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INDIANA DEPARTMENT OF CHILD SERVICES

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2026 DCS Regional Service Council Meeting Quarter 2, June 04, 2026, at 8:30 a.m. DCS Region 5

*DCS Regional Service Councils exist to address local child welfare services delivery and needs as well as prevention efforts to keep Indiana families and children safe. For more information, please go to:
<https://www.in.gov/dcs/overview/regional-service-councils>

Council Members Present

Michelle Adams, R5 Asst. Regional Director/Co-chair
Traci Eggleston, R5 Asst. Regional Director/Co-chair
Tara Coates-Hunt, Washington Prosecutor's Office
Wendy Hall, Jackson Foster Parent
Allison Lewis, Harrison Co. CASA Director
Angela Jordan, Wayne Local Office Director
Teresa Patrick, Dearborn/Ohio/Switzerland LOD
Elizabeth Beesley, Jennings Local Office Director
Danielle Klingman, Franklin/Union FCM Supervisor
Mercedes Smith, Clark FCM Supervisor
Alyssa Spears, Bartholomew Family Case Manager
Allyson Gaffney, Scott Family Case Manager
Shawna Streeval, Parent/Non-Voting Member

Council Members Absent

Barbara Bowling, R5 Regional Director/Council Chair
Judge Justin Brown, Floyd County
Judge Bob Witham, Henry County
Lauren Gray, Decatur Foster Parent

Others in Attendance

Hannah Joy Alte, IARCA
Ashley Arnett, The Omni Family
Michelle Ballard, PAKT LLC
Deanna Beaman, Centerstone
Arynn Booth, IHBS Community Partners
Ashley Caceres, Su Casa
Marissa Curry, IHBS Community Partners
Debbie Dailey, DCS Finance/Budget Analyst
Ann Davis, IARCA

Brian Davison, Firefly Community Partners
Nicole Ditto, Firefly Community Partners
Deanna Dodson, DCS Program Director
Shannon Emmett, DCS Recording Secretary
Julie Ensinger, Resource Treatment Center
Wayne Fancher, Turning Point
Kendra Fiorucci, Georgia Junior Republic
Starr Griffin, Griffin And Associates
Chrystal Hardin, IHBS Community Partners

Others in Attendance, Cont.

Morgan Hart, Firefly Community Partners
Jill Heichelbech, Universal Health Services
Kelli Hoelflinger, Flatrock School System
Ginger Hunt-Goins, PAKT LLC
George Hurd, Community Health Network
Elizabeth Jones, Turning Point
Natalie Kassenbrock, IHBS Community Partners
Danelle Knoef, NYAP
Shayna Lacey, Lifeline Youth
Jenny McCarrell, Firefly Community Partners
Jon Macmurdo, DCS Services Coordinator
Lori Marshall, Promising Futures
Beverly Mason (Unverified)
Steven Miller, Clark DCS

Megan Mouser, Infants in Bloom
Jason Nelson, DCS Services Coordinator
Milena Olivas, Family Time
Matthew Oliver, Community Health Network
Kelly Owens, DCS Foster Care/Kinship
Stephanie Passantino, NYAP
Erica Roberts, IHBS Community Partners
Paris Scott, IHBS Community Partners
Shannon Smith, George Junior Republic
Karen Sommer, IHBS Community Partners
Molly Spellman, ASI Community Wellness
Liz Stauth, Anthem
James Wade, DCS R5 Chief Counsel
Garrett Watkins, Youth Villages

Meeting Minutes

- I. **Welcome and Introductions** Michelle Adams, R5 Regional Assistant Director and Co-Council Chair, called meeting to order and introduced council members.
- II. **Approval of Q1 Minutes** Allison Lewis made a motion to approve Q1 March 2026 minutes as read, seconded by Tara Coates-Hunt. All were in favor, motion carried.
- II. **DCS Financials Overview** Debbie Dailey, DCS Finance, gave a summary of the top spend report for R5 through May 2026. Report was broken down by service and included Probation spend.

Top expenditures for CHINS included Intensive Foster Care Services that DCS hadn't budgeted for, which compensated the decrease seen in LCPA and DCS homes. Typically, Family Preservation, Visitation, and Home-based Casework are the top three to five expenditures for all regions.

DCS is refocusing visitation referrals by ensuring to request paraprofessional versus bachelor's level. Region 5 has done well with this implementation with paraprofessional at \$2.7 million compared to bachelor's level at \$1.6 million. DCS is also looking at home-based casework referrals across the state where there are multiple providers or referrals.

CHINS

- 2% overall increase in spend since last budget year
 - 2% decrease in In-Home expenditure
 - 30% increase in Community Based Services
 - 10% decrease in Family Preservation
 - 3% increase in Out of Home expenditures
 - 18% decrease DCS Foster Care and LCPA
 - 1% increase in Community Based Services
 - 3.5% increase in Residential
 - Intensive Foster Care Services 6.8% of total Out of Home expenditures

Probation

- 10% decrease in spend since last budget year
 - 29% decrease in Family Preservation
 - 100% increase in LCPA Foster Homes
 - 7.5% decrease in Residential

III. DCS Community Based Services Jon Macmurdo, R5 DCS Services Coordinator, stated Region 5 completed an Underlying Needs Refresher training last month. This training helped ensure FCMs are putting the correct information into referrals and providing well-documented referrals so providers can hit the ground running once services start. Jon shared that DCS Service Coordinators are gathering data to track improvement in referrals and will share this data once available.

