

2019 ANNUAL REPORT



Now, more than ever, children and families in Ohio can benefit from resources and advocacy through Ohio CASA.

We are honored to share that our diligence has allowed us to reach a new milestone in 2019 -- more than 10,000 children served. And it will be that diligence that carries us for years to come, until every child is safe and thriving.

Throughout the year, we celebrated our more than 2,490 volunteers at our annual CASA Day in Ohio event, this year hosted in Summit County. Local programs across the state joined us in celebrating the new state budget, which included significant funding for programs at the state and local level. And, we hosted the 25th Annual Celebrate Kids! Conference in Columbus, Ohio, and educated a record-breaking nearly 500 attendees.

As always, there was a significant supporting cast to help ensure the CASA Volunteers were able to serve our children. The 44 local program directors and their staff worked constantly to guide, train, and assist the volunteers. The program boards, including Ohio CASA's, helped ensure staff have the resources to pursue their mission. And finally, although frequently most significantly, our partners were a critical piece to the work we do: the juvenile courts, agencies, and service providers.

We are fortunate to be able to reach 10,000 youth across the state, and we will continue our work and expansion until we can serve all of Ohio's children in need.

With hope,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Douglas R. Stephens". The signature is written in a cursive, flowing style.

Doug Stephens, Executive Director
Ohio CASA

STATE BUDGET FUNDING

With thanks to the Ohio General Assembly and Governor Mike DeWine, CASA will continue to grow and serve more children across Ohio. The new state budget approved summer of 2019 included Ohio CASA for the very first time, making us one of the more than 40 state programs that receive general revenue funds. Our endless gratitude is extended to all state leaders involved for supporting children and families in need of services and support.

Overall, children and families saw an increase of \$74 million in the new state budget. These increases will help:

- \$70 million in additional funding to the State Child Protective Allocation for direct-to county supports
- \$12 million to expanding the Ohio START (Sobriety, Treatment and Reducing Trauma) program
- \$25 million to provide services to multi-system youth in Ohio's public children services agencies or who are at risk of entering children services

We look forward to sharing more updates throughout the year of how this investment is helping us serve the more than 16,000 children and families in need of services in Ohio.



Judge Denise McColley and Senator Rob McColley at the 25th Annual Celebrate Kids! Conference

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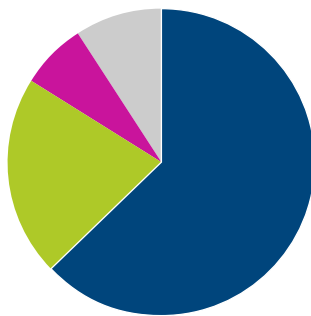
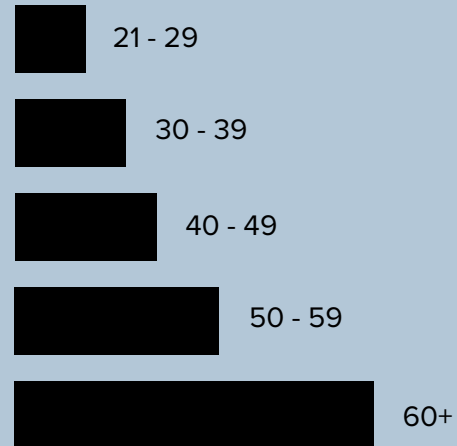
10,189

CHILDREN SERVED

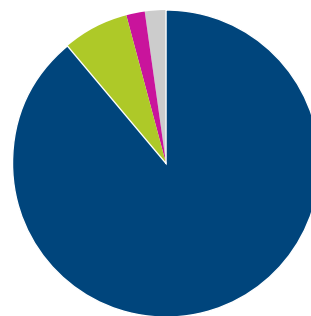
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ACTIVE VOLUNTEERS

YEARS OF AGE



Caucasian African American Hispanic/Latinx Multi-racial, Asian, Other



RACE/ETHNICITY



67% OF JUVENILE COURT JUDGES IN OHIO HAVE ACCESS TO COURT APPOINTED SPECIAL ADVOCATES



CHANGING A CHILD'S STORY

Oftentimes, change can be a good thing – a fresh start. Though, children in foster care have had more than enough change; their life in foster care began with changing their home, changing their family, and even changing their school. Their caseworker and a lot of the other adults in their life might have also changed, with the exception of one: their CASA Volunteer. CASA Volunteers remain with the child for the entirety of their case, and are sometimes the only consistency they can depend on.

Imagine what it feels like to be a child in foster care. They are waiting for a volunteer like you to help them find a permanent, forever home. Together, we can Change a Child's Story for the better.

