of service to our community. I want to commend the Child Support Division, just one of six agencies in the country to receive a \$2.29 million federal grant administered by the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services. This grant will help non-residential parents find employment and will aid in helping these parents develop better relationships with their kids—two very important goals.

Stark County Commissioner Richard Regula

We should all lead sheltered lives; but it's not possible. In a cold world that ravages young and old alike, all divisions of Job and Family Services, day-in and day-out, work hard to meet the demands of our society. The dedicated JFS staff and leadership continually do the things, on our behalf, that we may not be able to do ourselves—even if we tried. Congratulations to them all.

Stark County Commissioner David Bridenstine



2016 was another year of progress for the entire team at Stark County Job and Family Services. Of particular note was the much anticipated move of our Children Services team to the beautiful and newly renovated Cornerstone Building which will be their permanent home! Change is not always easy, but this was a much-needed and very welcome project. Here's to another great year!

Stark County Administrator Brant Luther, Esq.

Our Mission

To partner with our customers, community and other service providers to protect children and vulnerable adults, stabilize and strengthen families, and encourage self-sufficiency and personal responsibility.

Dear Friends,

More than 500 dedicated Job and Family Services employees work in partnership with our customers, community and other providers to serve Stark County. Our services touch community members from pregnancy and birth through the aging process. We are diligent in our efforts to continue to provide better service by bringing new ideas, resources and partnerships to the workplace.

This report documents a successful year of growth and achievement. Among highlights, our Children Services Division moved into the newly renovated Cornerstone building purchased by the County Commissioners to house the division. Eighty adoptions were finalized—far exceeding the previous three-year average of 47. Children Services achieved re-accreditation by the Council on Accreditation (COA) following intensive review of service delivery. COA is a mark of excellence in child welfare services.

Our Human Services Division Customer Call Center was the first metro county center to go live in Ohio's shared services model for providing Medicaid intakes and redeterminations by phone. Staff training opportunities on Medicaid policy and systems were increased and enhanced. Desk aids, tools, and weekly information updates were developed to support staff. The division was nominated for the Employer Support Freedom Award given by the U.S. Secretary of Defense in recognition of exemplary support of National Guard and Reserve Member employees.

Our Child Support Division was awarded a \$2.29 million, five-year federal grant to continue funding employment and parenting programs and to expand services to include substance abuse treatment and parenting time orders. The Right Path for Fathers program, in year four of a five-year federal grant, achieved a 66% employment rate, and a 76% rate for those completing four weeks of classes. Also, 74% of current child support owed was collected—the fourth consecutive year of increased collections.

We are proud of these achievements and of the successful outcomes for those we serve. In this year's report you will meet a mother who overcame a 20-year drug addiction and found her calling helping others. You will read about a young couple with three small children. They adopted a teen hospitalized with life threatening injuries suffered in a car crash. He is now a very happy big brother in a loving home. You will learn about a father who reconnected with his children and is rebuilding his life. These members of our community help tell our story; and remind us daily of the importance of our work.



We are grateful to all who support our agency, our mission, and those we serve. We look forward to continued growth and service in 2017.

Sincerely,

Deborah Forkas, M.Ed
Executive Director

Human Services

"I woke up one day and knew I was tired of the life I was living."

Luella Shook spent the first 38 years of her life in Summit County. She moved to Stark County just two years ago. It is here, though, that Lu was finally able to turn her life around.

Lu, as she likes to be called, was a 16-year-old high school student in Akron who worked part-time at Taco Bell when she met a 25-year-old man and changed the course of her life. Lu and her boyfriend moved in together. She decided to drop out of school and work at Taco Bell full-time. They worked and had a roof over their heads. At 18, Lu became pregnant and had a child. Life went on.

When Lu was 25, her partner was injured on the job. He was given a prescription for Oxycodone. He introduced Lu to the drug. They became addicted. Lu quit her job, they were evicted and moved in with her mother. At 28, Lu and her partner discovered heroin. They were soon shooting up. Lu's life fell apart.

Lu learned to steal from stores to support her habit. She was in and out of rehab, arrested, charged with petty theft, served 90 days in jail and spent five years on probation in two counties. She left her partner who, she finally realized, was physically and emotionally abusive. She managed to stay clean for several years. Life was rough.

