# Children's Protective Services:
## What We Do and Why We Need Your Help

**Protect our Children**

**Keep Our Children Safe!**

# What do we do?

- Investigate allegations of abuse and neglect
  - To Report an allegation, call (513) 732-STOP

- Work with families to create safe homes for children through education, treatment and services

- Find 'Forever Families' when reunification is not an option
  - If you are interested in becoming a Foster parent, call (513) 732-7765 or visit our website at www.ClermontForKids.org.

# Physical Abuse

In 2014, Children's Protective Services investigated ***593*** allegations of physical abuse.

These include such things as:

- Unusual Bruising
- Babies born testing positive for illegal substances
- Shaken Baby
- Broken Bones

# *Sexual Abuse*

In 2014, Children's Protective Services investigated more than **186** allegations of sex abuse against children

These allegations and substantiations range from:

Inappropriate Touching

Photographing nude children

Sexual intercourse with children

# Neglect

In 2014, Children's Protective Services investigated **551** allegations of neglect of children

These include cases involving everything from:

Young children being left home alone

Children living in rodent/insect infested homes

Parents failing to provide medical care to their children

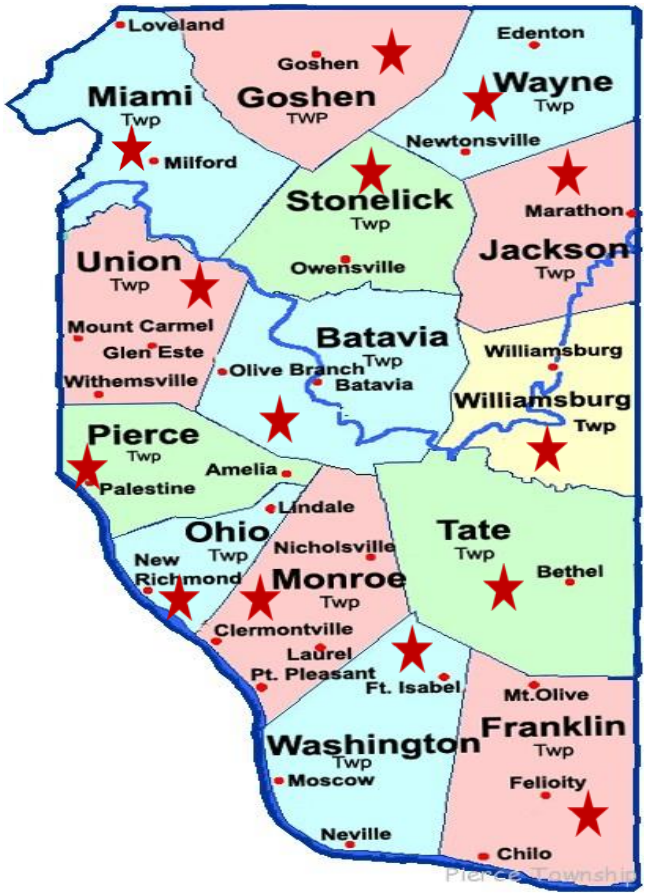
# *Average Number of Children in Care*

- We currently have approximately **340** children in the custody of Children's Services.
- 40% of those children are removed because their parents have opiate addictions that prevent them from safely parenting.
- We always attempt to place children with family members whenever possible.