Made possible by National CASA, Ohio CASA received an awareness grant for Fall/Winter of 2019 to raise awareness of court appointed special advocates and to begin recruitment of new volunteers. Change a Child's Story was a national campaign developed by the National CASA team and was shared throughout Ohio via various platforms to amplify the message.

MORE THAN
18,000,000
IMPRESSIONS

300+
POTENTIAL NEW VOLUNTEERS

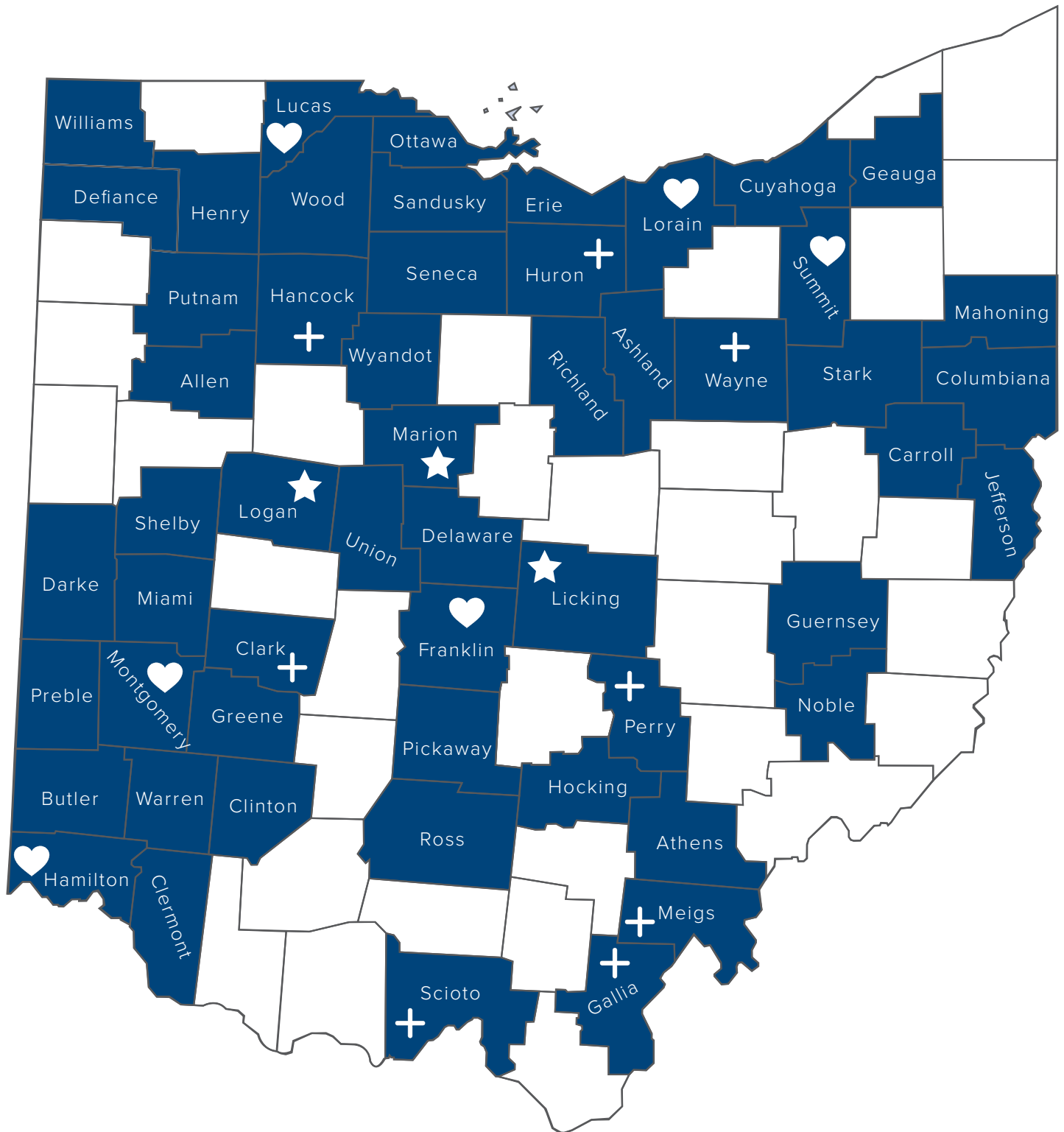


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ADVERTISING PARTNERS

53 COUNTIES, 44 PROGRAMS



★ = Established program infrastructure for a new program in 2020

♥ = More than 100 volunteers

+ = children served increased more than 20% since 2018



THE SUPREME COURT of OHIO



\$10,000+

Wildermuth Foundation

\$1,000 +

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Jenna Schoeck
Cindy Schwenk
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Eliana Sorrenti
Doug Stephens
Aarthi Suguness
Sarah Swinford
Carrie Taylor
Dan Taylor
Janice Thompson
Tod Thompson
Adam Vincent
Michelle Vitello Sorrenti
Kyle Vogelmeier
Lauren Volpe
Brad Walters
Ginger and John Warner
JoAnn Weiker
Leah and Phil Weiker
Jackie Wilson
Aly Wingler
Jennifer Wray
Dana Zeller Skemp
Jeff Zimmerman

