



# Ohio Family and Children First

John R. Kasich, Governor of Ohio

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Good afternoon Chairman Jordan and Vice Chairman Brown. It is my pleasure to speak before the Sunset Review Committee. On behalf of the Ohio Family and Children First Cabinet Council, I am requesting the reauthorization of the cabinet council. The purpose of the cabinet council is to help families seeking government services by streamlining and coordinating existing government services for families seeking assistance for their children. This work continues to be imperative as the state continues to work to address the intensive needs of multi-system youth and families in Ohio.

Director Tracy Plouck, of the Ohio Department of Mental Health and Addiction Services, who currently serves a chair of the cabinet council, recently testified before the Joint Legislative Committee on Multi-System Youth about the important work of the cabinet council and the county Family and Children First Councils in serving this high-need population.

The cabinet council works to advise and assess local governments on the coordination of service delivery to children through the county family and children first councils; encourages coordinated efforts at the state and local level to improve the state's social service delivery system; and maintains an interagency system to offer guidance and monitor progress towards increasing child well-being in the state and in each county.

In closing, we continue to recognize and value the importance of the cross-system work of the Ohio Family and Children First Cabinet Council as we request the reauthorization of this body. Thank you again for inviting me to testify before the committee. I welcome any questions.