

Clermont County Probate/Juvenile Court

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April 16, 2021

Congressman Wenstrup
7954 Beechmont Ave.
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Dear Congressman,

Clermont County Juvenile Court supports Child Focus' proposal for Department of Health and Human Services, Health Resources and Services Administration for health facility renovation and equipment that would support the expansion of mental health, substance use, crisis stabilization, ambulatory detox and integrated care services in rural southwest Ohio.

Child Focus provides mental health and substance use treatment services to high-risk individuals and juvenile-court involved youth and families, many of whom struggle with mental health and substance abuse issues. Child Focus and Juvenile Court have a longstanding partnership to provide quality mental health services for youth in the county, including those involved in the Juvenile Justice system. These coordinated efforts are designed to show a reduction in juvenile crime, a reduction in recidivism rates, and a reduction in youth placements.

There are several Child Focus programs that accept referrals through Juvenile Court Detention and Juvenile Court Probation, including intensive home-based, detention center assessment and consultation, the Strengthening Families program, and Multi-Dimensional Family Therapy. These programs focus on keeping the child in his/her home instead of a correctional or residential placement, which reduces family conflict, improves school attendance and performance, achieves appropriate parental response to disruptive teen behaviors, and increases levels of support in the community, as well as increase family bonding.

These programs are critical to our county and I am pleased to support Child Focus in their efforts to expand programming in our county.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "James A. Shriver". The signature is fluid and cursive.

Judge James A. Shriver



The Honorable Brad Wenstrup
7954 Beechmont Ave.
Cincinnati, OH 45255

April 16, 2021

Dear Congressman Wenstrup,

The Brown County Board of Mental Health and Addiction Services fully supports Child Focus' community project funding application through the Department of Health and Human Services, Health Resources and Services Administration (HRSA) for health facility construction and equipment that would support current program expansion being developed to combat the opioid crisis through the expansion of mental health, substance use, crisis stabilization, ambulatory detox and integrated care services in rural southwest Ohio.

Sixteen years ago, Child Focus opened a satellite office in Mt. Orab as they saw a need for mental health services in Brown County due to many families traveling to their Mt. Carmel office for Mental Health services. They currently provide individual and family therapy, case management, groups, substance use treatment and telepsychiatry services in this office. They have developed great collaborative relationships with Brown County schools, pediatricians, Children's Protective Services, the courts and law enforcement.

The Board is pleased to support these efforts. Please let me know if you have any questions.

Sincerely,

Deanna Vietze
Executive Director





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The Honorable Brad Wenstrup
7954 Beechmont Ave.
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Dear Representative Wenstrup:

The Clermont County Mental Health and Recovery Board is pleased to support Child Focus' proposal to the Department of Health and Human Services, Health Resources and Services Administration for health facility construction and equipment that would support current program expansion being developed to combat the opioid crisis through the expansion of mental health, substance use, crisis stabilization, ambulatory detox, and integrated care services in rural southwest Ohio.

Clearly, there are many needs in this area, and the impact of the coronavirus on youth, individuals and families is predicted to result in a "surge" of mental illness and addiction, and we are already seeing an increase in people seeking help, support, and services.

Child Focus provides mental health and substance use treatment services to high-risk individuals and Juvenile-Court involved youth and families, many of whom struggle with mental health and substance use disorders. Child Focus and the Clermont County Mental Health and Recovery Board have a longstanding partnership to provide quality mental health services for youth and adults in the county. As an integrated care service provider, Child Focus will provide primary care screening and monitoring and will address mental health, substance use disorder, and other behavioral health issues that might otherwise be missed in acute care settings. Community benefits will include improved health care access and population health, comprehensive care coordination, and reduced health disparities.

We appreciate your support in the past and would greatly appreciate your support of their current efforts and the many partnerships to support youth and families that are in place in our county. Please do not hesitate to contact me with any questions.

Sincerely,

Karen J. Scherra
Executive Director

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Congressman Wenstrup
7954 Beechmont Ave.
Cincinnati, OH 45255

April 16, 2021

Dear Congressman,

It is with great pleasure that we support Child Focus' proposal to Department of Health and Human Services, Health Resources and Services Administration (HRSA) to treat high-risk and foster care involved youth and families, many whom struggle with mental health and substance abuse with an integrated health model. Abuse or neglect influenced by parental substance abuse is one of the reasons for children being placed in the custody of Clermont County CPS. Approximately 40% of the children placed in the custody of CPS had a parent or parents that drug use was identified. 25% of children placed in the custody of CPS had a parent or parents that opiate use was identified.

Child Focus is a not-for-profit agency providing multiple services to youth and their families in southern Ohio. As a provider, they see many families struggling with substance abuse, particularly heroin in their mental health, early learning and foster care programs. We fully support their efforts and partnership for at-risk children and families in our community.

Please do not hesitate to contact me with questions.

Respectfully,



Tim Dick

Director

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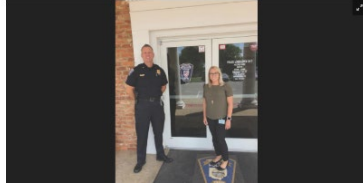
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