

# 2018 Year in Review

## Foster Parent Showcase: Meet the Goble-Recker Family

Laura Goble and Rich Recker moved to this area from Oregon in 2012 and have been foster parents with the agency for three years; however, the idea of foster parenting was not new to them, they were foster parents in Oregon as well. They have always been strong advocates for children and were considering going through the certification process here when the opportunity to be kinship caregivers for two young children arose. Once the kids were placed with them, they signed up for the first foster parent training series that was available—and here they are three years later!

Caring for and supporting kids has been a shared value for Laura and Rich so foster parenting just seemed like a natural fit and something they could not avoid. They knew they wanted to be parents at some point and their family experience showed them that there are MANY children who need love and to experience “family” without creating new babies. For them, it’s about “helping kids see the potential they have and to be a better version of themselves, and watching as they take a courageous step, no matter how big or small, toward being the person they want to become.”

While fostering children is rewarding, it has not come without it’s challenges. Rich says that “no matter how well prepared you think you are, you are never completely ready.



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## Our Mission

**To assure that children at risk of abuse or neglect are protected and nurtured within a family and with the support of our community.**

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### TO REPORT CHILD ABUSE PLEASE PROVIDE THE FOLLOWING, if possible:

- Name and address of the agency of the reporting person
- Name, age, home address, and current location of the child victim
- Demographic or identifying information of the child and involved family members
- Description of the alleged abuse or neglect
- Name, address, location of the alleged perpetrator(s), if known
- Names and addresses of the child’s parents or caregivers
- Whether or not alcohol/drugs are involved; if the family has weapons or aggressive pets.

Your identity will remain confidential

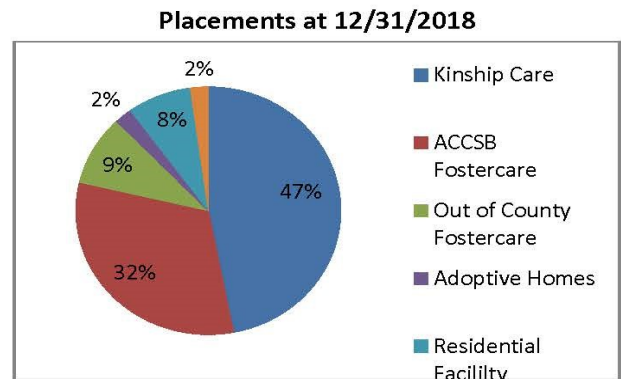
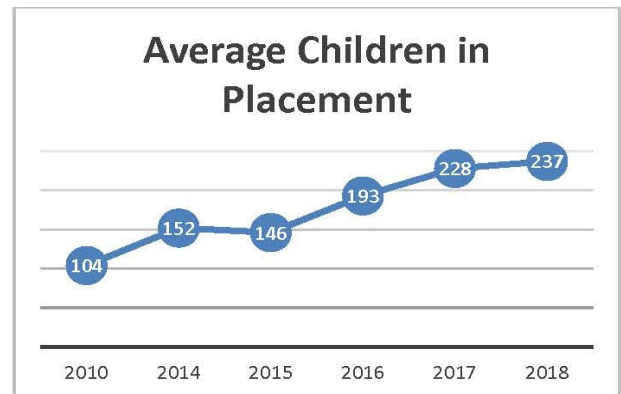
Mandated reporters may request follow up information

**CALL 440-998-1811**

## Ashtabula County Children Services Board 2018 – Year in Review

### Case Statistics

- ACCSB received 2,554 reports of suspected child abuse and neglect
- An average of 69 new cases per month were “screened-in” for services
- Total number of children involved with the agency was 1,131
- Total number of new court filings was 231
- Total number of children removed was 199
- The average number of children in out-of-home care was 231
- The average number of Ongoing family cases per month was 128
- Total number of drug exposed babies was 57. Number of children <1 with removal reason of parental drug use was 34
- 27 adoptions were finalized
- Total number of agency licensed foster homes is 39.
- The total cost of out-of-home care for abused and neglected children was \$3,754,841



Ashtabula County Children Services  
For the year ended December 31, 2018

<b>Receipts</b>			
Local Levies		4,057,999.28	50%
Federal Reimb		2,929,903.96	36%
State Reimb		825,678.81	10%
Support for the Care of children		101,775.56	1%
Direct Service Grant Proceeds		183,966.69	2%
Help Me Grow	183,966.69		
KPIP	-		
Refunds & Reimbursements		32,656.51	0%
Total 2018 Receipts		<u>8,131,980.81</u>	
<b>Expenditures</b>			
Caseworker Services		2,635,336.18	33%
Intake, Assessments & Investigation	476,635.52		
Alternative Response	424,881.31		
Ongoing cases	811,930.97		
Resources and Permanency Planning	460,530.58		
Family support team	277,606.79		
After Hours Emergency Team	87,150.87		
Family Meetings	96,600.13		
Services for children in Placement		4,583,857.92	58%
Foster Care and Adoptive Placement	1,820,699.71		
Adoption Subsidies	161,009.22		
Paid Placements	2,046,348.44		
Transportation Services	331,300.73		
Independent Living Initiatives	110,621.84		
Foster child daycare	113,877.97		
Other Direct Service Programs		138,015.04	2%
Help Me Grow	138,015.04		
KPIP	-		
Other Cost Categories		572,335.42	7%
Maintenance & Custodians	122,379.77		
HR and Admin	175,093.08		
Fiscal and Support	259,211.20		
Staff Training & Education	12,368.80		
Community Education	3,282.57		
Total 2018 Expenditures		<u>7,929,544.56</u>	

*All information presented on a cash basis.*



When asked if there was anything they would like people to know about foster parenting, they responded with: “While cliché, the saying ‘it takes a village to raise a child’ is a truth in foster parenting. Approaching parenting in an insulated manner – as if it is our job alone to raise our kids would be limiting at best, and dangerous at worst. There are hundreds of people and organizations who make up the community of support needed for the foster parenting process to be successful. One important part of our role is recognizing the value of community and knitting together all of those influences to complement what we can do in the home.”

**Everyone**

**Children's Services Diaper Drive**

To assist kinship and foster families by providing diapers for the children placed in their care.

Where: Ashtabula Walmart  
When: October 6th from 10:00- 2:00