IV. Service Gaps Jason Nelson, R5 DCS Services Coordinator, reminded everyone that if they experience any service gaps to report those instances during Regional Service Council meetings. One can also email identified service gaps to any members of the council to be forwarded to DCS Central Office.

V. Community Partners Reports – Firefly Jenny McCarroll and Kayla Kimball

Jenny shared the Firefly Community Partners presentation for Q1 through March 2026. Presentation included: breakdown of the number of referrals, referral source, and service type, highlight of community & county initiatives, and family success stories. See attached report.

VI. Prevention Dollars – Firefly Jenny McCarroll

A council vote was held to approve the following subcontractor proposals for next fiscal year beginning July 1, 2026.

- Community Church of Columbus
- Turning Point Domestic Violence Services
- Flat Rock-Hawcreek School Corporation

Elizabeth Beesley made a motion, seconded by Teresa Patrick. All in favor, motion carried.

VII. Community Partners Reports - Ireland Home Based Services Arynn Booth, Paris Scott, and Chrystal Hardin

Arynn shared IHBS Community Partners presentation for Q1 through March 2026. Presentation included: breakdown of the number of referrals, referral source, and service type, highlight of past and upcoming community & county initiatives, and family success stories. See attached report.

VIII. Prevention Dollars – Ireland Home Based Services Arynn Booth

A council vote was held to approve the following subcontractor proposals for next fiscal year beginning July 1, 2026.

- Clark County Youth Shelter
- Family and Children's Place
- Open Door Youth Services
- Our Place Drug & Alcohol Education Services, Inc.
- Child and Family Advocates
- Rausch's Seasonal Camp
- Youth Link
- Comfort House

Teresa Patrick made a motion, seconded by Angela Jordan. All in favor, motion carried.

IX. Council Member Comments

None

X. Public Announcements and Questions

The next R5 Regional Services Council Meeting will be held on Thursday, September 3rd, 2026, at 8:30 a.m.

Service Providers in attendance introduced themselves and gave updates on their programs.

XI. Adjournment

A motion to adjourn was made by Tara Coates-Hunt, seconded by Elizabeth Beesley. All in favor, motion carried.
Meeting adjourned at 9:22 a.m.