Eleven years ago Lu met her current partner. She was working on her sobriety. He did not use drugs. Their son was born two years later. Shortly after their son's birth, Lu sprained her wrist. Her doctor prescribed pain pills and, she says, "I was off and running and back on heroin." She says it was easy to deceive her partner because he wasn't a drug user. It wasn't long until they were evicted and had to move in with friends. Life went on.

One day, Lu woke up and asked herself what she was doing—in her quest for drugs, Lu had made her family homeless. Lu decided she was tired of the life

she was living and committed to getting clean. She told her partner she was going into rehab. He cared for their son and she spent six months in Edwin Shaw. Life went on.

Following rehab, Lu knew her family needed a clean break and a fresh start. Two years ago, they moved to Minerva. Her son went from failing every subject to getting good grades. The move was good but they were struggling financially. Lu applied for assistance through Stark County Job and Family Services and qualified for food assistance and medical cards for herself and family. Life was getting better.

As part of her SCJFS benefits, Lu was enrolled in a six-month Subsidized Employment Program (SEP) designed to help employers defray the cost of hiring new employees and providing training. To be eligible for SEP, Stark County residents must be at or below 200% of poverty and have one or more minor children in the home. Through SEP, Lu was hired part-time at Refuge of Hope Ministries in Canton. Life was looking up.

Lu loved her job, the people she worked with and the homeless population the Ministry serves. She worked hard and did whatever was needed. She says the job was a blessing and she loved it so much that she volunteered at the Ministry after completing her work hours. In August, Lu was hired full-time as the Ministry's kitchen manager and afternoon receptionist.

Lu is a recovering addict who has been clean for three years. She is close to her 21-year-old-daughter who has never used drugs. Her son, 9, is doing very well. Lu and her partner are buying their mobile home. She has found her calling and has a real purpose in life. Lu is committed to her sobriety, her family, her work and those she serves. She is grateful for the Job and Family Services SEP program that brought her to the Refuge of Hope and she proudly says that life is very, very good!

REFUGE *of* HOPE



Human Services

Susan Lenigar, MBA
Deputy Director,
Human Services Division

Staff: 239

Human Services provides:

- Food Assistance (FA) Program, which is issued to the Ohio Direction Card for food purchasing assistance
- Ohio Works First (OWF) cash assistance
- Medicaid for the aged, blind and disabled
- Nursing Home Medicaid and Home & Community Based Services (HCBS) waivers
- Medicare Premium Assistance programs
- Medicaid for families, pregnant women, children and expansion adults
- Non-Emergency Transportation (NET)
- At-Risk Pregnancy Services
- HealthCheck
- Breast & Cervical Cancer Project
- Job Opportunities and Basic Skills (JOBS)
- Child Care programs

The following data is based on 2016 monthly averages.

Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program (SNAP)

In 2016, a total of 50,326 individuals received food assistance. Based on the 2015 U.S. Census count of 375,165, this is about 1 of every 7 people in Stark County.

Medicaid

According to the Ohio Department of Medicaid, 92,712 individuals received Medicaid assistance in 2016. Assistance programs included Medicaid for the aged, blind and disabled, and the Modified Adjusted Gross Income (MAGI) programs, which cover families, children, pregnant women, and adults covered through Medicaid expansion.

15,599 individuals received Medicaid for the aged, blind and disabled. This number includes approximately 3,400 individuals eligible only for Medicare Premium Assistance.

77,113 individuals received MAGI Medicaid. This number also includes approximately 1,000 individuals receiving coverage through the Foster Care system.

Ohio Works First Cash Assistance

3,528 individuals received Ohio Works First (OWF) cash assistance.

301 work-required OWF recipients were referred into the Comprehensive Case Management and Employment Program (CCMEP) between July 1 and December 31, 2016. CCMEP is meant to provide more intensive service and support to young adults, ages 16-to-24, as they work to become employable and/or self-sufficient. SCJFS partners with OhioMeansJobs in facilitating the program.

125 individuals who participated in the Human Services on-site Job Club became employed within 90 days of attending the program.

259 individuals received Disability Financial Assistance (DFA). DFA is a cash assistance program intended for individuals who have pending applications for Supplemental Security Income (SSI)/Social Security Disability Insurance (SSDI), but have been determined to be disabled by the State.

