



Our Work

Marion County Children Services

In 2016

1,730 children and their families

received supportive services from Marion County Children Services.

That's 1 out of every 8 children in Marion County!

Child Safety

We rely on our community to stand up and be a voice for children by reporting concerns. We complete assessments of safety on all reports that meet the legal definition of child maltreatment. These services are provided 24 hours a day, 365 days a year.

Assessments of Safety

Neglect.....	392
Physical Abuse.....	233
Sexual Abuse.....	88
Emotional Maltreatment.....	18
Dependency / Family In Need.....	22

Total.....753

During assessments of safety, information is gathered to determine what problems the family may be encountering and if there is currently risk to the children's safety, health, and welfare. This process emphasizes the creation of a working partnership between families, child protection, and community agencies to promote child safety, well-being, and permanency.

Protective Home-Based Services

When our continued assistance is needed, supportive services are provided to promote the safety of children within the home whenever possible. The caseworker and the family work jointly to create and set goals to strengthen the family and reduce risk to the children.

Home-Based Services
provided to:

**191
children**

Foster Care and Placement Services

When children are at serious risk of harm, removal from their home environment is necessary. We make every effort to place children in the least restrictive, most family-like setting while working with families to improve situations and promote successful reunification. Children placed with family or friends are less likely to suffer from stress that results from being removed from their family.

**112
children**

were in agency custody
and placed in various foster care settings.

**71
children**

were placed with family or friends.

Safe Children. Strong Families. Supportive Communities.



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As parents struggle with substance abuse,

the children - *the silent victims* - also suffer.



Parental drug abuse is the leading cause for the removal of children from their homes.

**3 children
found their
“forever families”
through adoption**

Adoption

Children who are unable to return to family deserve a safe and permanent home. Post-adoption services are available for qualifying families to help ensure their ability to meet the special needs of their children after adoption.

**86 children
54 families
received post-
adoption services**

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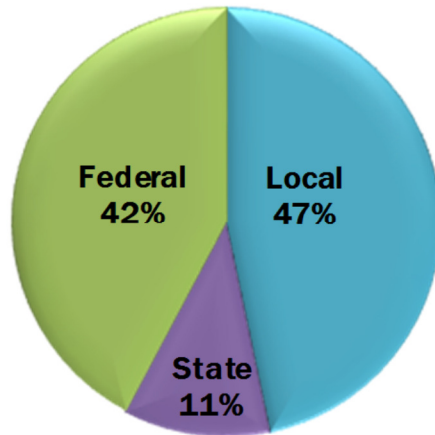
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Revenue: \$3,398,791



Our primary funding source is a 5-year, 2.12 mill property tax levy approved by voters and renewed in 2013. The levy generated \$1,422,233 in 2016.

**Thank you for your
continued
commitment to
children and families!**

Expenditures: \$3,749,957



Services are aligned with our mission and a national set of measures in three areas: child safety, well-being, and permanency.

**We are committed to
providing effective services
that promote safe children
and strong families!**