

2017 Annual Report

Highlights

- GCCS accepted 534 reports in 2017. While this is an 8% increase when compared to 2016, it is also important to note that the severity and intensity of these cases has increased as well.
- Our average time at attempting face to face contact with the alleged child victim in a report is 8.7 hours, well exceeding the state standard of 24 hours.
- The drug epidemic is greatly affecting the work of the agency - cases are lasting longer as engagement and treatment take longer with addiction issues.
- In total, 196 children in Guernsey County we deemed unsafe in their home homes in 2017. Thankfully, 125 of these children were able to be safely maintained with kin. The agency experienced a 69% increase in the number of safety plans utilized in this process in comparison to 2016.
- In 2017, there were 71 new children that entered agency custody. In 2014, there were only 22 new children that entered custody. Therefore, in the last three years, we have more than tripled the number of children entering care. These are staggering numbers.
- In total, 126 children were in agency custody at some point in 2017. This is a 42% increase from 2016, and a 117% increase from 2014.
- Of the new custodies in 2017, 80% were directly related to substance abuse in the home.
- GCCS completed 588 drug screens on individuals with open cases in 2017, of which 50% were positive.
- Due to the staggering increase of children entering agency custody, and the needs of these children, our network of foster homes is unable to accommodate these numbers. Therefore, 35% of children are placed in out of network foster homes or residential centers.
- Since 2014, there has been a 31% increase in the amount of cases our ongoing unit has handled.



- Due to the number of children in foster care and the increasing number requiring treatment foster homes and residential placement, the cost of care in 2017 was the highest it has ever been, totaling \$1.43 million. The average cost per child per day was \$74.58.
- Our Community Outreach Education Coordinator held 442 educational sessions or events and reached 9882 participants in 2017, providing valuable prevention information to our community.
- There were 5 adoptions in 2017. One of which was adopted by a GCCS foster family.
- The average amount of days that a child spent in agency custody from initial removal to adoption (for those adopted) was 900 days.
- ECORTC produced a savings for GCCS of \$71,973 in 2016, with a positive economic impact for Guernsey County of \$280,440.