

2019

# ANNUAL REPORT TO THE COMMUNITY



BRINGING THE COMMUNITY  
INTO FOCUS



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Making **THE** Difference!  
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# A BRIGHT FUTURE

I am proud to present the Child Focus Annual Report for FY 2019. In the following pages, you will learn more about our efforts over the past 12 months to improve the lives of children and adults. We are at an exciting time of progress in early learning and behavioral health, one in which we continue to play instrumental roles in the success of those we serve. The staff at Child Focus— whether preschool teachers, therapists, case managers, family advocates or employment specialists— are dedicated to our mission and laser focused on making our community stronger.

This year, we purchased a facility to better meet current as well as future community capacity needs, allowing us to expand treatment and resilience programming to more at-risk youth ages 3-22 in Eastgate. This facility houses two programs: Day Treatment operated by Child Focus which serves youth with significant mental and behavioral health needs and CEC North, a program for children on the autism spectrum operated by Clermont County Educational Service Center, which serves children with developmental and social communication disorders.

We take great pride in this new facility that serves children in vulnerable situations and provides safety and the opportunity to learn and grow in a therapeutic environment, maximizing the potential of each child.

I am blessed to work with a talented leadership team that will continue to build on our strong foundation. This annual report is our chance to show you how all this work comes together and to express our deep gratitude to the people and organizations that continue to support our mission. I look forward to sharing these outcomes and highlights from the year with you as we can continue to provide bright futures of hope.