In 2016, a total of 3,370 children were cared for through publicly funded child care.

It is estimated that in 2016, Human Services Division programs contributed over \$785 million to the Stark County community. Local grocers, clinics, hospitals, and retailers benefited from these services:

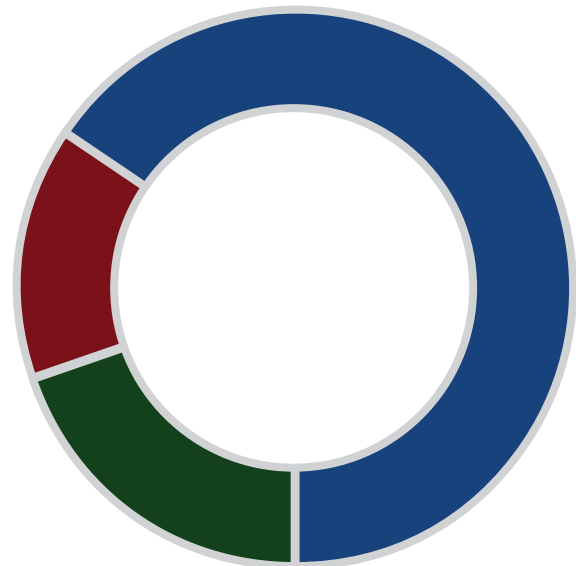
Medicaid Disbursements	\$693,415,506*
Total Food Assistance Disbursements	\$70,859,844
OWF Cash Assistance Disbursements	\$8,184,371
Disability Assistance Disbursements	\$432,401
Child Care Assistance (approx.)	\$12,685,427

Percentage of Stark County population participating in selected public assistance programs based on an estimated population of 375,165:

Families below Poverty Level	13.4% (1 in 7.5 people)**
Food Assistance Program	13.4% (1 in 7.5 people)
OWF Cash Assistance	1% (1 in 106 people)
Disability Assistance	.07% (1 in 1,449 people)

*From Ohio Department of Medicaid

**From www.census.gov



Wages & Benefits	\$12,391,305	65.48%
Program Costs	\$3,738,076	19.76%
Operating Expenses	\$2,793,811	14.76%

Children Services

Adopting one child won't change the world; but for that one child, the world will change."
– Unknown

Haley and Chris are warm and welcoming. Toys, books and crayon artwork announce children are hard at work and play in their comfortable home. The Hueys, in their early 30s, had, until 18 months ago, three children; Landon (7), Trinity Jade (TJ) (4) and Grayson (3). They liked the idea of a large family and their plans included more children. Haley's second pregnancy was, however, high risk and difficult. She had talked of adding to the family through adoption and as TJ got older, Haley suggested it might be time to explore that option. The Hueys began the process then were surprised to learn Haley was pregnant. The couple obtained their adoption licensure, but put further action on hold as they prepared for their third child.

Grayson was not yet one when the Huey's decided to begin the adoption process for their fourth child. They agreed that with their experience in raising three young children, they would "stick to" what they knew best and pursue adoption of a young child. Then they learned of Drew, a teenager who had been in Children Services care for 12 of his 15 years. Drew had not had an easy life and, as a result, he was very guarded and defensive, and had a difficult time trusting others.

Their plan to adopt a younger child didn't seem quite as important anymore. They talked, they prayed and then they met Drew, who by then was a tall, handsome 16-year-old with piercing blue eyes. Chris and Haley met with Drew a second time and recognized there would be challenges in dealing with a teen who was more than twice the age of their oldest child, but they decided to move forward. They scheduled an overnight home visit so that Drew, Landon, TJ and Grayson could meet one another.

The visit didn't happen. The Huey family was on vacation in August 2015 when, just days before their scheduled visit, they learned Drew had been hospitalized following a terrible car accident. The

Hueys immediately returned home. At the hospital they learned Drew had multiple fractures and a ruptured spleen. They were told Drew was in a medically induced coma because he had suffered a very serious traumatic brain injury. A doctor explained that, should Drew pull through, they would need a medical bed and equipment because he would be medically fragile and, most likely, bedridden.

