



# Protecting by Children Strengthening Families

Franklin County Children Services is a public agency mandated by federal and state law to protect children and strengthen families. By being in partnership with more than 100 agencies and organizations, and with the help of more than 700 employees, 550 kinship families, 200 adoptive families and 500 volunteers and mentors, and hundreds of community foster parents 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 young people, strengthen family life and assist parents in meeting their responsibilities to their children.

Each year, Franklin County Children Services helps more than 30,000 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. These services include:

- 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 of raising their children
- Kinship placement and support

## 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.

**We Are Child Welfare Professionals**

**We Value Every Child**

**We Honor Families**

**We Value Partnerships**

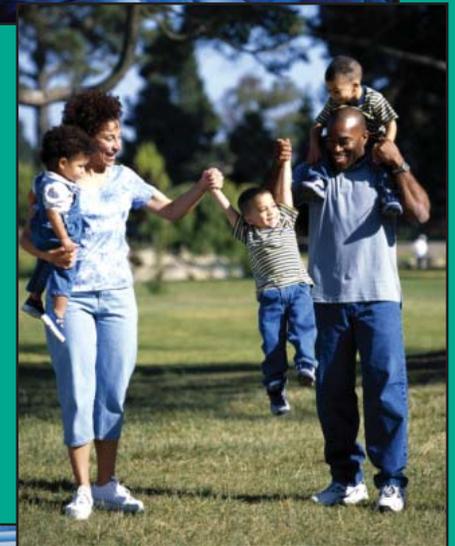
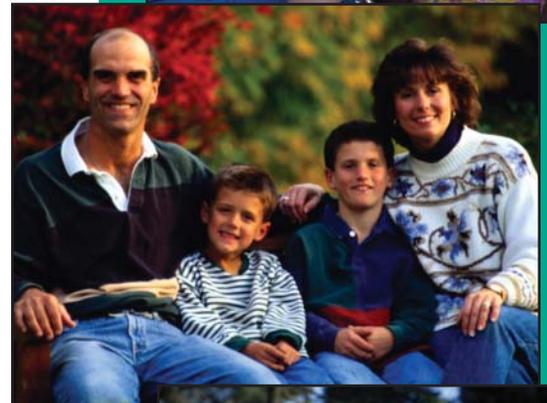
**24-Hour Child Abuse Hotline: (614) 229-7000**

**General Information: (614) 275-2571**

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

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

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



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[childrenservices.franklincountyohio.gov](http://childrenservices.franklincountyohio.gov)



# STATISTICS

## Prevalence of Child Abuse in Franklin County



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<b>TOTALS</b>	<b>2014</b>	<b>2015</b>
<b>Total Number of Children Served</b>	<b>31,271</b>	<b>32,659</b>
<b>Total Number of Children Served in Placement</b>	<b>3,831</b>	<b>3,853</b>
<b>Total Referrals Received</b>	<b>31,683</b>	<b>31,729</b>
<b>Type of Referral</b>		
Child Abuse and Neglect	75.9%	77.6%
Dependency	3.8%	3.8%
Family in Need of Services	9.4%	10.2%
Information and Referral	10.9%	8.5%
<b>Total Screened In Referrals</b>	<b>13,449</b>	<b>13,697</b>
<b>Type of Referral</b>		
Child Abuse and Neglect	82.1%	83.3%
Dependency	4.1%	3.7%
Family in Need of Services	13.8%	13%
<b>Child Abuse and Neglect Investigations Conducted</b>		
<b>Total Abuse Investigations</b>	<b>8,000</b>	<b>8,333</b>
Physical Abuse	6,385	6,657
Sexual Abuse	1,364	1,398
Emotional Abuse	251	278
Substantiated	14.3%	10.1%
Indicated	7.5%	5.7%
Unsubstantiated	35.5%	26.9%
Differential Response	42.7%	57.2%
<b>Total Neglect Investigations</b>	<b>4,053</b>	<b>4,070</b>
Substantiated	12.1%	10.9%
Indicated	3.5%	2.4%
Unsubstantiated	29.2%	17.8%
Differential Response	55.2%	69%
<b>Total Number of Dependency Reports Investigated</b>	<b>546</b>	<b>507</b>

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