



Protecting Children by Strengthening Families

**Franklin County Children Services (FCCS)** is a public agency mandated by federal and state law to protect children and strengthen families. The agency is committed to making sure that every child has a safe and stable home. Children Services' caseworkers and support staff work to build stable and supportive living settings for youth, strengthen family life and assist parents in meeting their responsibilities to their children.

FCCS helps children and their families through prevention, protection, placement and permanency programs. The agency protects and cares for children in cooperation with parents whenever possible, by providing services to alleviate their problems including:

- In-home counseling and community social and mental health services
- Placement of children in temporary foster homes
- Emancipation and volunteer services
- Day treatment
- Other supportive services that enable the parents or caregivers to maintain or resume their role in raising their children

## Our Mission

Through collaboration with families and their communities, we advocate for the safety, permanency and well-being of each child we serve in a manner that honors family and culture.

## Our Vision

Safety, permanency and well-being for every child

## Our Guiding Principles

- We are child welfare professionals
- We value every child
- We honor families
- We value partnerships

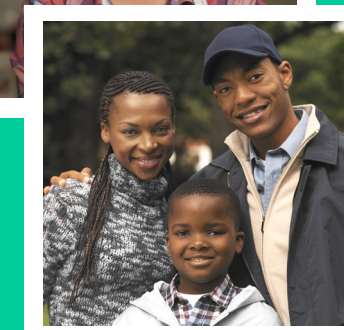
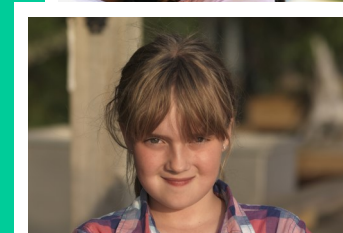
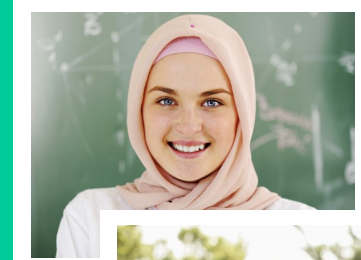
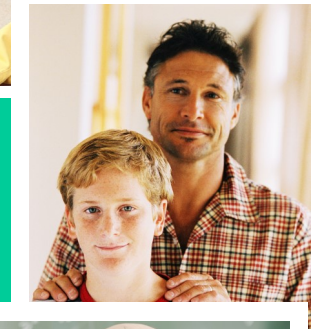
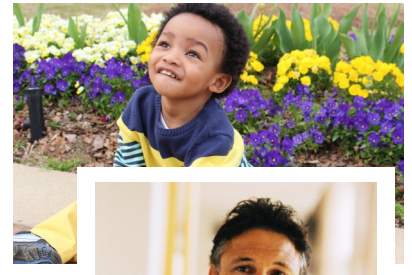
**24-Hour Child Abuse Hotline: (614) 229-7000**

**General Information: (614) 229-7100**

**Communications: (614) 275-2523**

**Volunteers and Mentors: (614) 275-2690**

**Kinship: (614) 341-6161**



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# STATISTICS

## Prevalence of Child Abuse in Franklin County



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Totals	2017	2016
<b>Total Number of Children Served</b>	<b>32,160</b>	<b>32,941</b>
<b>Total Number of Children Served in Placement</b>	<b>4,288</b>	<b>4,103</b>
<b>Total Referrals Received</b>	<b>32,230</b>	<b>31,639</b>
<i>(By type of referral)</i>		
Child Abuse and Neglect	83.5%	80.3%
Dependency	4.5%	3.8%
Family in Need of Services	8.6%	9.9%
Information and Referral	3.4%	6.1%
<b>Total Screened In and Screened In Alternative Response Referrals</b>	<b>13,315</b>	<b>13,500</b>
<i>(By type of referral)</i>		
Child Abuse and Neglect	85.2%	83.9%
Dependency	3.4%	3.7%
Family in Need of Services	11.4%	12.5%
<b>Child Abuse and Neglect Investigations Conducted</b>		
<b>Total Abuse Investigations</b>	<b>8,227</b>	<b>8,060</b>
Physical Abuse	6,597	6,474
Sexual Abuse	1,366	1,330
Emotional Abuse	265	256
Substantiated	10%	14.3%
Indicated	5.8%	5.5%
Unsubstantiated	28.1%	27%
Differential Response	56%	57.7%
<b>Total Neglect Investigations</b>	<b>3,932</b>	<b>3,860</b>
Substantiated	14.3%	11.9%
Indicated	2.1%	3%
Unsubstantiated	20.8%	19.6%
Differential Response	62.8%	65.5%
<b>Total Number of Dependency Reports Investigated</b>	<b>455</b>	<b>493</b>

Data sourced from the Ohio Department of Job and Family Services (ODJFS) State Automated Child Welfare Information System (SACWIS).