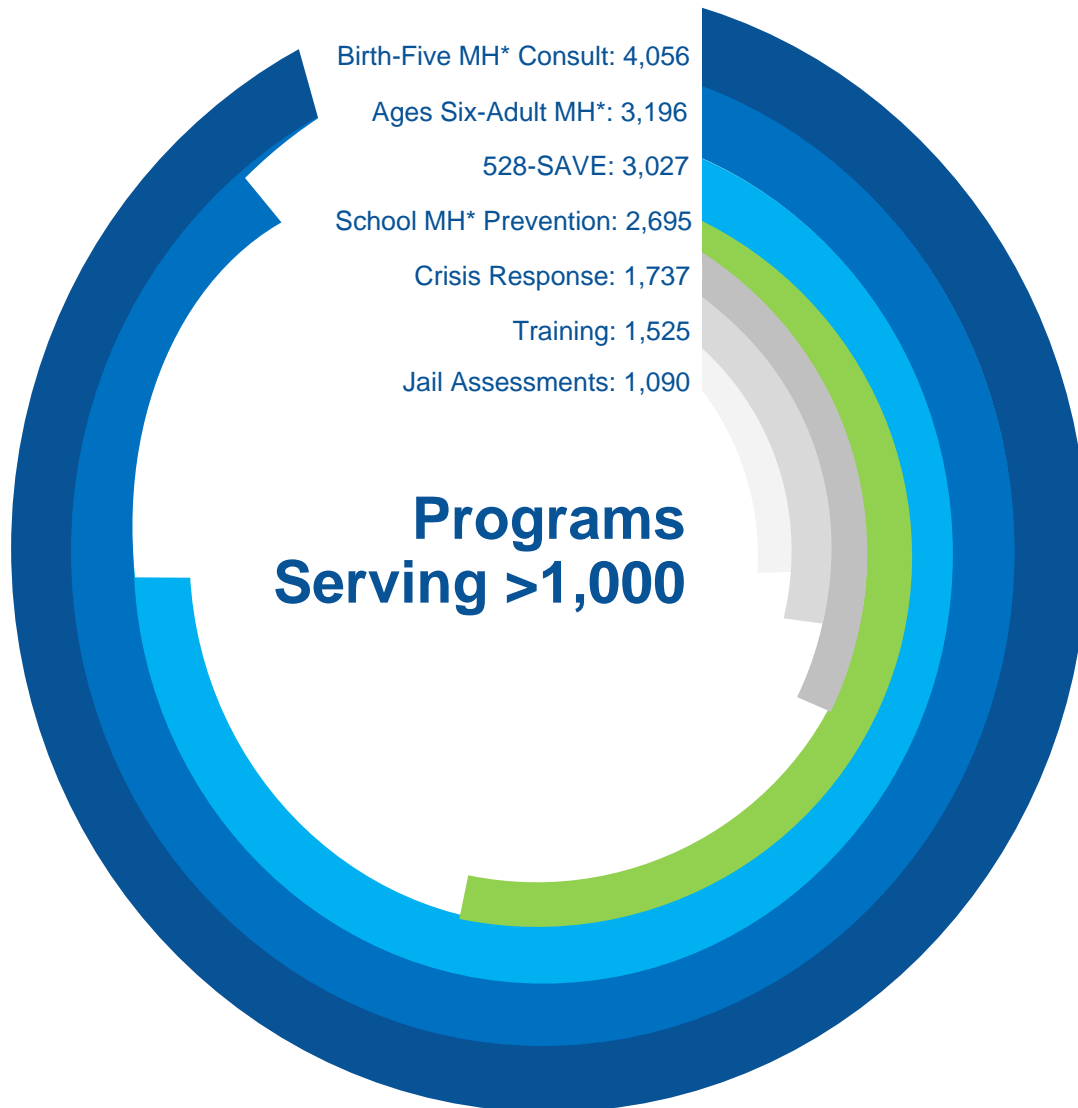


President & Chief Executive Officer



From left to right: Tara Keith, Marketing & Development Officer; Susan Graham, CAO; Paul McDonald, Facilities Officer; Beth McManus, Early Learning Officer; Desiree Marler, IT Officer; Pamela Lindeman, CEO; Jeff Finke, Human Resources Officer; Laura Stith, CCO; Tammy Brewer, CFO; Melanie Palmer, Training Officer and Jennifer Brinkdopke, Compliance Officer.

# PERSONS SERVED

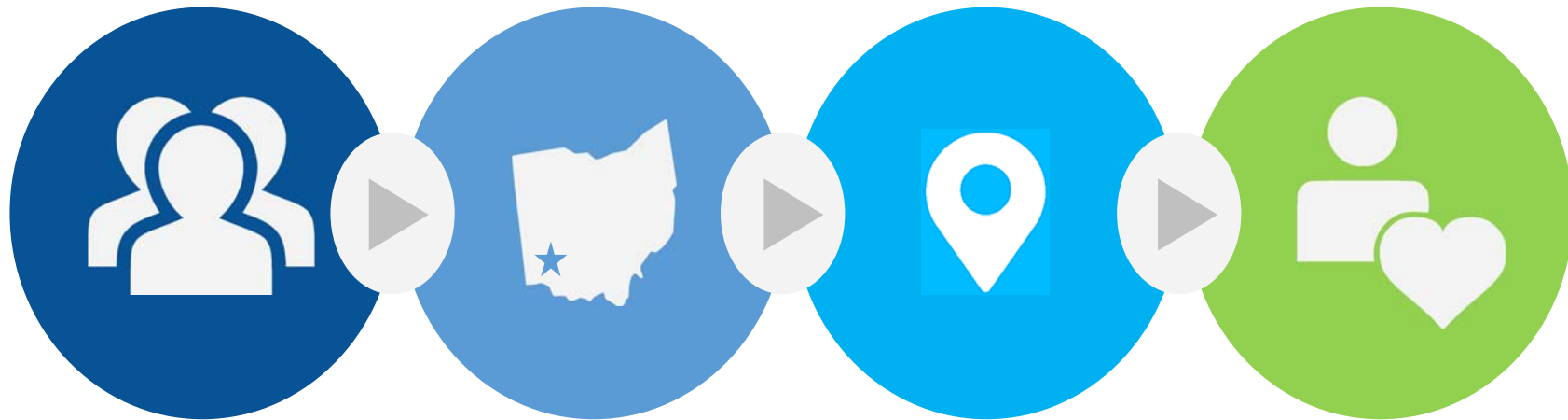


## Programs Serving < 1,000

- + Head Start: 724
- + Extended Day: 290
- + Mobile Crisis: 141
- + Birth to Five MH\* Prevention: 107
- + Juvenile Court Prevention: 101
- + Parent Education: 78
- + Job Placement & Training: 76
- + Foster Care: 40
- + Child Care: 26

