

Appalachian Children Coalition

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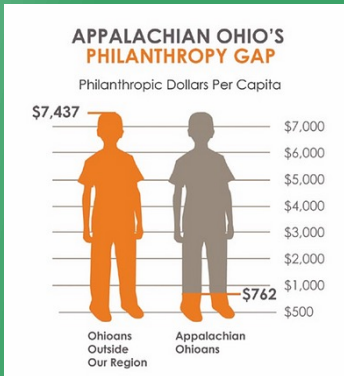
Our Mission

Our mission is to improve the health and well-being of our region's children. Through collective advocacy and strategic investments, we aim for a future where every child has access to the care that they require at home, in school, and in their communities.

Why Appalachian Ohio



- Concentrated Poverty
- Exposure to Drugs
- Shortage of Child Behavioral Health Specialists
- Remote Acute Care Access
- Lack of Broadband Access
- Philanthropy Gap



Our Priority Areas

Behavioral Health Specialists

State and federal policymakers must allocate the resources necessary for rural, Appalachian schools to hire and retain vital child behavioral health specialists. They must also do more to incentivize the education, recruitment, and placement of behavioral health specialists in Southeast Ohio.



Continuum of Crisis Care

The number of beds available for children in need of inpatient, residential mental health treatment is shockingly low. This region is in need of more beds and funding that will allow kids to receive the care and treatment they need while staying close to home. If you or someone you know is in crisis, please call [1-800-273-8255](tel:1-800-273-8255).



Broadband

A high percentage of Southeast Ohio students cannot access the internet from home -- a number the Coalition is working to quantify in partnership with public and private sector leaders. We are working with broadband advocates from across the region to seek a remedy to this problem as fast as possible.



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Activity Matrix

Broadband Access *Continuity of Crisis Care* *Behavioral Health Integration* *Whole-Child Models*

Advocacy

Convening

Communication Hub

Resource Generation

Workforce Development

Outcomes

Innovation

Impact

Insight

Coalition Member Organizations

**Athens-Meigs Educational Service Center
Brown County Educational Service Center
East Central Ohio Educational Service Center
Gallia-Vinton Educational Service Center
Lawrence County Educational Service Center
Muskingum Valley Educational Service Center
Ohio Valley Educational Service Center
Ross Pike Educational Service Center
South Central Ohio Educational Service Center**

**317 Board of Athens, Hocking, & Vinton Counties
Adams, Lawrence, & Scioto Counties ADAMH Board
Brown County ADAMH Board
Gallia-Jackson-Meigs ADAMH Board
Harrison, Belmont, Monroe ADAMH Board
Muskingum Area Mental Health and Recovery Services
Paint Valley ADAMH Board
Tuscarawas and Carroll Counties ADAMHS Board
Washington County Behavioral Health Board**

Our Partners and Advisors

Hopewell Health Centers

Children's Defense Fund-Ohio

Corporation for Ohio Appalachian Development

Foundation for Appalachian Ohio

Coalition of Rural and Appalachian Schools

Ohio Alliance for Population Health

Ohio University Voinovich School

**Ohio University College of Health Sciences and
Professions**

**Miami University Center for School-Based
Mental Health Programs**

Integrated Services for Behavioral Health

Perry County Behavioral Health Choices

Nationwide Children's Hospital

Akron Children's Hospital

Athens County CASA/GAL

Building Bridges 2 Careers

Lights Recovery Network

Rural Action

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