



**VOICES FOR  
OHIO'S CHILDREN**

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Tracy Plouck  
State Medicaid Director  
Ohio Department of Job & Family Services  
Office of Ohio Health Plans (Medicaid)  
50 W. Town  
Columbus, Ohio 43215

Dear Tracy,

Access and quality of health care has been one of the policy areas of Voices for Ohio's Children since its inception six years ago. We have worked on CHIP expansion, raising the eligibility level for pregnant mothers, simplification proposals and focused on the negative aspects of churning. We have also focused on the need for early childhood mental health programs. For these reasons we are very pleased to strongly support the Ohio Department of Job and Family Services 'proposal in response to the U.S. Department of Health and human Services Request for application for the CHIPRA Quality Demonstration Grants. This grant will allow our state to continue to move forward to strengthen our Medicaid and CHIP system for all children we serve and create a quality system with excellent outcomes.

Voices has a history of working in collaboration with Ohio's children's' hospitals, primary care physicians, and pediatricians as well as family advocacy groups to improve health outcomes for children. We welcome the opportunity to continue this work with these groups and the State of Ohio Office of Ohio Health Plans through this grant as we provide health care including mental health care with measurable outcomes for Ohio's children.

We are very pleased to lend our strong support to this grant and our promise of our full participation.

Sincerely,

Amy Swanson, Executive Director  
Voices for Ohio's Children