It was a lot to absorb for two young parents with three young children and no family within hundreds of miles. No one would blame the Hueys if they decided not to go forward with Drew's adoption. The Huey's talked. They talked about converting their dining room to a hospital room for Drew. They talked about the services and care he would need for a lifetime. They talked about who would watch their kids as they spent time at the hospital with Drew. Most importantly, they asked, "If we don't take Drew into our home and our lives, who will?" They adopted Drew, who remained in the hospital from August to October, and was then in intensive outpatient rehabilitation through December.

That was 18 months ago. Drew has worked very hard over the past year and has done remarkably well. He has recovered physically and is very active. He enjoys riding his bike and participating in family adventures. He is on a waiting list for a supervised work program. Drew and his little brothers and sister love each other. Drew is a very, very polite young man who smiles often and talks about his mom and dad and what they have done for him. With help and determination Drew has graduated from high school.

The Huey's hope is that all their children will find happiness and success. They recognize that for their son Drew, success will be different than for their other children; but they know their oldest son will be ok because he will always have the support of loving and caring parents.



Children Services

Nedra Petro MPA , LSW
Deputy Director,
Children Services Division

Staff: 178

The Children Services Division serves the county's children at risk of abuse or neglect, and their families. Children Services is legally responsible for taking, and investigating, reports of child abuse, neglect and dependency; and acting to protect children at risk of harm.

The Division also takes reports of suspected abuse, neglect and/or exploitation of adults 60 and older. In 2016, SCJFS contracted with Coleman Professional Services to provide services.

Children Services recruits and trains foster and adoptive families, prepares children for adoption, arranges for post-adoption services to families, and provides independent living skills for older teens.



Report Line

6,885 calls to the Report Line resulted in 2,892 cases requiring assistance or intervention.

Assistance

414 of the 2,892 cases resulted in assistance to families. Of these:

- 255 were calls of families in need of services.

- 159 were calls about children who were determined to be dependent.

Intervention

2,478 of the 2,892 cases required intervention, using one of the following approaches.

Traditional Response

1,295 (52%) of the 2,478 were responded to using the traditional response. Of these:

- 43.9% calls reporting suspected neglect.

- 34.2% calls reporting suspected physical abuse.

- 19.0% calls reporting suspected sexual abuse.

- 2.9% calls reporting suspected emotional maltreatment.

Alternative Response

Alternative Response (AR), an approach that provides for a second or alternative pathway of response to reports of alleged abuse/neglect, was initiated in April 2012. In 2016, a total of 1,183 cases (48% of the 2,478 cases) were responded to using the AR approach.

Ongoing Supportive Services

In an average month, 215 families received case management and supportive services. Children who could not remain safely in their own homes were provided placement services. Below are the average numbers of children per month in placement services:

- 113 Agency Foster Care
- 122 Purchased Foster Care
- 4 Group Home Care
- 9 Residential Placement
- 119 Kinship or Relative Home

Transitional Youth Services

- 166 youth received independent living services.
- 35 previously emancipated youth received services.

Foster Care/Adoption

- 172 licensed foster families (average per month)
- 80 finalized adoptions

Adult Protective Services

SCJFS contracted with Coleman Professional Services to provide services. In 2016, there were 368 new cases of elder abuse/neglect or exploitation.



Wages & Benefits	\$11,581,139	43.52%
Program Costs	\$9,360,678	35.17%
Operating Expenses	\$3,139,938	11.8%
Renovation	\$2,531,009	9.51%

Child Support

"I wanted to prove I'm not a failure"

Bobby was a regular kid—quiet and easy going. Bobby attended Timken High School where he knew lots of kids and got along with everybody. "A regular Joe who kind of kept to myself" is how Bobby describes his time at Timken High.

Behind Bobby's easy going demeanor, however, there was turmoil. His dad was an alcoholic. Bobby's mom tried to protect him from his father who would become angry and abusive to them when he drank.

Things were bad enough at home that Bobby moved out and quit school. He was on his own. Eventually he met Charlotte and six years later they were married. Bobby and Charlotte had a daughter and son. Bobby says he always loved his kids, but because of his own childhood, he didn't know how to be a good and loving father. Bobby had a lot of demons.

On his son's first birthday, Bobby's divorce was finalized. Bobby was 27 and devastated. He turned more and more to alcohol. He became his father. Bobby would make promises to his children and fail to keep them because he was drunk. He lost jobs, his license and his self-respect. He was behind in child support and living in his car. His daughter became distant and his son was often disappointed in him. Bobby thought his kids were better off without him.

