



**Scioto County Children's Home(s)
Conceptualizing Session
May 8, 2018**

Neva Moore, MBA



Vision

- *A Community Driven Children's Home(s) Helping Children and Families From Their Very First Foster Experience.*
- *Providing Children With as Normal a Happy Home Environment as Possible.*

Research

- Lorra Fuller, Scioto County Children's Services
- Shared Statistics, Challenges, and Opinion of Children's Homes
 - 68% of placed children in a licensed foster home
 - 24% with relative
 - 5% in group or residential treatment center
 - 2% adopted
 - Mission of providing children with a safe, secure and stable environment
 - Children occasionally placed in other counties
 - Not in favor of a traditional children's home, but does support family centered children's homes.

Research

- Christian Children's Home of Ohio Visit
- Beverly Richards, Director of Operations
 - Children's Residential Center
 - Ages 6-18 living in cottages with capacity of 10 children per cottage
 - Children typically have been in multiple foster homes
 - Require advanced behavioral services as a result of abandonment, abuse and/or neglect
 - On-site therapeutic, social, spiritual and educational opportunities designed to heal
 - Accredited by the Council for Children and Families
 - Licensed by Ohio Department of Job and Family Services
 - Certified by Ohio Dept. Mental Health

Research

- Phoenix Group Home, West Portsmouth
- Laura Tarr, CEO & Founder
 - Children's Residential Center
 - Teen Boys Home
 - Certified by Ohio Dept. of Mental Health

Types of Children's Homes

- Foster Home
- Specialized Foster Home or Treatment Foster Home
- Children's Residential Center (CRC) ORC 5103.051
- Group Home for Children ORC 5103.055
- Children's Residential Parenting Facility 5103.057
- Children's Crisis Care Facility ORC 5103.13
- County Children's Home ORC 5153.21
- District Children's Home ORC 5153.42

Definitions

- Children's Residential Center (CRC) ORC 5103.051
 - A facility that is operated by a private child placing agency, private noncustodial agency or public children services agency, that has been certified by the department of job and family services to operate a children's residential center, and in which eleven or more children, including the children of any staff residing at the facility, are given non-secure care and supervision twenty-four hours a day.
 - Included in the definition of "residential facility" ORC 5103.056

Definitions

- Group Home for Children ORC 5103.055
 - Any public or private facility that is operated by a private child placing agency, private noncustodial agency, or public children services agency, that has been certified by the department to operate a group home for children, and that meets all of the following criteria:
 - Gives, for compensation, a maximum of ten children, including the children of the operator or any staff who reside in the facility, non-secure care and supervision twenty-four hours a day by a person or persons who are unrelated to the children by blood or marriage, or who is not the appointed guardian of any of the children.
 - Is not a certified foster home
 - Receives or cares for children for two or more consecutive weeks
 - Included in the definition of “residential facility” ORC 5103.056

Community Needs

- **Prevention of Continued Family Breakdown**
 - Earlier Placement of Children
 - Increased Social Work/Counseling Services for Children and Families
 - Case Management
 - Social Work Based Counseling Services
 - Partnerships Between Individuals, Churches, Health Care Organizations, Religious Organizations, Schools, Local, County, and State Government

Next Steps

- Establish 501c3
- Establish Board of Directors
- Create Structure to Evaluate Ideas and Identify Priorities
 - Include Established Community Partners
 - Make Decisions on Core Services
 - Assign Individual Responsibilities
- Identify Legal Counsel
- Decide Which Type(s) of Children's Home We Need
- Identify Community Resources
- Begin Creating Business Plan
- Identify Funding Sources

Resources

- Freewill Baptist Family Ministries (Lorra Fuller)
<http://www.fwbfm.com/>
- 4KIDS A Home for Every Child- Florida
<https://www.4kids.us/about/4KIDSModel>
- Joy Ranch Christian Children's Home - Virginia
<https://joyranch.org>
- Eagle Ranch Wings Initiative- Georgia
<https://eagleranch.org/resources/wings-initiative/>
- Brigids Path- Kettering, OH
<https://www.today.com/video/babies-born-opioid-dependent-get-help-at-brigid-s-path-1228108867948>