

PARENT'S WEEK

September 25, 2011 - October 1, 2011



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The purpose of Parent's Week is to commend and encourage the work of parents in supporting and caring for their children and all Ohioans are asked to thank, honor and support parents and to recognize and highlight the critical roles that parents play. The Ohio Council of Behavioral Health and Family Services Providers obtained the attached proclamation from Governor John R. Kasich declaring this week, September 25th – October 1st, as Parent's Week. Please share this proclamation widely.

In honor of Parent's Week, the Ohio Family and Children First (OFCF) in partnership with the Ronald McDonald House of Cleveland is announcing the upcoming launching of "The Red Treehouse", which is a website that will serve as Ohio's Network for Family Engagement and Empowerment. The website will be unveiled in Cleveland on October 12th and is designed to help families and professionals promote the well-being of children and young adults, prenatal to age 25. The website will integrate 3 sources of information and support for families, young adults, and professionals:

1. Resources, Guides and Tool-Kits
2. Contact and general information about organizations
3. Calendar of events, training and activities

The website will be unveiled on a regional basis or as areas become active with registered resources and information available for families, caregivers, young adults, and professionals. We encourage you to continue checking the Red Treehouse to see when it will be unveiled in your area. We also strongly encourage organizations that provide information, support, trainings, and events related to families, children, and young adults ages prenatal to age 25 to register on the website.

This website could not be possible without the strong partnership of the following organizations that participate on the OFCF Family Engagement Committee: *Action for Children, Arc of Stark County, Autism Society of Ohio, Beech Acres Parenting Center, Bowling Green State University, Children's Defense Fund – Ohio, Cuyahoga County Tapestry System of Care, Family Information Network, Governor's Office of Faith-Based and Community Initiatives, Guernsey County Juvenile Court, National Alliance on Mental Illness – Ohio, Neighborhood Leadership Institute, Ohio Attorney General's Office, Ohio Center for Autism and Low Incidences, Ohio Children's Trust Fund, Ohio Council on Behavioral Health and Family Services Providers, Ohio Family Care Association, Ohio Fatherhood Commission, Ohio PTA, OSU Center for Learning Excellence, Parent Advocacy Connection, Ronald McDonald House of Cleveland, Scioto County Family and Children First, Stark County Family and Children First, Stark County FCFC Family Advisory Council, Shelby County Educational Service Center, State Support Team Region 1, State Support Team Region 13, Supreme Court of Ohio, Voices for Ohio's Children, Western Buckeye Educational Service Center, and the Ohio Departments of Aging, Alcohol and Drug Addiction Services, Developmental Disabilities, Education, Health, Job and Family Services, Mental Health, Rehabilitation and Correction, Youth Services, Rehabilitation Services Commission.*

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Happy Parent's Week!

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