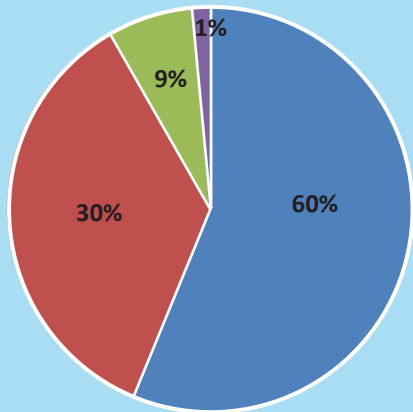


2021 By the Numbers

7 Average age of children on case plans	83% Percentage of children reunified with family	695 Monthly average number of families served
82 Total # of finalized adoptions	793 Monthly average # children in custody	

Total Intake Calls: 8,920
9,692 children received agency services
(1 out of 12 children in Summit County)

REVENUES



Operating Levy (Net)	\$39,401,614
Federal Funds	\$21,623,787
State Funds	\$ 5,616,464
Local & Grant Funds	\$ 772,608
Total Revenues	\$67,414,473

Mission Statement:

SCCS is committed to the safety, permanency and well-being of all children served, in partnership with families and the community.

Vision Statement:

- Because we believe in family preservation and that all children deserve a safe, stable and permanent home, we will:
- Intervene only where necessary and only to the proper degree;
- Assess the community's concerns of abuse and neglect focusing on safety, risk and family strengths;
- Serve as partners with families and in teamwork with partner agencies in the community;
- Actively engage families, and their extended families and supports, in the decision-making process;
- Diligently work toward reunification when a child must be removed from home;
- Seek permanent homes for all children who cannot safely return to their parent or guardian;
- Remain mission-focused in our everyday work;
- Recruit and maintain diverse staff committed to serving all children and families;
- Approach our work with integrity, ethics and compassion;
- Be fiscally responsible.

Our Values:

We believe:

- All children have a right to a safe and stable home.
- All children should be in a permanent home, i.e. their own home, a relative's home or an adoptive home.
- The well-being of all children is vital to us, the child, the family and our community.
- All families deserve our best efforts to partner with them and to treat them with respect and honesty.
- We have an ongoing responsibility to increase our knowledge and improve our services by learning all we can about the diversity of our families and community.
- We have a duty to remain objective and consistent in all of our interactions with families and children.
- We must be creative and innovative in the delivery of services so as to heighten the efficiency and effectiveness of our work with families.
- We have a responsibility to be able stewards of taxpayer resources.
- We believe in creating a culture of Diversity, Equity and Inclusion. We will cultivate an environment that respects, celebrates and supports the differences of our employees and the people we serve.

An Overview

*Working to Keep Kids Safe
... Every Day*



SCCS provides an array of quality services designed to help keep kids safe.

Intake Services & Intake Screening & Supports

Calls of concern are made to the 24-Hour Child Abuse & Neglect Hotline involving the safety and well-being of children. Accepted reports of child abuse and neglect are initially assessed and assigned to one of two pathways: Traditional Response or Alternative Response. Both pathways allow staff to address the unique safety concerns, risks and situations of each family in a way that is collaborative and respectful, with child safety being the primary goal. Also within Intake Services is the Serious Trauma Assessment Team (STAT) Unit which handles serious trauma cases, human trafficking and abuse/neglect in out-of-home settings.

Intake Screening and Supports

The Intake Screening and Supports department provides supports that include regular Intake units, the agency's phone room, evening caseworker unit, caseworker training/transitional units and floater staff to ensure services are mission-driven and in compliance with all state mandates and rules as well as with agency policy/procedures.

Protective Services

Protective Services caseworkers partner with families to develop a family case plan that builds upon the parents' strengths to address concerns and reduce the risk of child abuse and neglect. Caseworkers refer parents to supportive services to help strengthen families. When necessary, agency staff works closely with the Summit County Juvenile Court to keep children safe in out of home care while working with the family to achieve reunification. If reunification is not possible or in the best interest of the child, caseworkers partner with the family to identify another permanent plan for the child's care.

Protective Specialized Services

This department includes several specialized units and resources.

Medically Fragile Unit which provides service coordination to children/families/caretakers with open family case plans who have children with complex medical/developmental needs.

Family Preservation Units work intensively with parents and children on a voluntary basis or PSUP cases where children remain in their own homes, to strengthen the family and the children.

Ohio Sobriety, Treatment and Reducing Trauma (START) program is an evidence-informed program for families with co-occurring substance abuse and child maltreatment. A START caseworker and Family Peer Mentor help families navigate systems, address substance issues, recovery, and trauma to keep kids safe and families together.

Substance Intervention Unit works collaboratively with the Family Reunification through Recovery Court to assist clients in their recovery/sobriety through an intense court program.

Adoption is the legal process creating a lifelong commitment and relationship between parents and children not born to them. SCCS has two adoption units that facilitate the adoption of children who have been permanently removed from their homes and could not be safely reunited with their biological family. Adoption caseworkers help families through the finalization process. Children who do not have a plan for permanency are also assigned a WWK worker through a grant provided by the Dave Thomas Foundation for Adoption.

Placement Services

Caseworkers coordinate the placement of children in substitute care.

Foster Care is temporary care provided to children lasting from overnight to a year or more. All foster parents receive personal support from Foster Home Coordinators.

Kinship Care is an arrangement where relatives or close family friends support a child placed in their care. Kinship staff assess and provide support to relative caregivers by identifying available community resources, answer questions and offer information and support.

Kinnect to Family is a specialized, intense, family search and engagement program. Diligent search strategies are used to identify a vast array of connections for children and families encountering child services.

Independent Living Program serves children in agency care, 14 years and older, by preparing them for a successful transition from agency care to the world of work and further educational opportunities.

Team-Decision Making Meetings

Trained staff facilitate Team-Decision Making (TDM) meetings, providing a forum for the casework team to collaborate with a child's family, building on their resources and supports when making decisions regarding a child's safety, permanence and well-being.

Other Programs & Services

Family Visitation provides a safe environment for supervised visits in any of the following settings: The **Just 4 Kids Rooms** serves as a temporary comfortable space for children who are entering agency custody while they await placement. The **Family Interaction Center** is for the most secure visits, while those requiring slightly less security are conducted at the **Family Enrichment Center**, and visits requiring much less restriction can be held in the **community or in the home**. Staff provide oversight, parenting education and coaching during visits.

Beds for Kids Program provides new cribs and beds for children involved with SCCS using donated funds from generous people and organizations in the community. Providing these beds boosts our ability to maintain children in their own homes by providing safer sleep arrangements.

