



Ohio Federation for Children's  
Mental Health  
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To Whom It May Concern:

The Ohio Federation for Children's Mental Health (OFFCMH) is writing this letter in support of the Ohio Department of Job and Family Services' application for the CHIPRA Quality Demonstration Grants. The Ohio Federation for Children's Mental Health is a voluntary, non-profit organization that was founded by, is governed by, and is staffed by those who have encountered behavioral difficulties in their own lives as youth and/or in the lives of their children.

The Ohio Department of Job and Family Services is a state group responsible for working with children and their families who need mental health screening and treatment in all 88 counties. We are pleased to support this opportunity to work with our partners in Ohio's children's hospitals, family physicians and pediatricians and researchers to reach and improve healthcare for all children. The recognition of the planning group that mental health is a part of this continuum and its inclusion with exact measurable outcomes will welcome families across that state.

The Federation has had a longstanding positive relationship with mental health advocacy groups and we look forward to continued work with the Ohio Department of Job and Family Services on policies and programs within Ohio. As a statewide family network serving children and youth with mental health challenges and their families, we share a common mission with the Ohio Department of Job and Family Services.

We look forward to the Federation's growing relationship with the Ohio Department of Job and Family Services and stand ready to work in this network to achieve the goals of this proposal.

We offer our support to the Ohio Department of Job and Family Services in their application for the CHIPRA Quality Demonstration Grants. OFFCMH appreciates CMS's consideration to fund this important work.

Sincerely,

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