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MAY Every Child Feel Safe and Loved Spring Campaign



May is National Foster Care Month. To raise awareness of the growing needs of Ohio's foster children, this year Adriel will launch a first-ever online fundraising campaign during National Foster Care month — and we need your help!

Beginning in April and throughout the month of May, we'll post information, videos, photos, and success stories on Adriel's website and social media pages. We're asking you to Like and Share these posts to your social media accounts — adding personal messages to encourage your social network to donate. Examples of this could be sharing why Adriel's mission inspires your heart, why you chose to become a foster parent, or what motivates you to donate in support of Adriel's work. You can also donate directly from Adriel's Facebook page. Clicking the "Donate" button located beneath the cover photo will take you directly to the MAY Every Child Feel Safe and Loved online giving page. With your help, the reach and success of this

campaign is boundless! Not only will this campaign help us raise the funds necessary to continue to serve children, but will help us spread our message and bring awareness to the growing need for foster families.

If you don't already do so, please follow Adriel on Facebook (www.facebook.com/Adriel.Inc), Twitter (www.twitter.com/Adriel1896), and Instagram (www.instagram.com/adriel_1896). You can also visit our website (www.adriel.org) to learn more or visit <https://adriel.networkforgood.com/> to make a donation directly.

If you don't have a social media account, you can still be an integral part of the campaign. You can promote the campaign by word of mouth, encourage your friends who are on social media to follow Adriel, and pass all of this information along to your friends and family. You can also use the enclosed envelope to make a donation to help us reach our \$10,000 goal.

Adriel is committed to providing quality care for children. With your help, we hope this campaign will be a successful way to continue to expand our network of supporters, donors, foster parents, and volunteers.

How YOU Can Help

Follow Adriel on Facebook, Twitter, and Instagram



Like, Share, and Comment on Adriel's Posts



Add Your Own Personal Story and Message



Donate and Encourage Your Friends to Do the Same

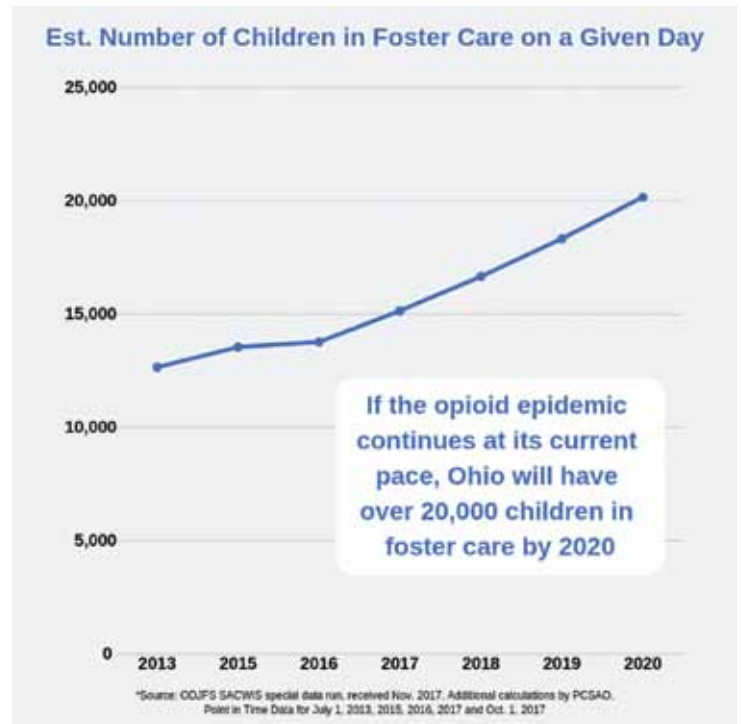


Adriel to Implement Speciality Programming to Serve Children from Families Affected by Substance Abuse Disorders

The opiate epidemic in Ohio is both dramatically increasing the number of children entering the foster care system, and the complexity of treatment needs of foster children coming from substance-addicted homes.

Recent federal studies confirm that substance abuse among parents has led to rising foster care caseloads. Specifically, studies reveal a direct correlation between a 10% rise in overdose deaths and a similar increase in the rate of entry into the foster care system. A 2018 presentation by Public Children Services Association of Ohio indicates that children are entering foster care in Ohio at an alarming rate evidenced by an overall increase of 27% since 2013, and a 16% increase in just the last two years. If the current trajectory continues, there will be more than 20,000 children in foster care in Ohio by 2020 on any given day. To further complicate the crisis, the number of available foster homes is only increasing by 2.5% per year, a rate far beneath the increase in the number of children entering foster care placement.

In response to this growing need, Adriel is working to become an industry leader serving foster children affected by the substance abuse epidemic in Ohio. This year, Adriel will design and implement specialty programming aimed at serving youth from families affected by substance abuse disorders. We will provide extensive training for all foster care and clinical staff to better equip families to care for children affected by substance abuse. Additionally, Adriel will create a certification program for foster parents, enabling them to understand the unique needs of children affected by substance abuse and to prepare foster parents to meet those needs through exceptional out-of-home care.



Monthly E-Newsletter to Launch in 2019

In order to keep you regularly informed about what is happening at Adriel, we plan to launch a monthly e-newsletter by the end of 2019. We will continue to send out the biannual Adriel Action newsletter which provides an overview of Adriel's activities. Our monthly e-newsletter, delivered to your email inbox, will offer timely updates and the opportunity to explore topics in more depth than we can in our print newsletter.

Please be sure to send us your email address so that you don't miss out on any of the exciting things to come!

