CincyFosterCare COLLABORATIVE

Kicked off in October 2015 at The BIG Day of Foster Care at City Hall with Councilmember Charlie Winburn, the goal of the CincyFosterCare Collaborative is to unite a city-wide foster care effort that promotes high visibility awareness and builds public will to increase the capacity of the foster care system. CincyFosterCare Collaborative Members include:

The Bair Foundation The Buckeye Ranch Beech Acres Child Focus, Inc. CHOICES, Inc. Focus on Youth Hamilton County Job & Family Services Lighthouse Youth Services National Youth Advocate Program NECCO Ohio MENTOR Pressley Ridge SAFY St. Joseph Orphanage

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Help Us Recruit Foster Families!

Foster parents are the safety net for the city's most vulnerable youth and we need more foster parents! There are not enough foster families in the area to care for and keep local children in their home communities, where they are most comfortable.

Help us improve youth development outcomes and reduce crime and poverty!

- Foster parents provide positive influences for our most disadvantaged youth, who often have not had healthy adult role models.
- Important family values and work ethics are instilled.
- Foster parents are able to impact youths' abilities to become responsible members of the work force.
- Foster children have stable support systems through their foster parents.
- Help us garner public support of foster care and challenge the negative view of foster care. Media often showcases the failures of the foster care system. We need to rally and show the public the benefits of foster care. Help us share our success stories.
- Not everyone can be a foster parent but EVERYONE CAN SUPPORT FOSTER CARE:
 - Adopt
 - Foster
 - Volunteer
 - Mentor
 - Tutor
 - Advocate
 - Donate

For information on Foster Care in Hamilton County go to hckids.org