\*MH: Mental Health

# APPROACH



## **NUMBERS SERVED**

Child Focus served 18,909 children and adults in FY 2019.

## **GEOGRAPHY**

9 counties including Adams, Brown, Butler, Clermont, Clinton, Franklin, Hamilton, Highland and Warren counties were served.

## **COMMUNITY BASED**

72 schools, 42 preschools and hundreds of homes and community sites were the location of services.

## **VOLUNTEERS**

801 people provided 35,334 volunteer hours valued at \$553,779.



## Enrollment

- + We served 724 children ages birth to five in 620 families in our Early Head Start and Head Start programs.
- + Our monthly enrollment for Head Start was 98% and Early Head Start was 94%.
- + With funding from the Office of Head Start we were able to increase Head Start preschool services from 3.5 hours to 6.5 hours per day, allowing 68 children to experience full-day Head Start and maximize their learning potential.



## Teacher Quality

- + 85% of preschool teachers hold a Bachelor's degree or higher.
- + 84% of preschool classrooms exceeded national benchmarks of quality teacher-child interactions.
- + 94% of classrooms are in Step Up to Quality highly rated centers.

# EARLY LEARNING

## Work Readiness

- + 17 adults completed their STNA class with 13 obtaining their STNA license.
- + 13 adults received their high school diploma.
- + 16 adults became employed and maintained employment for over 3 months.

## School Readiness

- + 87% of children entering kindergarten are ready to succeed in school.
- + From Fall 2018 – to Spring 2019, we closed the achievement gap for 74% of children based on Bracken scores.