In 2011, Bobby's mother, who truly loved him, passed away. Bobby was devastated and lost. So was his 13-year-old daughter who was very close to her. This was Bobby's wake-up call. He

knew his children needed him in their lives and that he needed to be their father. He just didn't know how.

One day, drunk and crying in a bar, Bobby was approached by a man who asked him what was wrong. After hearing his story, the man asked Bobby if he wanted to change. Bobby said yes. The man said "Then why don't we start today." He poured out Bobby's beer and promised to help Bobby with his demons. It was then that Bobby stopped drinking. It was the beginning of his journey back to fatherhood.

There were rough spots but Bobby persisted. He signed up for Right Path, a Child Support program that helps unemployed, non-custodial parents overcome barriers. Through Right Path, Bobby went through job coaching, got a job, earned his GED, got on track with his child support payments and completed a class in which he earned a certificate as a 24/7 dad. That certificate, and what it represents, means the world to Bobby.

Bobby now holds two jobs. He makes double child support payments every month. His license is restored and he bought a car. Most important, though, Bobby will tell you, Right Path has helped him in his journey to become the dad he has always wanted to be. He and his kids talk every day, he sees them regularly and he is proud to say how very much he loves them. Bobby is proud of his happy, normal life and says, "I am nobody special. I just got a second chance and took advantage of it."



Certificate of Completion

This certifies that

Bobby E. Yofo

Has successfully completed the training requirements for

Job Readiness/Soft Skills Training

Stark County Community Action Agency
Center for Education and Employment Opportunities

Awarded on this 5th day of December 2014



[Signature]
Brian Milford
Job Market Manager



[Signature]
Terrell Gray
Community Services and Employment Director

Child Support

Rob Pierson, MA
Deputy Director,
Child Support Division

Staff: 80

The Child Support Division is committed to providing services which include:

- Establishing paternity and support
- Issuing orders for medical support
- Modifying and enforcing support orders
- Monitoring the collection and disbursement of support payments

Community Outreach

- National Day to Read
- Fishing Rodeo for fathers and children
- Day Out with Dad Football Camp/HOF
- HOF Community Parade
- Expungement/CQE Information Clinics
- Fathers' Walk Your Child to School Day

Number of Child Support Cases

31,500

Collections

\$62,143,373

\$2,487,840 collected at the payment window

Incentive Performance Categories

Paternity Establishment	99.29%
Support Order Establishment	88.63%
Collections on Current Support	73.37%
Collections on Arrears	69.82%

Cost Effectiveness

\$11.03 was collected for every dollar spent on operations (statewide average was \$8.25).

Significant Statistics

450 paternity cases scheduled for DNA testing
1,017 cases referred for Support Establishment
2,265 court hearings by Legal Department
77,813 phone calls received by Customer Service
13,505 customers seen in the CSEA Lobby

Right Path for Fathers Partnership Grant Project

CSEA completed the fourth year of a five-year, federal, \$2.3 million grant to assist long-term, unemployed, non-custodial parents. The project assists job challenged fathers in need of skills and education to compete for employment. Fathers are referred to job skill/employment programs at Goodwill and the Stark County Community Action Agency. The Early Childhood Resource Center provides parenting classes. The Domestic Violence Project Inc. ensures safe delivery of services to families. Of the participating non-custodial parents who complete the program, 76% have become employed.

PJAC/New Directions in Child Support Grant

CSEA was awarded a \$2.29 million, five-year, federal Procedural Justice Informed Alternative to Contempt (PJAC) grant. The grant funds an alternative program to civil contempt for unemployed, non-custodial parents to assist in obtaining employment. The grant continues services offered by Right Path, and services to address substance abuse and access to parenting time for non-custodial parents.

Expungement/Certificate for Qualification of Employment (CQE) Program

CSEA is in year two of an Expungement/CQE program for parents with felony convictions which are a barrier to employment. The program is a collaboration with Community Legal Aid, Stark County Family Court and Stark County Fatherhood Coalition. Those meeting income guidelines, or participating in Right Path, can have criminal records expunged, or receive a CQE at no cost.

