



The Ohio Association of Child Caring Agencies (OACCA) is a statewide association of more than seventy (70) agencies – including non-profit, for-profit, public and private agencies - that provide a wide array of services to children and families in crisis across the state.

In an effort to assist member agencies in evaluating the services they provide to children and families, OACCA has developed and is implementing the ***OACCA Outcomes Data Project***. OACCA and a number of its members will pilot the Outcomes Project over the next three (3) years. In addition, OACCA will collaborate with Ohio University to assist in data analysis, and other key stakeholders to implement the ***OACCA Outcomes Data Project*** in Ohio.

The goals of the ***OACCA Outcomes Data Project*** are:

- To provide common outcome measurement tools at intake, through treatment, and into post treatment, which will be a significant accomplishment for service providers and will be unique in the state of Ohio,
- To collect data to show the relationships between the presenting problems of children and the programs/settings/services that illustrate the most effective methods of treatment,
- To produce individual agency data that is owned by that agency, which will benefit each agency participating in the Project,
- To produce aggregate data the analysis which can be used for policy advocacy and to support any needed systemic changes at the state and county levels,
- To integrate, after the pilot test phase, the ***Outcomes Data Project*** into all OACCA member agencies.

Data will be gathered at intake, discharge and six months after discharge. This provides a picture of the issues faced when the child was admitted to the program, the changes made while in the program, and the retention of those changes after the child leaves the program.

The *OACCA Outcomes Data Project* operates in the following manner:

- **Clinical data** will be gathered at intake and discharge of the child to evaluate the degree to which problems have gotten better
- **Functional data** will be gathered to evaluate the child's outcomes in the areas of education, employment, living setting, and involvement with law enforcement.
- **Effectiveness of Placement/Services data** will be gathered to assess the impact the program/service had upon the child/family.
- **Consumer satisfaction** will be measured. The child, parents, and referring agency will be surveyed after services have been received.
- **Risk Factors** will be measured by analyzing identified demographic and risk variables.

Participating agencies will have access to real-time agency reports that provide useful information on that agency's program data. An annual report analyzing the aggregate data gathered will be published.

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Adriel, West Liberty

The Village Network, Wooster

Catholic Charities/Parmadale, Cleveland

The Marsh Foundation, Van Wert

Focus on Youth, Cincinnati

The Twelve, Massillon

Lighthouse Youth Services, Cincinnati

LHS – Family & Youth Services, Toledo

Ohio Youth Advocate Services, Columbus

Oesterlen, Springfield

United Methodist Children's Home, Columbus

Specialized Alternative for Families and Youth (SAFY), Delphos