

Beyond CGFS

Empowering Communities Through Care



We provide hope and health for families

For more than 85+ years, Child Guidance & Family Solutions has been a nationally recognized leader. Our mission is to provide innovative and effective mental health services and integrated care of mind and body through strategic partnerships, sustainable programs that enrich communities, and advocacy for the health of youth, adults, and families.

New Playground Creates Space for Play, Growth and Healing at CGFS

Thanks to the generous support of the **Alcohol, Drug Addiction and Mental Health Board of Summit County**, **Summit County Land Bank**, and **Ohio Department of Behavioral Health**, our new playground at Child Guidance & Family Solutions is officially open! We are so grateful for their help in creating a fun and welcoming space for the children we serve.

Our Incredible Years® (IY®) puppets were among the first to explore the new equipment! Now, the playground is ready for our young clients to play, explore, learn and grow.

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Events

Growing Up Akron Raises Over \$53,000 for Children and Families



Our community came together in an incredible way at this year's Growing Up Akron on August 27th, raising more than **\$53,000** to support Child Guidance & Family Solutions' mental health prevention, treatment, and advocacy services for children, teens, and families throughout our region.

The evening was filled with meaningful connections, community spirit, exciting silent auction bidding, and inspiring reminders of the impact we can make together. Every attendee, sponsor, donor, volunteer, board member, staff member, and supporter played a role in making the event a success.

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Check out some of our favorite moments from the event below!





Creating Lasting Impact Through the CGFS Resilience Fund

We're excited to announce the launch of the **Child Guidance & Family Solutions Resilience Fund**, our newly established endowment with the **Akron Community Foundation**!

This fund will create a steady source of support for our mission while leveraging the Foundation's financial expertise, strong reputation, and ability to accept a wide range of gifts.

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Celebrating Staff Milestones: Diana Esbenshade - 10 Years of Service to CGFS



In her role as Clinical Support Services Manager, Diana oversees our Intake, Medical Records, and Billing teams, ensuring efficient operations, accurate documentation, and exceptional support for the clients and families we serve.

She works closely with both clinical and administrative teams to help ensure seamless care and timely services.

When asked what she finds most rewarding about her work, Diana shared that knowing her teams' behind-the-scenes efforts directly support quality client care is what means the most to her.

Over the past decade, her journey at CGFS has helped her grow as a leader while strengthening her skills in leadership, problem-solving, and operational management. She is proud to contribute to an organization dedicated to serving individuals and families throughout our community.

Please join us in celebrating Diana's 10-year anniversary and thanking her for her dedication, leadership, and commitment to our mission"

Change the Life of a Child in Your Community

Please Support Our Work

Child Guidance & Family Solutions is a 501(c)3 nonprofit agency. You can help us continue to serve children, teens, adults, and families who experience mental health crises and concerns by making a one-time or recurring, tax-deductible contribution.

Your support is especially critical now as we experience rapidly rising costs. The need is too important to risk limiting critical services.

We couldn't do any of this great work without generous donor support like yours!

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