CPCS RSC REPORT

Region 5

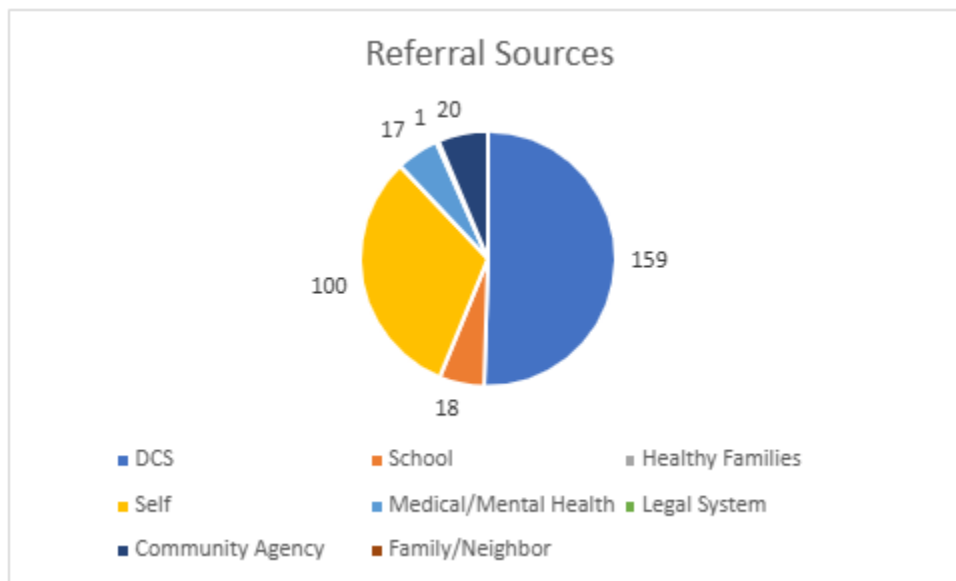


**Serving Fayette, Franklin, Union, Wayne, Rush, Henry,
Bartholomew, Jackson, and Jennings Counties**

REGIONAL SUMMARY

January-March 2026

Total Referrals: 315



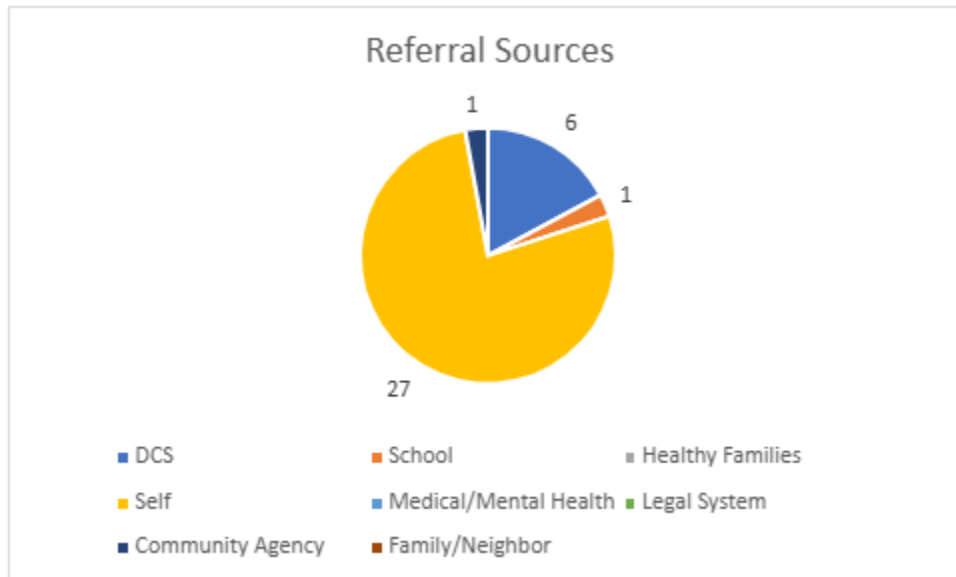
Concrete Supports: \$29,934.45

Rent/Utilities	\$17,092.80
Basic Needs	\$3,141.35
Safety Items	\$9,700.30

Celebrating Child Abuse Prevention Month were some of the key highlights for April! (Quarter 2 data)

FAYETTE COUNTY

Families Served: 35



Liaison: Rhonda Pflum

Concrete Supports: \$4,193.65

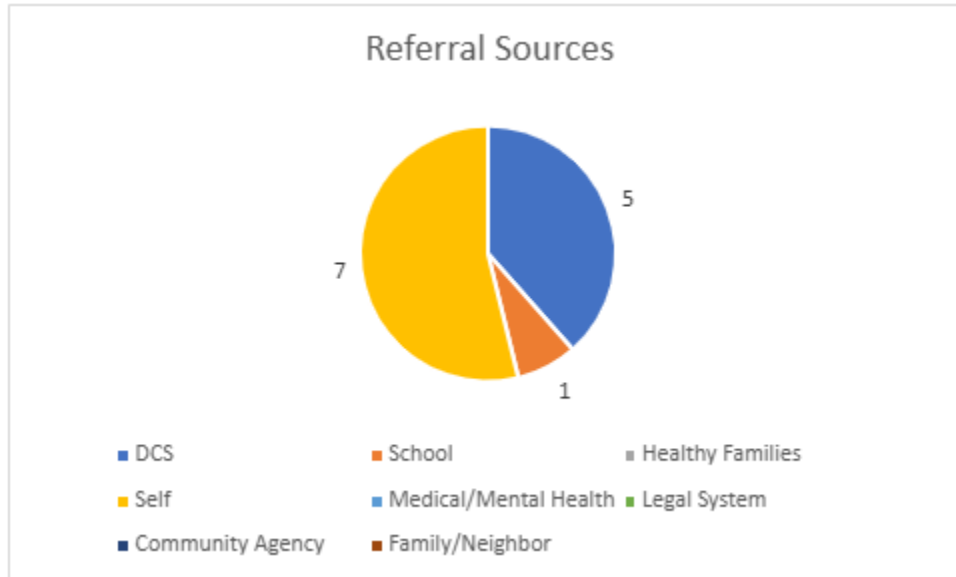
Community Meetings, Outreach, and Events:

Monthly Safe Sleep Classes offered at Little Spartans Preschool.

Partnered with the local Health Department for a successful community baby shower!

FRANKLIN COUNTY

Families Served: 13



Liaison: Vacant/Currently Hiring

Concrete Supports: \$824.80

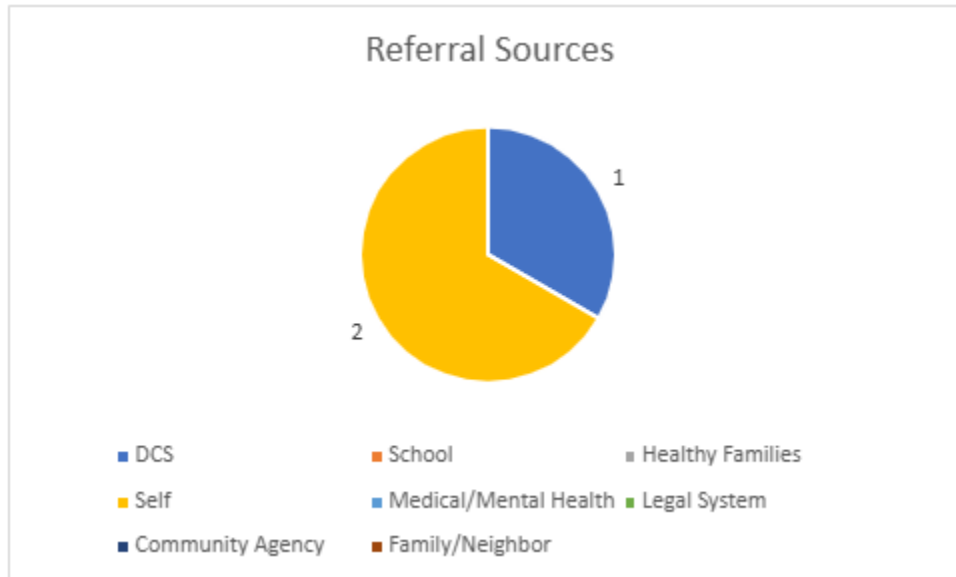
Community Meetings, Outreach, and Events:

Regularly scheduled safe sleep classes in partnership with Franklin County Public Library.

