



Our Mission:

The Mission of Richland County Children Services:

- Protect children at risk of abuse, neglect or dependency;
- Provide children the opportunity to live in a safe, nurturing and permanent family;
- Strengthen and support families in meeting the needs of the children; and
- Partner with the community to provide culturally sensitive services necessary to protect children, strengthen families and promote well-being.



All Ohio counties are required by law to have a public children services agency. That agency is mandated by law to investigate suspected abuse or neglect and to intervene, to the extent necessary, to assure the safety and well-being of children. Richland County Children Services has been helping keep children safe since 1883.

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Information/Referral

Child safety is our primary focus. Our staff of experienced case workers take calls about suspected abuse or neglect 24 hours a day, 7 days a week at 419-774-4100.

Intake/Assessment

Children involved in reports are seen in 24 hours or less. Case workers respond immediately in emergency situations. Case workers coordinate with local law enforcement when appropriate. If a child is not safe, agency staff arrange for safety plans, immediate supports for the family, or custody orders from the Richland County Juvenile Court.

Prevention Services

Agency staff works with parents, the families of school-aged children and the families of unruly and/or delinquent youth to prevent problems from developing into abuse or neglect. One example of this is the team of school-based case workers the agency has in local schools.

Protective Services

Our priority is to help families keep children safe from abuse or neglect. Caseworkers coordinate and provide a variety of services such as: case management, mental and behavioral health services, drug and alcohol abuse treatment, parenting training and coordination of family teams.

Foster Care Services

Children who cannot remain at home or in the home of relatives or significant others may need to be cared for until reunification is possible. Richland County Children Services recruits, screens, trains and monitors foster parents. Foster parents actively participate as part of a child's team. If you are interested in becoming a foster parent, please call the agency at 419-774-4100.

Kinship Services

Kinship Care is providing children a place of love, hope and safety when their own parents are unable or unwilling to do so. Kinship Care may be provided by an adult relative or non-related adult who has a bond with a child or family. Our agency offers Kinship Navigators who will help the Kin caregivers locate and obtain resources for which they may be eligible.



Adoption Services

Richland County Children Services believes each child deserves a permanent, safe home. Adoption can provide that permanent family in some cases. The agency recruits, screens, trains and supports prospective adoptive parents while matching them with a child in need of a safe, nurturing and permanent home.

A Partner in the Community

Richland County is fortunate to have many local public and private entities working on behalf of children and families. Our agency is a member of Richland County's Youth & Family Council, a group that provides leadership to assure an effective system of collaborative, coordinated and efficient community services which assist each family and child to meet their individual needs and responsibilities. Richland County Children Services is also pleased to work in conjunction with the staff of the Juvenile Court, local law enforcement agencies, mental health providers, schools, MedCentral, the Richland County Prosecutor's office, the Richland County Bar Association and our media partners. For more information about our agency, please call 419-774-4100.