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Fairfield County Job and Family Services – Protective Services Selected as One of Eight County Agencies to Implement Practice in Action Together

LANCASTER, OH — Last week, Public Children Services Association of Ohio (PCSAO) announced the launch of a new shared practice model, Practice in Action Together (PACT). This new practice model was identified as a key component for modernizing Ohio’s children services agencies. Eight county agencies were selected to begin implementation of PACT, one of which was Fairfield County Job and Family Services – Protective Services.

Fairfield County Job and Family Services – Protective Services has successfully concluded its kick-off meeting with PCSAO, marking the commencement of on-site training scheduled for February. Implementation of the model will begin in stages following the training. In Fairfield County, the approach to the PACT model will be family-centered, emphasizing values and fostering positive worker/family relational outcomes. Both families and workers will be encouraged to share their feedback with the research team, playing a crucial role in guiding and refining the implementation of this model. Fairfield County Job and Family Services – Protective Services aims to enhance its practice by actively participating in grants or pilot programs, ensuring optimal services and support to families.

“The purpose of PACT is to elevate healing and build relationships. Moving forward with this practice will strengthen our collaborative decision making with families and our shared hope for success,” said Sarah Fortner, Deputy Director of Protective Services at Fairfield County Job and Family Services – Protective Services. “Our overall goal is to provide the best services, support, and outcomes for the families and children we serve. My hope is that implementing this behavior-driven approach to practice will ultimately lead to equity for our families, workers and community.”

Founded in 1800 (three years before Ohio became a State), Fairfield County was the 8th county formed in the Northwest Territory. Today, more than 900 employees serve, connect, and protect the more than 158,000 citizens of Fairfield County, providing high quality services and outstanding customer service at exceptional value to taxpayers. Fairfield County fosters economic and fiscal sustainability and works to enhance the County's reputation as a high performing, learning, and caring organization. For more information about the county, its services and employment opportunities, please visit <https://www.co.fairfield.oh.us/>

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