Completed outreach efforts at Laurel Volunteer Fire Department breakfasts & local free store.

UNION COUNTY

Families Served: 3



Liaison: Rhonda Pflum

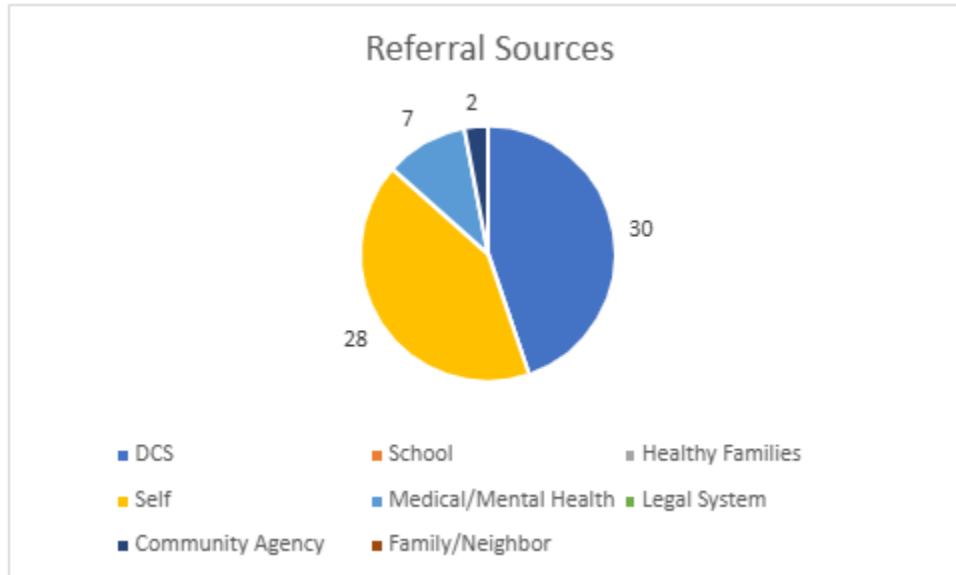
Concrete Supports: \$99.94

Community Meetings, Outreach, and Events:

Our Safe Sleep Coordinator taught Safe Sleep and Safe Baby Care to 41 Union County Middle School students.

WAYNE COUNTY

Families Served: 67



Liaison: Jade Tompkins

Concrete Supports: \$7,073.40

Community Meetings, Outreach, and Events:

Focused outreach efforts in low-income housing areas/apartment complexes.

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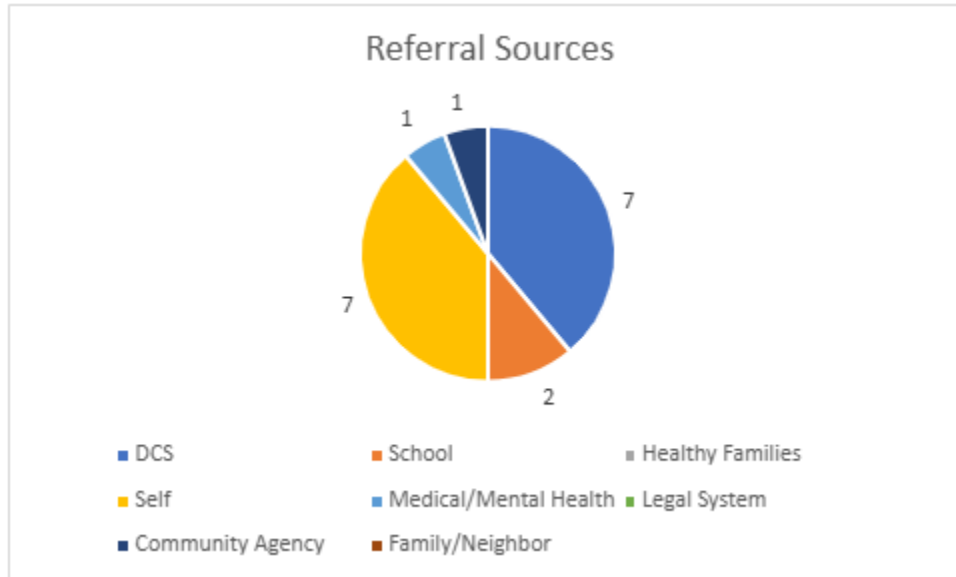
Daily Visitors: 278

