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Ohio Awards \$150,000 for Child Sexual Abuse Prevention and Early Intervention

COLUMBUS, Ohio – A total of \$150,000 in grant money from the Ohio Children's Trust Fund (OCTF) and the Ohio Department of Mental Health and Addiction Services (OhioMHAS) will help four Ohio organizations develop and sustain child abuse prevention and early intervention programs. The projects represent strong community collaborations that will provide much-needed services in 16 Ohio counties and help prevent future episodes of sexual abuse.

“While no single factor can fully explain the perpetration of child sexual abuse, one of the most effective ways that we can prevent abuse is through educating and empowering children and adults,” said OCTF Executive Director Kristen Rost. “We are excited to collaborate with OhioMHAS and provide these organizations with essential prevention and early intervention funding.”

The following four organizations will receive funding:

- Child Focus, Inc., Clermont County (\$50,000)
- Cleveland Rape Crisis Center, Cuyahoga County (\$30,000)
- Hopewell Health Centers, Athens County (\$50,000)
- The Nord Center, Lorain County (\$20,000)

“This unique inter-agency demonstration project will result in needed early intervention and treatment services for young children experiencing trauma from childhood sexual abuse and empower young children with the skills to prevent future episodes of sexual abuse,” said Dr. Valerie Alloy of the OhioMHAS Office of Prevention and Wellness, Bureau of Children and Families.

For more information about child abuse prevention programs and activities in your community, visit www.jfs.ohio.gov/octf. To report suspected child abuse or neglect in Ohio, call 1-855-O-H-CHILD (855-642-4453). The number is toll-free, and reports can be made anonymously.

The Ohio Children's Trust Fund is the state's sole public funding source dedicated to preventing abuse and neglect. Housed within the Ohio Department of Job and Family Services, the Ohio Children's Trust Fund works with its 88 county partners to serve all Ohio communities.

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