



Summit County

CHILDREN SERVICES

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What's New at SCCS

Quarterly Newsletter - March 2023

National Social Work Month



March is National Social Work Month! Social Work Month is a chance to recognize the invaluable role social workers play in this community. This month we take some extra time to appreciate our social workers. Through their hard work and dedication, our community is stronger and safer. Take some time to learn about the many positive contributions of the profession and celebrate all the social workers you know. We are so grateful for all of our social workers that work so hard every day to ensure the safety, permanency, and well-being of the children and families of Summit County! To learn more about National Social Work Month, visit www.socialworkers.org

SCCS Welcomes New Board of Trustee, Kemp Boyd

Mr. Boyd is the Executive Director of Love Akron, a Christian based organization that



is an intersectional hub working to unify the colors, cultures, and congregations to see Greater Akron thrive. Mr. Boyd is also a co-leading pastor at Garden City Church in Highland Square.

Previously, Mr. Boyd was employed by Red Oak Behavioral Health, a mental health treatment organization in Akron. In 2013, he served as Director of outpatient services, where he led the charge to oversee operations of the outpatient mental health clinic. Mr. Boyd is a certified instructor in Youth and Adult Mental Health First Aid, helping raise awareness while reducing the stigma associated with mental health disorders and he is a

certified Grief Recovery Method Specialist.

Mr. Boyd earned a Bachelor of Science degree from the University of Akron in 2004 and a master's degree of Organizational Management with a concentration in Business Leadership from Ashford University in 2010. Mr. Boyd has been the head football coach at Akron Garfield CLC and lives in Akron with his wife Stacy and six children.

The SCCS Board meetings are held one time per month, on the 4th Tuesday of the month. The board meetings begin at 5:30pm. Meetings are held at 264 South Arlington Street, Akron, Ohio 44306 unless held at other facilities by prior announcement.

Welcome Kemp!

Anne M. Connell-Freund
Board Chair

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Vice Chair



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Summit County Children Services is guided by a distinguished board of ten trustees, whose members comprise leaders in business, law, education and social services in local companies and organizations.

The Standing Committees of the Board of Trustees are Resources, Executive, Planning and Programs and Rules Committees.

BE THE REASON KIDS *are* SAFE

Become a Foster Parent!

Join for a Virtual Information Meeting



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 870 children in agency custody and about 170 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.

When:

Thursday, March 9, 6 - 7 p.m.

Tuesday, March 21, 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

[Register here](#)

**2023 Foster Parent
Recruitment Calendars**



For the new year, be sure to request your copy of the 2023 Foster Parent Recruitment Calendar! It features six amazing children who are available to be adopted along with several foster families and staff highlights. [CLICK HERE](#) to have a copy mailed to you. Be sure to include your mailing address.

2023 Recruitment Calendar

summitkids.org



SCCS Celebrates Martin Luther King Jr. Day

In honor of Martin Luther King Jr. Day, SCCS staff shared *their* dreams.

Martin Luther King Jr. Video

Great teams have great teammates!

Our Executive Team and Department Directors had the opportunity to participate in a team building training by trainer, Sue Ramsey. Our Senior Management Team is working together to best lead the agency with unified visions and goals.



Reminder: April is Child Abuse Prevention Month

WEAR
blue

April is National Child Abuse Prevention Month, a time to recognize the importance of families and communities working together to help prevent child abuse and neglect.

Summit County Children Services invites everyone to **'join the movement'** and **WEAR BLUE** on **Wednesday, April 12** and show your support to help STOP child abuse.

For more information about the various events and activities being held during Child Abuse Prevention Month, visit summitkids.org.



Virtual Employment Open House

SCCS will host our third Virtual Employment Open House on Tuesday, March 14th from 6 - 7 PM. Agency staff personnel will be available to share information about the agency and the children and families served in Summit County. For more information about this event and how to register, please click the link below or call Kylie Scheetz, Human Resources Specialist at (330) 996-1792.

[Virtual Employment Open House Registration](#)

SCCS Ohio START Team Out and About

This program brings together teams dedicated to helping families who struggle with child maltreatment and substance use disorders. START uses a family oriented approach and services that help the child, parents, and the entire family.



SCCS START Caseworker Spotlight

Candy has been a strong advocate for START families. In one instance, a relative of a client had sought legal actions. She spent nearly four hours on the stand testifying about the client's progress, sobriety, success and much more. This was empowering to the client and she felt very supported throughout the process. Way to go, Candy!



Women's Auxiliary Board

A big thank you goes out to The WAB of Summit County Children Services for securing funding to support our Beds for Kids Program. Thanks for all you do to help the children and families of Summit County! To learn more about the Beds for Kids Program, click the link below.

[Beds for Kids](#)



The SCCS WAB is dedicated to enriching the lives of the abused, neglected, and dependent children who are served by SCCS.

SAVE THE DATE

Foster Care Expo for Potential and Current Foster Parents

#OneMoreFamily4Kids

A collaborative effort between public and private foster care agencies to better serve Ohio's children. Join us for:

- Informative Presentations and Breakout Sessions
- Networking with Current Foster Families
- A Celebrity Guest Speaker!

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100% Heart™



April 29, 2023 | 9:00 am-3:00 pm
Pro Football Hall of Fame | Canton, OH
FREE Entry | Registration Details to Come

Ohio | Department of Job and Family Services

FosterAndAdopt.ohio.gov

Upcoming Events

April - Child Abuse Prevention Month

SCCS observes and recognizes the importance of families and communities working together to strengthen families to prevent child abuse and neglect

April 1st - WAB Rummage Sale

9 AM - 1 PM at Fairlawn Community Center

April 9th - Easter

April 16th - 22nd - National Volunteer Week

April 26th - Administrative Professionals' Day

Don't Forget - May is National Foster Care Awareness Month

May is National Foster Care Month, a time for us to recognize and honor our foster parents for their selfless love, care and support you provide to the children of this community. SCCS is planning a series of recognition activities throughout the month of May, so stay tuned!



Stay connected with us!

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