Family Fun Events: 191

Community Outreach & "On the Road" Events: 595

RUSH COUNTY

Families Served: 18



Liaison: Vacant/Currently Hiring

Concrete Supports: \$2,487.85

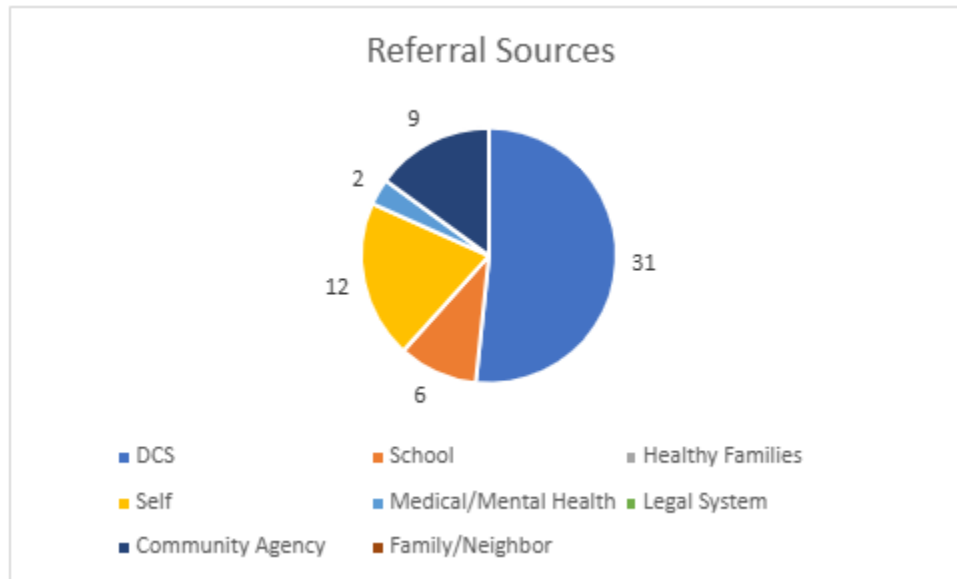
Community Meetings, Outreach, and Events:

Regularly scheduled safe sleep classes and collaboration at the Love Community Center.

Community Baby Shower is scheduled for June 18th

HENRY COUNTY

Families Served: 60



Liaison: Carlie Dale

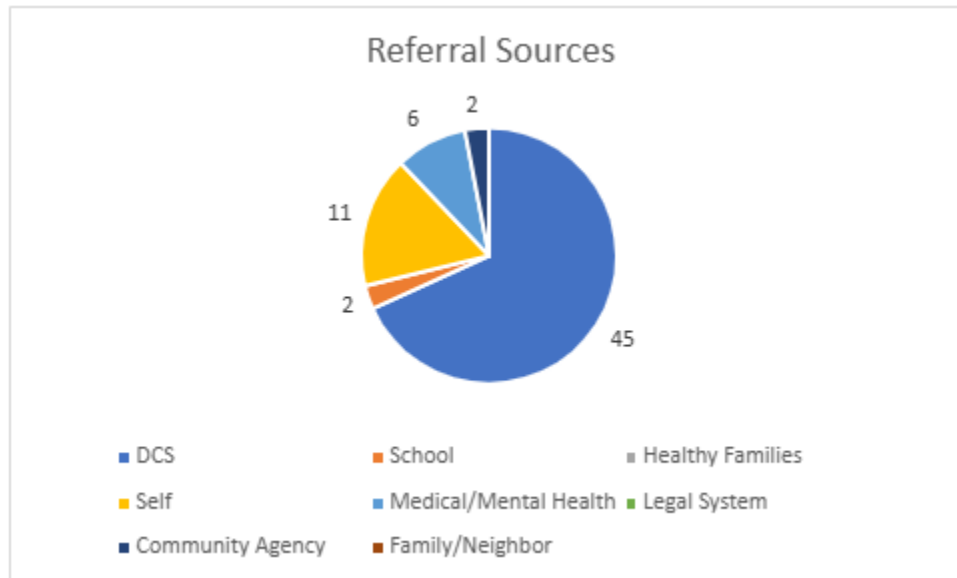
Concrete Supports: \$2,952.55

Community Meetings, Outreach, and Events:

Safe Sleep classes offered twice a month through a partnership with local WIC office.

