Ohio Sunset Review Committee
Agency Questionnaire

Child Abuse and Child Neglect Prevention Regional Councils (OCTF)

Agency Name _____

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Agency's primary purpose and its various goals and objectives

Established by law in ORC 3109.172, the child abuse and child neglect prevention regions (Regions) administer child abuse and child neglect prevention programming and services approved by the children's trust fund board (OCTF Board). Per the purpose of funding primary and secondary child abuse and neglect prevention programs through the OCTF, Ohio's 88 counties are broken into 8 statutorily defined regions. Regions are comprised of a child abuse and child neglect prevention council (Council) that is directed by a child abuse and child neglect prevention coordinator (Coordinator). ORC 3109.172 (B) provides that each Region shall have a Council as appointed by county commissioners, who may appoint up to two members per county (ORC 3109.172(C)(1), or by the OCTF Board who may appoint additional Council members at their discretion. ORC 3109.173 provides that each region shall be under the direction of a regional prevention coordinator, who is selected by the children's trust fund board through a competitive selection process.

The primary purpose of the regions is for councils and coordinators to administer child abuse and child neglect prevention programs by submitting a Child Abuse and Neglect Prevention Plan (Plan) per ORC 3109.174.

ORC also provides several other goals and objectives for each Region, including that each Council shall:

- Convene quarterly
- Develop a needs assessment to ascertain the child abuse and child neglect prevention programming and services that are needed within the region
- Collaborate on assembling the regional prevention plan based on OCTF Board guidelines
- Implement the approved regional prevention plan
- Monitor fulfillment of prevention plan deliverables and achievement of prevention outcomes
- Coordinate county data collection
- Ensure timely reporting to OCTF Board
- Submit a progress report and an annual report

Agency's past and anticipated workload, number of staff required to complete workload, and total number of staff

ORC 3109.173 provides that each Region will be directed by a Coordinator selected by the OCTF Board through a competitive process. Current Coordinators were selected through a Request for Grant Application (RFGA) from SFY 2022 - 2027. Each Region has one Coordinator while some Regions included supervisors and/or fiscal/administrative staff. Below is a breakdown of current Coordinators, their # of staff, and a description of each staff position.

Central
Coordinator - Research Institute at Nationwide Children's Hospital
Staff - 1.1 FTE
Staff Included - Coordinator, Supervisor

Eastern
Coordinator - Research Institute at Nationwide Children's Hospital
Staff - 1.1 FTE
Staff Included Coordinator, Supervisor

Great Lakes
Coordinator - University Hospitals - Rainbow Babies and Children
Staff - 1.1 FTE
Staff Included - Coordinator, Supervisor

Northeast
Coordinator - Stark County Educational Services Center
Staff - 1.1 FTE
Staff Included - Coordinator, Supervisor

Northwest
Coordinator - Mercy Health - St. Vincent Medical Center
Staff - 1.5 FTE
Staff Included - Coordinator, Fiscal/Administrative

Southeast
Coordinator - Research Institute at Nationwide Children's Hospital
Staff - 1.1 FTE
Staff Included - Coordinator, Supervisor

Southwest
Coordinator - Butler County Educational Services Center
Staff - 1 FTE
Staff Included - Coordinator

Western
Coordinator - Montgomery County Board of County Commissioners
Staff - .435 FTE
Staff Included - Coordinator, Fiscal/Administrative

Coordinator Workload
Coordinators are tasked with directing Councils, including providing administrative support to ensure completion of Council statutory duties, completion of Coordinator statutory duties, compliance with RFGA grant activities, and ongoing participation in OCTF learning network activities. Each Coordinator's primary

Agency's past and anticipated budgets and its sources of funding

OCTF Board tracks Coordinator expenses separately from Prevention Plan expenses. All coordinator expenses are from the OCTF Board's State Dedicated Public Funds (fund - 1980) as collected from fees for vital statistics records and divorce and dissolution decree fees, as provided in ORC 3109.14.

Below are the total Coordinator expenses for each State Fiscal Year (SFY) from SFY 2019 - SFY 2023 and the budgeted amount for SFY 2024.

SFY 2019 - $647,958.87
SFY 2020 - $651,895.82
SFY 2021 - $628,902.27
SFY 2022 - $527,469.76
SFY 2023 - $754,041.81
SFY 2024 - $874,785.94 (anticipated)

*These expenses are included in the expenditures reported as part of the OCTF Board Agency Questionnaire response.

Number of members of its governing board or other governing entity and their compensation, if any

Each Board of County Commissioner may appoint up to two Council members per county. Additionally, the OCTF Board may appoint council members at its discretion. To ensure Council support of expanded membership, the OCTF Board administers an application which must be submitted to the Council for support before being sent to the OCTF Board for approval.

An appointed county prevention specialist to serve on the councils my include expertise related to the following:
(1) Members of agencies responsible for the administration of children's services in the counties within a child abuse and child neglect prevention region established in section 3109.171 of the Revised Code;

(2) Providers of alcohol or drug addiction services or members of boards of alcohol, drug addiction, and mental health services that serve counties within a region;

(3) Providers of mental health services or members of boards of alcohol, drug addiction, and mental health services that serve counties within a region;

(4) Members of county boards of developmental disabilities that serve counties within a region;

(5) Members of the educational community appointed by the superintendent of the school district with the largest enrollment in the counties within a region;

(6) Juvenile justice officials serving counties within a region;

(7) Pediatricians, health department nurses, and other members of the medical community in the counties within a region;

(8) Counselors and social workers serving counties within a region;

(9) Head start agencies serving counties within a region;

(10) Child care providers serving counties within a region;

(11) Parent advocates with relevant experience and knowledge of services in a region;

(12) Other persons with demonstrated knowledge in programs for children serving counties within a region.

Per Ohio Revised Code (ORC) section 3109.172(F), each appointed member of the council serves without compensation, but shall be reimbursed for all actual and necessary expenses incurred in the performance of official duties.

As of May 1st, there are 148 council members appointed across the state.

Central- 27
Eastern- 19
Great Lakes- 8

Additional notes