# Where does Child Abuse Occur?

It occurs in every township, in every municipality in Clermont County

It occurs at every socio-economic level



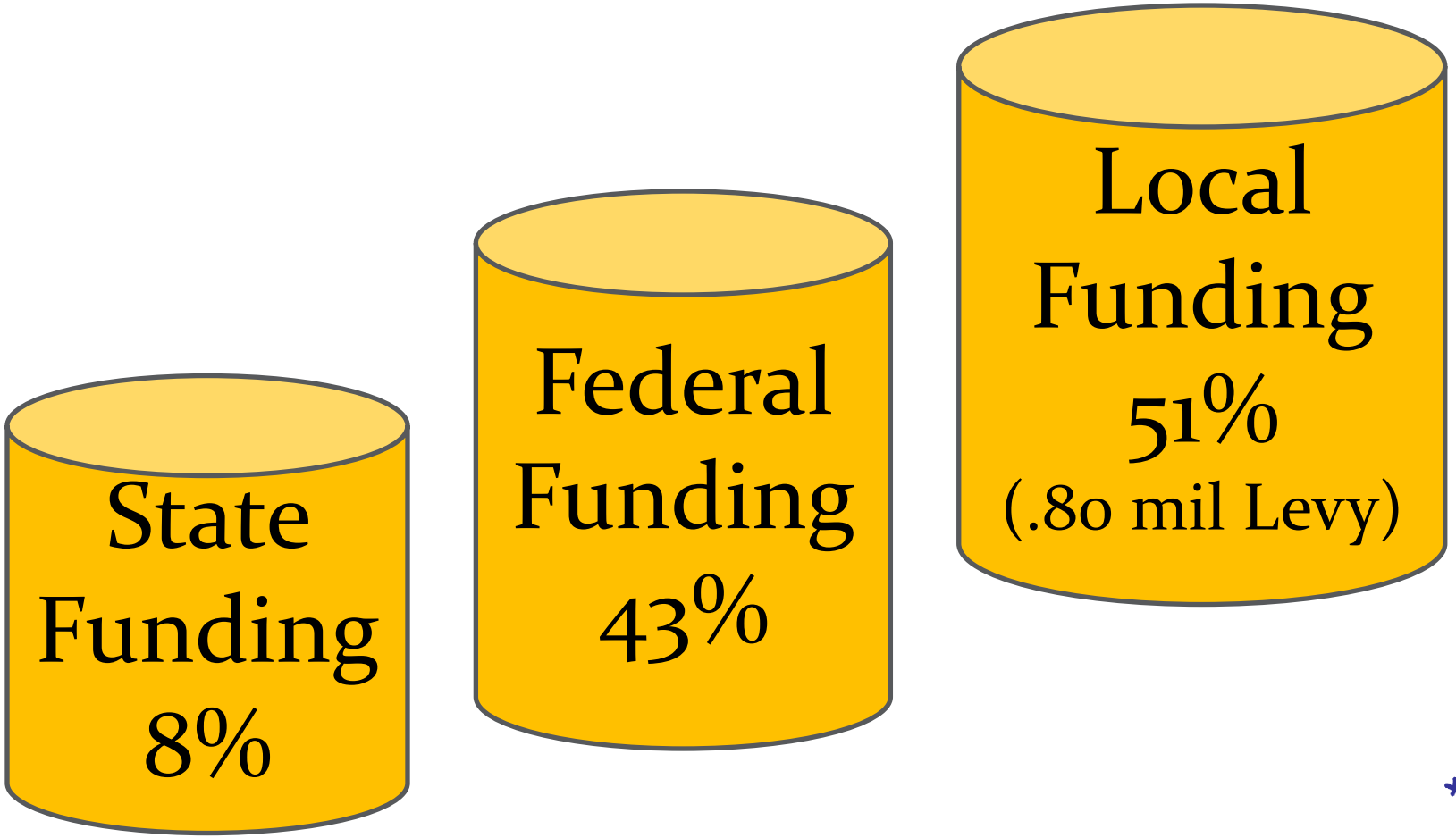
# New Initiatives Implemented in 2014

- Differential Response began in July 2014

  A nationally recognized child welfare business model that allows an alternative response option for responding to allegations.

- Family Dependency Treatment Court

# *Funding for Children's Services*



# *What does it cost to continue to protect our Children??*

According to the Clermont County Auditor ~ it will continue to cost the owner of a $100,000 home $23.67 a year.

# That is NOT an increase

# Questions???

## KEEP OUR CHILDREN SAFE

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