

**STAND WITH US
ON THE SIDE OF CHILDREN**



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defense fund
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2020 IMPACT REPORT

Through your support, CDF-Ohio has successfully fought on the side of Ohio's children this past year holding firm to our values of **hope, courage, integrity, and justice**. Though we have experienced some hard-won successes, there is still much remaining for us to do. Our climb continues to be challenging and fraught with obstacles. We work relentlessly despite these challenges and will continue to do so – especially in this upcoming biennial budget process and the new legislative session. We look forward to our continued partnership in 2021.

HOPE

We elevated youth voices in public policy and decision-making in our Lift Every Voice for Children! Fall Virtual Event featuring four youth speakers and their insights on the education system, child welfare system, race equity, and childhood poverty and homelessness.

INTEGRITY

Our *Child Watch Ohio* story series documented the real experiences of families, service providers, health care providers and others around the state with lawmakers, focusing on challenges to accessing and maintaining health care during the pandemic.

Recognizing the need for a "whole" child budget that makes the pie bigger for children, CDF-Ohio relaunched the Ohio Children's Budget Coalition and will fight for urgently needed investments and policies in the 2022-2023 state budget.

COURAGE

We led grassroots efforts of the Ohio Census Advocacy Coalition for the last two years, working to ensure every child and community receives the funds they need to thrive into the next decade and fiercely advocating for every child's right to be counted, no matter their citizenship status.

JUSTICE

Upholding our commitment to race and health equity, CDF-Ohio hosted three virtual town hall meetings to share expertise and written testimony in support of Gov. DeWine's Minority Health Strike Force to address the disparate impact of COVID-19 on BIPOC communities in Ohio.

Honoring a longstanding commitment to the Ohio Appalachian region, we released two briefs: *Children and Families in Ohio's Appalachian Region: 2020 Data and Issue Brief*, and also, *Ohio's Response to COVID-19: Recommendations and Next Steps*.

CDF-OHIO IMPACT BY THE NUMBERS:

50



legislative and administrative wins in state & federal policy when Ohio children needed them most

CDF-Ohio successfully advocated for investments and policy decisions to promote child well-being during the pandemic with our partners, including but not limited to the establishment of Ohio's Pandemic-EBT program, emergency telehealth and Medicaid provisions, extension of the BRDIGES program for foster youth, and more.

QUICK 2020 CDF-OHIO STATS

54

blog posts written on issues critical to children

11

pieces of legislative testimony and letters sent to state & federal lawmakers pushing for COVID relief

89

KIDS COUNT data profiles released for all Ohio counties and the state

2

data reports released this year covering Appalachian child well-being & also Opportunity Youth in Franklin County

Over 1,100

state legislators & advocates who attended educational meetings hosted by CDF-Ohio as part of the Ohio Legislative Children's Caucus COVID-19 webinar series

CDF-Ohio provides backbone support for this bipartisan, bicameral issues-based caucus in the Ohio legislature committed to improving the lives of children through evidence-based policy and decision-making.



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articles published covering CDF-Ohio's advocacy

CDF-Ohio earned media coverage in all areas of our 2020 policy priorities in child health, education, child nutrition, child welfare, child poverty, and 2020 Census leadership.