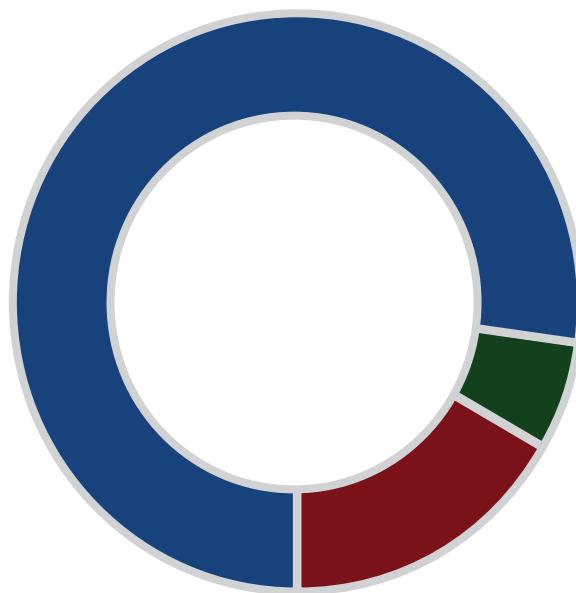
Fatherhood Coalition and THRIVE Grants

CSEA is a member of the Stark County Fatherhood Coalition which advances responsible fatherhood in our community. The Coalition recognizes that a parent's emotional support of a child is equally as important as financial support.

CSEA received a two-year THRIVE grant to fund a full-time Fatherhood Coalition program administrator housed in CSEA and reporting to the CSEA Deputy Director.

CSEA also received a two-year THRIVE grant to begin in 2017. It will fund a Parenting Time Order program in partnership with Community Legal Aid. The program will offer free assistance to low income, non-custodial parents to establish and enforce parenting time orders.

The Coalition continued to show the film "Fatherhood 101" in our community and to incarcerated fathers. The film emphasizes the negative impact on children and our community when fathers are not involved in the lives of their children.



Wages & Benefits	\$4,948,626	77.28%
Program Costs	\$401,757	6.27%
Operating Expenses	\$1,053,279	16.45%

Agency Expenditures

Human Services Division

Wages	8,550,945
Benefits	3,840,360
Books/Periodicals	885
Contracts	192,433
Countywide Indirect	70,436
Data Processing	215,560
Equipment	4,950
FAET Participant Allowance	85,100
Fraud Awareness	1,995
Maintenance/Utilities	284
PRC/Auto Repair	53,518
PRC/Job Related	91,702
PRC/Parenting Skills	148,240
PRC/SEP	169,803
PRC/Work Allowance	99,748
Reimbursements/	16,644
Special Projects/Dues	
Rent	459,549
Shared Costs	1,678,100
Supplies	20,409
TANF/Bus Passes/Fuel Cards	19,861
TANF/CSEA Expungement	28,499
TANF/Summer Youth	1,072,045
TANF/Work Experience Program	76,767
Transportation	1,855,844
(Medical, Healthcheck, PRS, SSI)	
Travel/Mileage/Education	58,007
533 Funds Transfer	111,508

TOTALS **\$18,923,192**

Children Services Division

Wages	7,932,621
Benefits	3,420,078
Wendy's Wonderful Kids	191,634
Wages and Benefits	
Mental Health & Recovery Services	36,806
Wages and Benefits	
Wendy's Wonderful Kids Contracts	29,911
Contracts	452,242
Shared Costs	1,416,830
Countywide Indirect	235,096
Purchased Foster Homes	3,874,823
Residential Treatment	654,811
Agency Foster Homes	1,121,814
Group Homes	316,855
Foster Children Clothing	182,676
Foster Children Medical	6,146
Adoption Services/Home Studies	46,184
Advertising/Recruitment	120,006
Bus Passes	105,001
Child Abuse Prosecution Unit	328,820
Communications	77,488
County Share Adoption Subsidy	417,084
Data Processing	31,053
Emergency Services	571,544
Foster Parent Training Stipends	60,040
Independent Living	86,097
Kinship Permanency Incentive Program	174,600
Maintenance/Utilities	6,204
Membership Dues	15,931
Mileage	362,386
Miscellaneous	261,475
Non-Recurring Adoption	79,268
Office Supply	18,180
PASS	223,335
Primary Partner Program/PRT	15,853
Professional Liability Insurance	110,050
Public Records	54,591
Reimbursement	32,569

