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## Summit County Children Services Announces Leadership Academy (Class II) Graduation

**AKRON, OH – September 2020** – Summit County Children Services (SCCS) held a virtual graduation on Monday, September 28 for their Leadership Academy, Class II. The 10-member class began last August and included participants from various levels and departments within the organization.

Throughout the last 12 months, the class completed seventeen class sessions, book reviews and a total of sixty-two shadowing experiences to learn other roles and responsibilities within the agency. Teambuilding, Communication, Emotional Intelligence, Critical thinking, Conflict and Conversations and Interviewing were a few of the module's participants experienced in the Leadership Academy.

"Leadership development is a lifelong process," said Julie Barnes, Executive Director of SCCS, who encouraged the class to continue to grow as leaders and empower those around them.

This year's graduating class members include: Stephanie Collins, Protective Services, Jennifer Dougherty, Intake Services, Chelsay Finney, Legal Services, Beatrice Flett, Placement Services, Katie Kintz, Protective Specialized Services, Dana Klapper, Protective Services, Jessica Miller, Client Rights/Quality Improvement, Candy Ross, Protective Specialized Services, Kristen Stark, Protective Services, Kimberle Wilcox, Intake Services.

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