BARTHOLOMEW COUNTY

Families Served: 66



Liaison: Bertha Olmeda

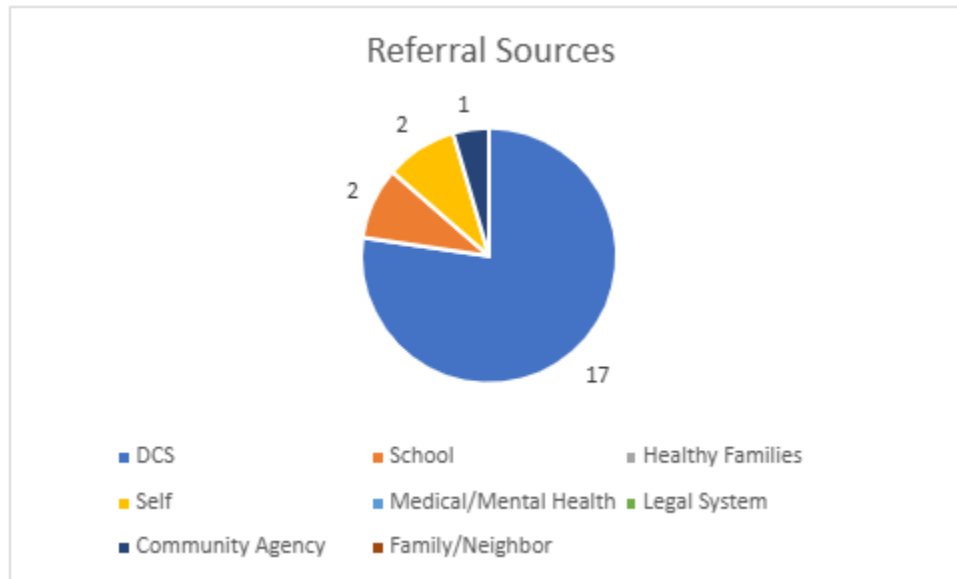
Concrete Supports: \$4,994.36

Community Meetings, Outreach, and Events: Child Protection Team Meeting, Bartholomew County Safe Kids Council in Partnership with Dorel, Bartholomew County Substance Abuse Council (BCSAC), Council for Youth Development/SOC, CAP Prevent Child Abuse Committee, IMPACT Team through Columbus Regional Hospital.

Subcontractor(s): Community Church of Columbus, Turning Point, Su Casa, Flat Rock-Hawcreek Schools

JACKSON COUNTY

Families Served: 22



Liaison: Kayla Kimball

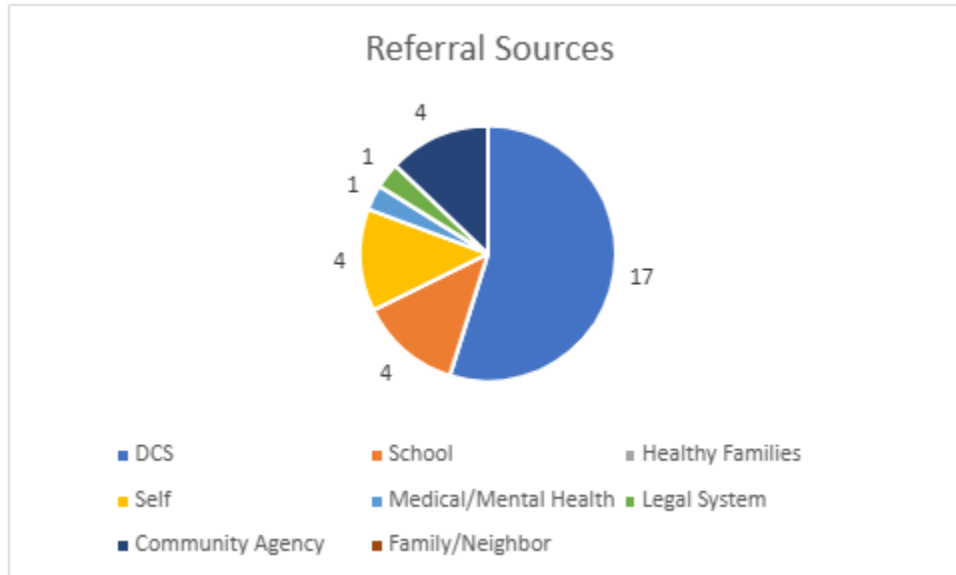
Concrete Supports: \$1,516.49

Community Meetings, Outreach, and Events: Child Protection Team Meeting, Caring 4 Kids Prevent Child Abuse Council, Jackson Community Action Network (CAN), and United Way Service Provider Meetings.

Subcontractor(s): Turning Point & Su Casa

JENNINGS COUNTY

Families Served: 31



Liaison: Kayla Kimball

Concrete Supports: \$2,442.94

Community Meetings, Outreach, and Events: Jennings County Community Health Partnership, Child Protection Team Meeting, Jennings DATC (Drug and Alcohol Task Committee), Systems of Care, Jennings County Food Safety Coalition, and Schneck Advisory Council.

Subcontractor(s): Turning Point & Su Casa



**Ireland Home Based Services
Community Partner for Child Safety
Service Area O – Former Region 15
June 2026**

As of April 1, 2026, a total of 105 referrals had been received since January 1, 2026. A home-based caseworker (HBCW) was assigned to all 105 cases.

There are 21 levels currently being serviced through Community Partners for Child Safety to assist 21 families.

Service Area O received a total of 30 referrals during the month of January. Of these referrals, 12 cases came from Dearborn County, 6 from Decatur County, 9 from Jefferson County, 0 from Ohio County, 3 from Ripley County, and 0 from Switzerland County.

Service Area O received a total of 46 referrals during the month of February. Of these referrals, 17 cases came from Dearborn County, 4 from Decatur County, 12 from Jefferson County, 0 from Ohio County, 13 from Ripley County, and 0 from Switzerland County.

Service Area O received a total of 29 referrals during the month of March. Of these referrals, 9 cases came from Dearborn County, 6 from Decatur County, 4 from Jefferson County, 2 from Ohio County, 8 from Ripley County, and 0 from Switzerland County.

