

# What is the Guernsey County Children Services Board?

Guernsey County Children Services (GCCS) is the agency with the statutory responsibility for accepting, screening and assessing reports of child abuse and neglect. We provide many services to families and children. These are outlined in our Community Information Brochure, the front cover of which is featured here: →

These services include the assessment of child abuse and neglect, foster care, independent living, adoption, kinship, community education and prevention. Check us out at our website: [www.guernseycountycs.org](http://www.guernseycountycs.org)

The Guernsey County Children Services Board is the entity charged with oversight of agency operations. The number of board members and their duties are set by Ohio Law.

Board members are appointed by the Guernsey County Commissioners as the elected representatives of the citizens of Guernsey County.

This all volunteer board ensures that we are responsible and transparent stewards of public dollars and the public trust.

Our board members come from diverse backgrounds, including: finance, education, the clergy, social work, clinical counseling, law and public policy. Our board members have knowledge and skills in many areas. The Board hires and evaluates the Executive Director. For more information about the agency, its board or board meetings please call: Nicole Caldwell, MBA, Executive Director



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*It takes a community*



Guernsey County  
**Children  
Services**

*To protect a child*

Guernsey County Children Services became a Council on Accreditation (COA) Accredited agency in November 2009, making it the 24th of the 88 Ohio County Public Children Services Agencies to earn this honor. GCCS is always seeking to improve its services and is using the COA Standards as a framework for continued performance quality improvement. We will seek re-accreditation in 2013.

For more information about COA go to: [www.COAnet.org](http://www.COAnet.org)

**Mission:** Guernsey County Children Services strives to ensure that all children have an environment free from abuse and neglect while assisting to preserve and empower families to provide for the safety, stability, and well-being of their children.