\$500+

Jean Ali
Jo Anne Montgomery
Robert Atwood
Kevin O'Boyle
Kim & Kent Vandervort

Up to \$100

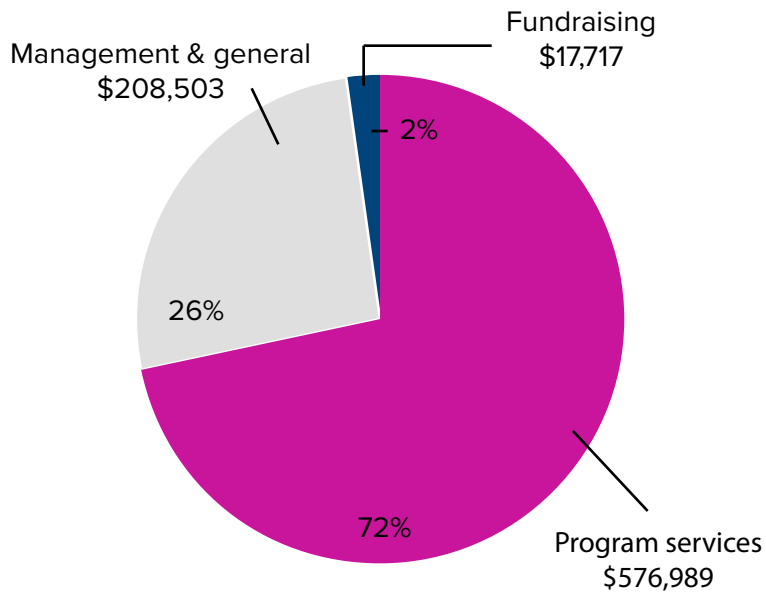
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Patricia Allen
Barbara Atwood
Andi Atwood
G.A. Badger
Amy Barker
Caroline Bass
Rose Begalla
Cindy Bell-Booth
Amy Billcheck-Metzendorf
Gail Bishop
Judith Bisselberg
Ryan Branch
Jack Buckingham
Becca Buhler
Sam Canterbury
Lora Capps
Susan Cohen
Greg Conklin
Angi D. Dailey-Kelley
Briana Damota
Alfred Dannhauser
Lori Decker
Julie Dee
Dorothy Early
Mary Elliott Stanley
Charles Fletcher

\$100+

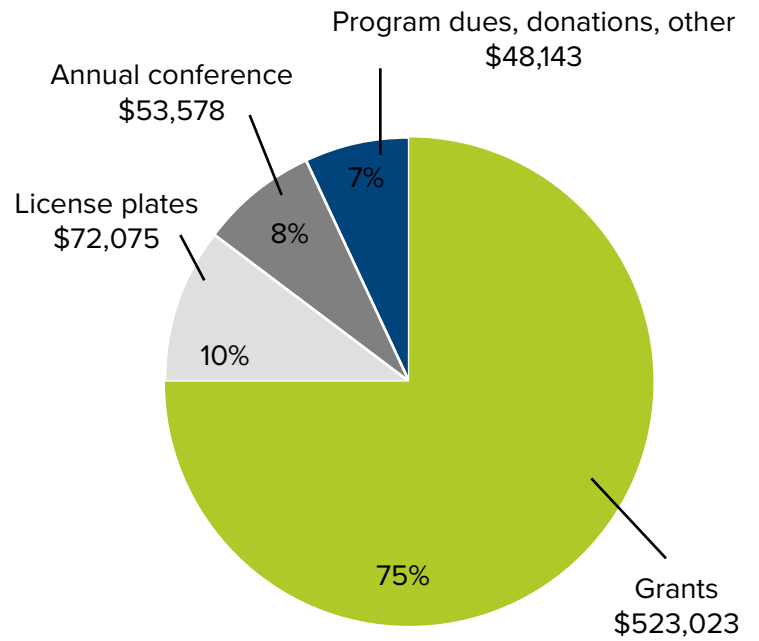
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