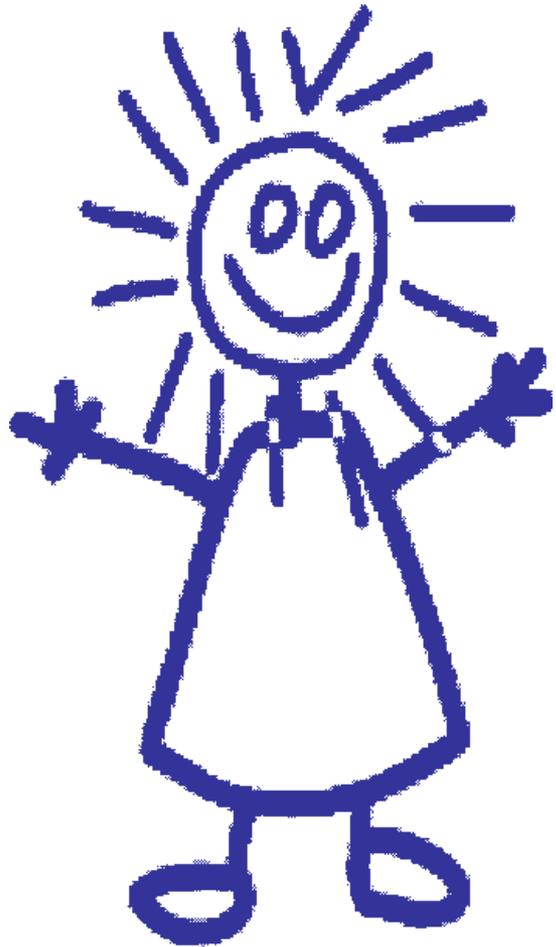


# Children's Protective Services: What We Do and Why We Need Your Help



**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](http://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??*

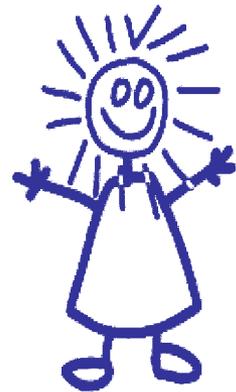
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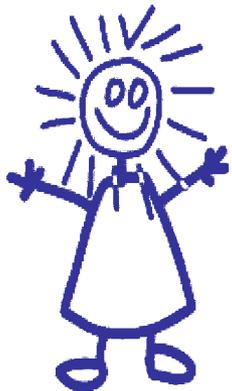
## **That is NOT an increase**



# Questions???



## KEEP OUR CHILDREN SAFE



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