Renovations	2,531,009
Rent	419,968
Service Review Committee	12,227
State Adoption Subsidy	13,521
Tax Settlement Fees	157,929
Travel and Training	76,077
Work Related Daycare	331,931

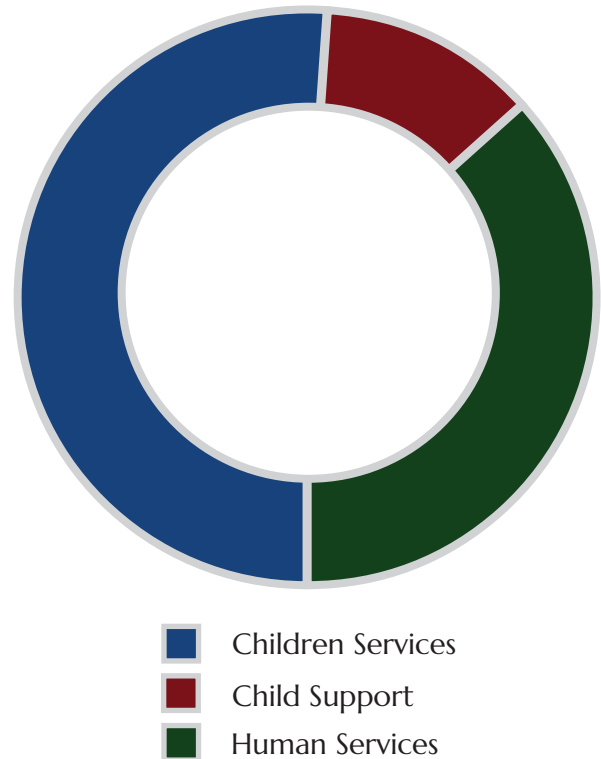
TOTALS **\$26,612,764**

Child Support Division

Wages	3,238,410
Benefits	1,437,530
Right Path Program Wages & Benefits	269,597
THRIVE Grant Wages & Benefits	3,089
Right Path Program Contracts	220,180
Countywide Indirect Costs	99,483
Data Processing	68,014
IV-D Contracts	115,445
Legal Contracts	109
Miscellaneous	73,342
Rent	210,823
Shared Costs	659,381
Travel and Training	8,259

TOTALS **\$6,403,662**

2016 Agency Operating Totals
by Division



Stark County Job & Family Services
2016 Total Expenditures \$51,939,618

Stark County Job & Family Services

2016 Event Calendar

JANUARY

National Reading
Day Event

2015 Heart Gallery
Tour

FEBRUARY

2015 Heart Gallery
Tour

MARCH

National Social Worker
Month

APRIL

Child Abuse Prevention
Month

Child Abuse Prevention
Month First Friday Event

Wear Blue Campaign

MAY

28th Annual
Foster Parent
Recognition Banquet

Children's Network
Fundraiser

JUNE

Expungement/CQE Clinics
Day Out with Dad Football
Camp at Pro Football HOF

Fishing Rodeo

Project KARE RUMO
Graduation Celebration

JULY

Hall of Fame
Community Parade

Foster Parent
Fishing Derby

AUGUST

Golf Scramble

School Supplies
Assistance

Amnesty Day
Expungement/CQE Clinics

SEPTEMBER

Senior Forum

Job Expo

Father's Walk Your Child
to School Day

OCTOBER

Fall Frolic Event
for Foster Parents

NOVEMBER

National
Adoption Month

2016 Heart Gallery
Kickoff Event

DECEMBER

Project KARE:
Gifts for Kids

Children's Network
Holiday Party

Executive Team

Deborah Forkas, M. Ed
Executive Director

Jane Bethel, CPA
Deputy Director,
Finance

Jerry Coleman, JD
Assistant Deputy Director,
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Human Resources & Support
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Deputy Director,
Children Services Division

Rob Pierson, MA
Deputy Director,
Child Support Enforcement
Division

County Commissioners

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Richard Regula, Vice President

David Bridenstine, Member

County Administrator

Brant Luther, Esq.

Planning Committee

The Stark County Family Services Planning Committee provides recommendations to Stark County Job and Family Services for the most effective and efficient delivery of service.

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Canton, OH 44701

Customer Service
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Canton, OH 44702

Customer Service Call Center
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New Applications
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Directory Assistance
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