Please sign up on our website at <https://www.adriel.org/contact-us/newsletter-signup> or call Kyrstin Marshall at 614-761-0010 x2206.

Governor Mike DeWine Prioritizes Support for Ohio's Children

Immediately after Mike DeWine was sworn in as Governor of Ohio on January 14, 2019, he issued six executive orders, several of which speak directly to Adriel's work to benefit Ohio's foster children.

Executive Order 2019-02D creates the Governor's Children's Initiative that calls for policy to improve foster care services and promote the physical and mental health of children by:

1. Improving communication and coordination across all state agencies that provide services to Ohio's children;
2. Engaging local, federal, and private sector partners to align efforts and investments in order to have the largest possible impact on improving outcomes for all of Ohio's children;
3. Advancing policy related to home visiting, early intervention services, early childhood education, foster care, and child physical and mental health;
4. Initiating and guiding enhancements to the early childhood, home visiting, foster care, education, and pediatric health systems.

Executive Order 2019-04D elevates foster care priorities in Ohio in response to alarming statistics associated with the foster care system. There aren't enough foster homes to serve the number of children in placement, and 1,000 children emancipate from foster care each year without a permanent, loving home. In order to prioritize effective foster care services, this order positions the seniority of the Office of Families and Children to report directly to the Director of the Department of Job and Family Services.

Executive Order 2019-01D creates the Governor's Recovery Ohio Initiative to address the drug epidemic in Ohio by:

1. Advancing and coordinating substance abuse and mental health prevention, treatment and recovery support services at the local, state and federal levels;
2. Engaging private sector partners to align efforts to do the most good for Ohioans struggling with a mental illness or substance use disorder and their families;
3. Initiating and guiding enhancements to the behavioral health system to improve patients' experience during treatment and treatment outcomes.

In his March 5 State of the State address, Governor DeWine said: "Tragically, through no fault of their own, there are children in every part of Ohio who are experiencing significant trauma, such as abuse, neglect, or having a parent who uses drugs. These kinds of adverse childhood experiences are linked to an increased likelihood of depression, drug abuse, and even decreased life expectancy."

Governor DeWine named several priorities to address the mounting challenges facing Ohio's at-risk children.

"We are going to help at-risk moms take care of their babies by tripling the number of families served in evidence-based, home-visiting programs. And, by increasing our investment in quality, early childhood education, we will improve these children's odds for success.

"And, we are going to be true partners with county children services agencies. The drug epidemic has strained Ohio's child welfare system with many, many more children being placed into foster care. Historically, the state's financial support to local children services agencies has been very, very small. We will change that! We will increase our state investment in children's services, and we will actively work with all local agencies to eliminate red tape, relieve the pressure on local dollars, and allow promising prevention and intervention methods for our most vulnerable children to flourish."

Adriel's executive leadership sent a letter to Governor DeWine to thank him for his support of children in Ohio and affirmed that Adriel will continue to serve as an effective partner in the service of Ohio's foster children. We praise God that our Governor is deeply concerned about the wellbeing of children in Ohio.

Adriel Day at Cedar Point

We are looking forward to our annual Adriel Day event at Cedar Point. Foster families, Adriel staff, Board members and donors are invited to join us on Wednesday, July 24 for a day of fun and excitement at Cedar Point, the Roller

Coaster Capital of the World! This agency-wide event includes entrance to both the Cedar Point Amusement Park and the Cedar Point Shores Waterpark.

Through the generosity of our donors, Adriel will cover the admission fee for all Adriel foster youth! This is a fantastic opportunity for foster families to spend a day together enjoying thrill rides, family rides and rides especially designed to delight the little ones. It will be a fun day for all!



To register for the Cedar Point day of fun, please call Cathy Mastin at 937-465- 0010 ext. 1131.

Creative Ways to Shop and Support Adriel At the Same Time

• Kroger Community Rewards



Do you use a Kroger card to do your grocery shopping? Through the Kroger Community Rewards program, Adriel receives a donation every time you shop!

Sign in to Kroger's website using your Kroger Plus Card, find the "Kroger Community Rewards" tab and click "I'm a Customer, Want to Enroll?" The site will walk you through the steps to enroll. When prompted to choose an organization, you can search for "Adriel School, Inc." or you can use one of the organization codes listed below.

Columbus/Central Ohio: PS995

Defiance/Northwest Ohio: PL142

Southeast Ohio: VF233

And, don't forget, you have to reapply for the rewards program every year!

• Help us Furnish our Therapy Rooms

Foster youth have experienced significant trauma in their lives and therapy is a vital component in serving children in the spirit of Christian love. One of the ways that our clinical department provides this therapy is through play therapy, a form of counselling in which children express and communicate their feelings through interactive play. In order to provide therapy services, our clinical services department needs the correct tools. Adriel's Amazon Wishlist contains needed items to furnish all of our therapy rooms. To find Adriel's Amazon Wishlist, click on "Find a List or Registry" and search for Adriel or follow this direct link:

<https://www.amazon.com/hz/wishlist/ls/ISKNXGHD2YEI>.

Please take a look at our Wishlist today and consider adding an item or two to your cart. You can choose to have the items shipped directly to Adriel. Please include a gift message and add your name and contact information so that we can thank you directly. Thanks for providing help that equips us to offer the highest quality therapy services to children!

You can even double your support by using Amazon Smile. Haven't signed up for AmazonSmile yet? It's easy. On your first visit to <https://smile.amazon.com/>, select Adriel as your charitable organization. Amazon will remember your selection, and then every eligible purchase you make at smile.amazon.com will result in a donation to Adriel.



Thanks to all of you who have already started to fulfill our Wishlist requests!



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