January 2026

County	Referrals	Referral Source
Dearborn	12	DCS (2) Other (8) Self (2)
Decatur	6	DCS (4) Other (1) Self (1)
Jefferson	9	DCS (4) Other (3) School (1) Self (1)
Ohio	0	
Ripley	3	DCS (1) Other (1) School (1)
Switzerland	0	
Total	30	

February 2026

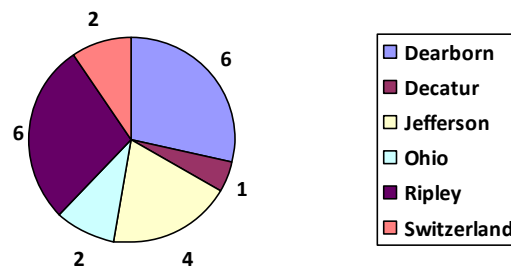
County	Referrals	Referral Source
Dearborn	17	DCS (5) Other (9) Self (3)
Decatur	4	DCS (3) Self (1)
Jefferson	12	DCS (4) Other (7) Self (1)
Ohio	0	
Ripley	13	DCS (3) Other (9) Self (1)
Switzerland	0	
Total	46	

March 2026

County	Referrals	Referral Source
Dearborn	9	DCS (2) Other (7)
Decatur	6	DCS (6)
Jefferson	4	DCS (3) Other (1)
Ohio	2	DCS (1) School (1)
Ripley	8	DCS (3) Other (4) Self (1)
Switzerland	0	
Total	29	

Current Open Referrals

County	Referrals	Percentages (%)	Service Level
Dearborn	6	29%	HBCW (6)
Decatur	1	5%	HBCW (1)
Jefferson	4	19%	HBCW (4)
Ohio	2	9%	HBCW (2)
Ripley	6	29%	HBCW (6)
Switzerland	2	9%	HBCW (2)
Total	21	100%	



Recent Success Story:

The family was referred to the Community Partners Program by DCS. The family consisted of a single mother and 3 children. The referral noted concerns of communication concerns between family members and the need for additional parenting skills to deal with teenager behaviors, along with concerns of a child self-harming. Once the IHBS worker met with the family, it was agreed that the family needed assistance with relationship building and mental health services, along with a financial assistance need. Throughout services, the family was assisted in obtaining the intake paperwork for Centerstone in order to set up mental health services and putting safety plans in place to ensure safety of the children. The IHBS worker also educated the family and assisted in community resourcing for financial assistance through agencies such as OVO, the local trustee's office and local churches, along with talking through cheaper options for propane in the area that the family could afford ongoing. After resourcing and creating a budget to ensure the family could maintain ongoing, IHBS was able to provide concrete assistance to help ensure the family's heat source would not be compromised. The mother showed parental resilience by switching her shifts at work to get a higher pay to ensure stability ongoing. The IHBS worker educated the mother on appropriate discipline techniques and helped the family create an alternate food plan for the picky eater in the home. Once the family confirmed all their goals had been met and could maintain ongoing, services were able to be closed successfully.

Ireland Home Based Services, LLC
Community Partners for Child Safety – Service Area O (Former Region 15)
Total Budget: \$486,932.56

Month	Service Delivery	Flex Funds	Total	Budget Remaining	% of budget used	Target %
Jul-25	\$37,545.27	\$1,491.13	\$39,036.40		8.5%	8.0%
Aug-25	\$39,224.77	\$95.21	\$39,319.98		17.1%	17.0%
Sep-25	\$33,164.18	\$2,244.63	\$35,408.81		24.9%	25.0%
Oct-25	\$50,379.76	\$869.52	\$51,249.28		36.1%	33.0%
Nov-25	\$39,528.16	\$0.00	\$39,528.16		44.8%	42.0%
Dec-25	\$45,928.88	\$1,039.10	\$46,967.98		55%	50.0%
Jan-26	\$39,249.83	\$1,970.00	\$41,219.83		64.1%	58.0%
Feb-26	\$44,073.44	\$1,419.05	\$45,492.49		74.0%	66.0%
Mar-26	\$38,492.13	\$1,285.99	\$39,778.12		82.7%	74.0%
Apr-26				\$26,310.50		83.0%
May-26						91.0%
Jun-26						100.0%
Total	\$367,586.42	\$10,414.63	\$378,001.05	\$ 78,931.51		

Budget is updated as of 5/1/2026.



Service Area O – Former Region 15

Referrals Received 2025-2026

	July	August	September	October	November	December	January	February	March	April	May	June	Total
Dearborn	7	3	12	8	8	13	12	17	9	14			103
Decatur	4	10	5	7	6	8	6	4	6	2			58
Jefferson	7	3	8	11	6	16	9	12	4	9			85
Ohio	2	0	0	0	3	1	0	0	2	1			9
Ripley	4	9	4	6	7	3	3	13	8	9			66
Switzerland	2	0	2	1	0	1	0	0	0	2			8
Total	26	25	31	33	30	42	30	46	29	37			329



**Ireland Home Based Services
Community Partner for Child Safety
Service Area R – Former Region 18
June 2026**

As of April 1, 2026, a total of 136 referrals had been received since January 1, 2026. A home-based caseworker (HBCW) was assigned to all 136 cases.

