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Fairfield County Leaders Sign Memorandum of Understanding for Ohio Department of Job and Family Services

LANCASTER, OH — Today, Fairfield County Protective Services held an in person signing of the Memorandum of Understanding to show appreciation for those who collaboratively work together to protect the community's most vulnerable population. Every public children services agency in Ohio is required to prepare a Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) to the Ohio Department of Job and Family Services. Fairfield County's MOU outlines the role and responsibilities of each official or agency in assessing or investigating child abuse or neglect in the county.



The MOU was signed by community partners including: the Fairfield County Board of Commissioners, Fairfield County Prosecutor, Fairfield Area Humane Society, Harcum House Child Advocacy Center, local law enforcement agencies, the Fairfield County Coroner and the Fairfield County Juvenile Judge. The MOU will be available on the Fairfield County website after it is signed, so the community can fully see the information and details that are provided.

“Today’s signing event highlights the hard work, dedication, and collaboration between Fairfield County Job and Family Services – Protective Services and its community partners in assuring the safety and well-being of the children in Fairfield County,” said Sarah Fortner, Deputy Director of Protective Services at Fairfield County Job & Family Services.

“We believe in ensuring the protection of our youngest residents, and are honored to join with several organizations who are also committed to serve, connect and protect,” said Commissioner Dave Levacy.

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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