

What's New at SCCS

Happy Holidays from SCCS!



Summit County Children Services wishes you and your family a safe and happy holiday season!

Senator Vernon Sykes visits SCCS



Senator Vernon Sykes visited SCCS in November to learn more about our agency and even got to go on a ride along with a caseworker!

Thank you, Senator Sykes!

Veteran's Day Celebration

On November 9th, SCCS celebrated

veterans, staff, spouses, and family members who served in the United States Armed Forces.

[Watch our Veteran's Day Video](#)

Special thanks to Andrew Cox, Retired United States Air Force and Veterans Resource Case Manager for presenting to SCCS staff.



Ohio START (Sobriety, Treatment, and Reducing Trauma) News



Ohio START Graduation

Jamie graduated from the Ohio START program in November! Ohio START program provides specialized services to families struggling with substance abuse and past trauma, with a certified peer mentor and a caseworker to provide intensive support.

Way to go, Jamie!



Ohio START Certification

The Ohio START team at SCCS has been recognized as a Certified START Affiliate, making Summit County one of three counties in the nation to implement the model with fidelity.

The team has worked closely with local treatment providers and community partners since 2018 to achieve model fidelity, resulting in 18 successful graduates since September 2019. The team's dedication has helped many families achieve recovery and stability.

Congratulations Ohio START Team!

November was National Adoption Month!

November was National Adoption Month and we celebrated with several kids finding their forever families!



Buck was awarded the 2022 Public Children Services Association of Ohio Leaders of Tomorrow Award and last month he found his forever family! Best wishes to Buck and his family!

[Click here](#) to view Buck's nomination video for the Leaders of Tomorrow Award and learn more about his story.



Forever Families celebrating on November 20th - Adoption Day in Summit County.



Congratulations to all!

4th Annual Winter Wonderland Drive-Thru Event

SCCS hosted the 4th Annual Winter Wonderland Drive-Thru event on Friday, December 8th. This special occasion has become the signature event at SCCS to celebrate the holidays with the families and children in care of the agency.

Once again, the drive-thru event, organized by agency staff, featured live reindeer that were brought to SCCS by Spring Mist Farms, costumed characters, carolers from the Summit Choral Society, live donkeys, and a visit from Mr. and Mrs. Claus. This year there were 13 stations for families to drive by and receive a special treat or gift. Every division at SCCS sponsored and decorated a station with a holiday theme to entertain the children and families.

There were 144 families registered for the drive-thru event, including 384 children who were entertained by the sights and sounds of the festivities.





Ministers Breakfast and Learning Session



SCCS co-hosted a Ministers Breakfast along with Rev. Dr. Charles Myricks & Rev. Ronald Fowler II in November for local church leaders. At the breakfast, our Executive Director and staff helped them understand what the current needs are for foster care and how they can further partner with SCCS.

SCCS Board of Trustee, Pastor Kemp Boyd, and Executive Director of Love Akron served as the Emcee. Many church leaders toured the agency and campus to gain a deeper understanding of the agency.





Foster parent, Deborah Ferguson, with her Foster Care Coordinator, Brenda Brunson



Rev. Ronald Fowler II with Rev. Dr. Charles Myricks

Health and Wellness Fair



In October, the SCCS Wellness Committee hosted a Health and Wellness Fair, where staff had the opportunity to chat with local health providers and vendors and enter for a chance to win door prizes.

Join us in congratulating Nikaeda!



Nikaeda, Protective Specialized Services Supervisor, was selected as a fellow for the AdoptUSKids Minority Professional Leadership Development (MPLD) 12-month program designed for emerging minority leaders working in child welfare. Nikaeda was the first fellow selected from the state of Ohio. Congratulations Nikaeda!

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Join us for this virtual informational meeting for interested foster parents.

For those who would like to attend this virtual meeting, you will learn a variety of details about foster care and adoption, including how long the process is and what kind of support is provided by SCCS. Currently, there are over 900 children in agency custody and about 147 licensed foster families.

A social services supervisor and a foster care coordinator will be available to share basic information about the children who need foster and/or adoptive families. This event is open to the entire community, however advance registration is required. Upon registering for this event, you will receive the link for the Zoom meeting.

[Be The Reason Video](#)

When:

Thursday, January 11, 6 - 7 p.m.
Tuesday, January 25, 6 - 7 p.m.

Where:

via Zoom Meeting
(advance registration is required; Zoom instructions will be sent)

How to Register:

Online (link below) or call (330) 379-1990

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