There are 30 levels currently being serviced through Community Partners for Child Safety to assist 30 families.

Service Area R received a total of 61 referrals during the month of January. Of these referrals, 32 cases came from Clark County, 19 from Floyd County, 1 from Harrison County, 6 from Scott County, and 3 from Washington County.

Service Area R received a total of 35 referrals during the month of February. Of these referrals, 18 cases came from Clark County, 10 from Floyd County, 1 from Harrison County, 4 from Scott County, and 2 from Washington County.

Service Area R received a total of 40 referrals during the month of March. Of these referrals, 18 cases came from Clark County, 11 from Floyd County, 2 from Harrison County, 9 from Scott County, and 0 from Washington County.

January 2026

County	Referrals	Referral Source
Clark	32	DCS (19) Other (3) School (1) Self (9)
Floyd	19	DCS (9) Other (1) School (5) Self (4)
Harrison	1	DCS (1)
Scott	6	DCS (2) Other (3) Self (1)
Washington	3	School (1) Other (1) Self (1)
Total	61	

February 2026

County	Referrals	Referral Source
Clark	18	DCS (12) Other (2) School (1) Self (3)
Floyd	10	DCS (7) School (3)
Harrison	1	DCS (1)
Scott	4	DCS (2) Self (2)
Washington	2	Self (2)
Total	35	

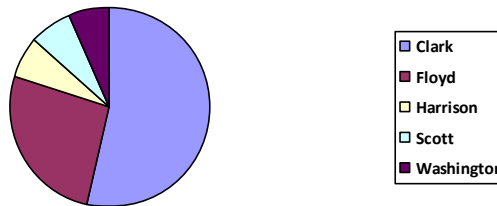
March 2026

County	Referrals	Referral Source
Clark	18	DCS (14) Self (4)
Floyd	11	DCS (7) Other (1) School (1) Self (2)
Harrison	2	Self (2)
Scott	9	DCS (8) Self (1)
Washington	0	
Total	40	

Current Open Referrals

County	Referrals	Percentages (%)	Service Level
Clark	16	53%	HBCW (16)
Floyd	8	26%	HBCW (8)
Harrison	2	7%	HBCW (2)
Scott	2	7%	HBCW (2)
Washington	2	7%	HBCW (2)
Total	30	100%	

Current Open Referrals



Success Story

The family self-referred for Community Partners services. The family consisted of an adult father-figure and one child. The referral stated a need for resourcing for clothing and obtaining SNAP benefits. Once we met with the client, we identified he had just recently lost his spouse and was struggling to manage finances on his own as this was something his spouse always took care of for the family. IHBS assisted the client in obtaining guardianship in order to obtain other needed benefits. Once guardianship was granted, IHBS assisted the family in applying for survivor benefits and obtaining state benefits. The family was struggling to keep up with bills, so IHBS assisted in financial resourcing and ultimately ended up providing concrete assistance to assist with rent. Throughout services, IHBS also worked on parenting education, discussing appropriate expectations, budgeting, employment search, food pantry education and provided information about the Family Resource Center. Once the family started receiving benefits and it was confirmed the family could maintain ongoing with no further safety concerns, this case was able to be closed successfully.

Ireland Home Based Services, LLC**Community Partners for Child Safety – Service Area R (Former Region 18)****Total Budget: \$607,021.33**

Month	Service Delivery	Flex Funds	Total	Budget Remaining	% of budget used	Target %
Jul-25	\$58,676.52	\$152.00	\$58,828.52		9.7%	8.0%
Aug-25	\$66,052.03	\$695.58	\$66,747.61		20.7%	17.0%
Sep-25	\$49,125.19	\$1,480.51	\$50,605.70		29%	25.0%
Oct-25	\$69,963.42	\$865.90	\$64,829.32		39.7%	33.0%
Nov-25	\$48,598.45	\$600.00	\$49,198.45		48.8%	42.0%
Dec-25	\$46,007.64	\$575.45	\$46,583.09		56.5%	50.0%
Jan-26	\$39,205.92	\$0.00	\$39,205.92		62.2%	58.0%
Feb-26	\$45,582.67	\$0.00	\$45,582.67		70.4%	66.0%
Mar-26	\$46,373.46	\$251.74	\$46,625.20		78.1%	74.0%
Apr-26				\$44,271.61		83.0%
May-26						91.0%
Jun-26						100.0%
Total	\$469,585.30	\$4,621.18	\$474,206.48	\$ 132,814.85		

Updated 5/1/2026.



Service Area R – Former Region 18

Referrals Received 2025-2026

	July	August	September	October	November	December	January	February	March	April	May	June	Total
Clark	23	20	27	19	19	31	32	18	18	20			227
Floyd	22	28	27	27	28	17	19	10	11	22			211
Harrison	4	1	3	3	6	2	1	1	2	1			24
Scott	5	4	10	5	6	8	6	4	9	4			61
Washington	5	1	4	4	4	1	3	2	0	5			29
Total:	59	54	71	58	63	59	61	35	40	52			552