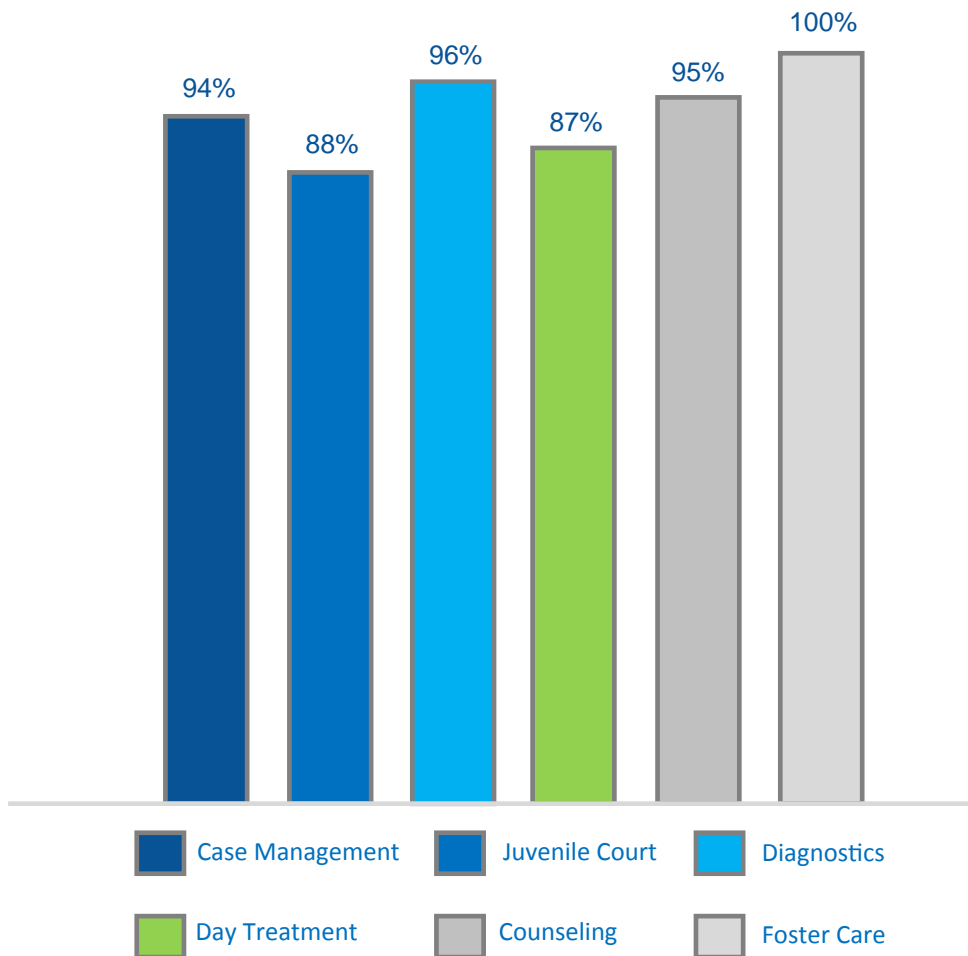
## Health

- + 95% of children ages 0 – 5 received a physical exam.
- + 75% of children ages 0 – 5 received a dental exam.
- + 97% of children had access to health care and healthcare coverage.
- + 96% of children were immunized according to the recommended vaccination schedule.

## Family Engagement

- + 93% of children whose families completed at least 50 hours of home activities are meeting or exceeding expectations in language and literacy skills.
- + 63% of families setting goals around family life practices illustrated moderate or greater progress.

## Satisfaction By Service



## Our Services

Behavioral Health Services **served 13,737 children, adolescents and adults** in fiscal year 2019.

Mental health consumers reported problems with **anxiety, depressions, anger, trauma, aggression, school performance and family relationships** as the main reason for entering services.

Youth reported mental health services **helped to improve feelings, worries, anger, sadness, performance at school and relationships** with parents and others.



# BEHAVIORAL HEALTH



**1 in 3**

**needed ongoing mental health treatment.**

2,695 students received mental health prevention services in the schools which build protective factors, skills and resilience which may prevent the need for future services.



**1 in 10**

**needed life saving treatment.**

3,168 individuals received crisis mental health care. Crisis hotline responders provide life saving interventions to youth, adults and elderly persons in the community.



**798**

**people trained to help prevent suicide in the community.**

798 community members were trained to be familiar with the signs of suicide, which will help aid early identification and assistance to those struggling in the community.



**5 in 7**

**reunified with family, kinship or were adopted.**

Twenty-eight youth received foster home placement services. The aim of foster care programming is to create a safe place for children to grow, connect and learn.



## SUCCESS STORIES

We saw several adoptions in 2019; however, one that stands out the most is the adoption of a 16 year old after being in foster care for 6.5 years. This teen was placed in the same foster home for most of that time and benefited by her stable, loving foster parents who advocated for all of her needs. Even after her adoption, staff continue to provide supportive services to this teen and her family.

A male teenager sought services after a suicide attempt. The teen struggled with isolation and anger directed at his parents and himself. Other symptoms included poor hygiene, excessive video game playing, failing grades, and no motivation to engage in school. Parents struggled to understand their son's anger and lack of motivation, causing frequent arguments.

Using two evidenced-based therapies and medication management and with the support from his parents, he was able to decrease his depressive symptoms, eliminate suicidal ideation, and improve his social functioning. Treatment transformed this client from a struggling, disheveled teenager to a successful, involved and happier teenager.

Jackson's\* first preschool experience was in our Head Start classroom. He was an active 4 year old full of curiosity but lacking social skills while interacting with peers. He would often try to initiate play by taking things, demanding to participate or hitting or biting to get the other children's attention. As our teachers worked with him throughout the year, Jackson learned how to initiate play and express himself in more appropriate ways. Our family advocate connected Jackson's parents to resources who helped Jackson learn the social emotional skills he needed to be successful in kindergarten.



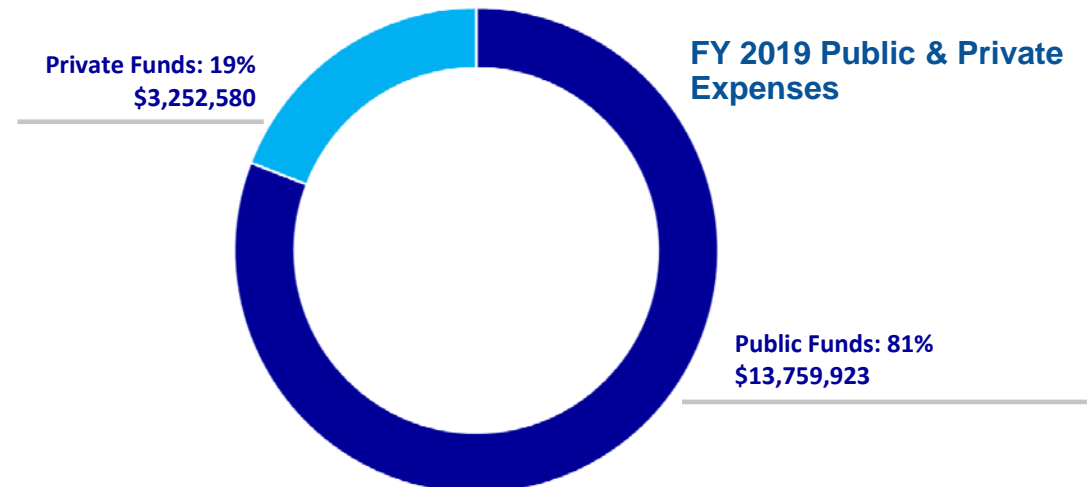
# FINANCIALS

The final, agency-wide audit report for Fiscal Year ending June 30, 2019 was conducted in accordance with auditing standards generally accepted in the United States of America, the standards applicable to financial audits contained in the Government Auditing Standards, issued by the Comptroller General of the United States and the Uniform Guidance. The audit did not contain any non-compliances, any questioned costs, any instances of non-compliance with any funding sources, or reveal any material weaknesses in the agency's internal control system.

## FY 2019 Revenues

<b>\$14,857,830</b>	<b>Program Services (87%)</b>
<b>\$2,190,026</b>	<b>Management &amp; General (12.8%)</b>
<b>\$33,259</b>	<b>Fundraising (&lt; .0019%)</b>
<b>\$17,081,115</b>	<b>Total Revenues</b>

Federal, state and local government grant funds, Brown and Clermont Mental Health Boards, contracts with other agency and school partners, client fees, insurance and United Way allow us to serve children and adults.



## Federal Grants

### FY 2020 Budget

<b>Revenues</b>	
Operating Revenue	
HHS / ACF	5,421,704
USDA	254,000
Non-Federal Share	<u>1,355,427</u>
Total Revenues	7,031,131
<b>Expenses</b>	
Operating Expenses	
Wages & Benefits	4,498,725
Contract Services	17,850
Travel	58,810
Audit/Acct./Legal	53,880
Facility Expense	367,765
Telephone	45,220
Food	259,500
Supplies/Postage	92,000
Dues/Fees/Memberships	87,520
Recruitment/Advertising	25,480
Field Trips	8,400
Gasoline	17,600
Insurance	45,980
Staff Training	96,974
Misc./Other	<u>1,355,427</u>
Total Expenses	<u>7,031,131</u>
Net Revenue over Expense	<u>0</u>

# THE MISSION

## OF CHILD FOCUS

is to join with communities  
in strengthening the  
quality of life for children,  
families and adults.

