

# OhioRISE Launch Report

## Week of November 7, 2022

### OhioRISE Accomplishments

Ohio CANS Assessors  
Registered in the CANS  
IT System\*

**2,004**



↑ 1.6% since November 3, 2022

CANS Assessments  
Submitted in the CANS  
IT System\*

**12,405**



↑ 7.2% since November 3, 2022

Children and Youth  
Enrolled in OhioRISE\*

**12,770**



↑ 3.8% since November 3, 2022

*\*Data collected as of 3 p.m. ET on November 10, 2022*

### Impact Spotlight

#### OhioRISE Care Coordination Team Prevented Disruption to Child's Foster Placement

A child enrolled in OhioRISE living in a foster home and attending a school for youth with behavioral challenges was in jeopardy of receiving a 30-day notice to vacate their foster home due to increasingly violent and disruptive behavior at home and at school. The child's Tier 1 OhioRISE [care coordinator](#) worked with the children services caseworker to get the child evaluated for developmental disabilities services and to get a new Child and Adolescent Needs and Strengths (CANS) assessment. After conducting a new CANS assessment, the child's needs were determined to require higher level of care coordination. The child was placed into Tier 2 care coordination, giving them access to care coordination from their local care management entity (CME). A Child and Family Team (CFT) meeting was quickly scheduled, and the youth was connected with their new CME care coordinator that same day. The new care coordinator educated the youth's foster parent on [services available](#) to support them, including Behavioral Health Respite and Intensive Home-based Treatment.



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During the CFT meeting, additional needs were identified, and plans were made to connect the youth to suitable resources. The youth's foster parent felt relieved and excited to have a strong CFT supporting them and was willing to continue fostering the child. We are thrilled that this youth's foster placement was preserved!

For more information, please visit [the OhioRISE Webpage](#). [The OhioRISE Launch Information page](#) is regularly updated with OhioRISE launch and implementation information.

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### Impact Spotlight Continued

#### Public Children Services Associations Are Engaging CMEs to Avoid Deeper Children's Services Involvement, Prevent Custody Relinquishment

→ Trumbull County shared that since July 1, they have screened out at least 17 cases and sent them to their local CME instead of opening a child welfare case. The children involved in these cases were experiencing emotional and behavioral challenges and the families needed help addressing these challenges. After receiving these cases (through self-referrals, schools, and medical professions), the Public Children Services Association (PCSA) immediately referred the families to their local CME. **All families involved are receiving the resources from OhioRISE that will keep them safe, together, and supported.**



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→ A PCSA informed us that they came across at least 5 cases in which parents wanted to relinquish custody of their child. The PCSA insisted that these parents first engage their local CME to understand the resources available to them and assisted them with the referral process to have a Child and Adolescent Needs and Strengths (CANS) assessment completed. **All children involved are now enrolled in OhioRISE and are not in children's services custody.**

“ We have long recognized how intrusive and traumatizing our involvement can be for a family, not to mention the stigma that attaches to our involvement.  
- Timothy Schaffner, Executive Director at Trumbull County Children Services ”

### Impact Spotlight Continued

#### OhioRISE Care Coordinator Helps Family Utilize Flex Funds To Help Keep Child Safe At Home!

A care coordinator worked with the family of a child enrolled in OhioRISE to capture an identified need in their child- and family-centered care plan. The child experienced a recent behavioral health challenge that posed a danger to them, so the care coordinator and family talked about options for safeguarding the child's safety in their home. The care coordinator informed the family that Flex Funds, a new OhioRISE service, would be able to assist them in obtaining an item not provided through OhioRISE to address their child's need. With the family's agreement, the care coordinator processed the Flex Funds request and obtained the item for the family.



**We are thrilled to learn that the child's care coordinator was able to intervene and successfully assist this family in using flex funds to help keep their child safe in their home!**

**Did you know?** Flex Funds can be requested for services, equipment, or supplies not otherwise provided by the Medicaid state plan or the OhioRISE program that address an identified need in the child's care plan. Examples include:

- Equine therapy.
- Anger management classes needed to reduce unwanted behaviors that risk the safety of siblings.

→ Learn more about flex funds by speaking to [your local CME!](#)

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### Impact Spotlight Continued

#### ODM, the Child and Adolescent Behavioral Health Center of Excellence, and Aetna Visit CMEs in Person to Support OhioRISE System of Care!

In the last month, ODM, the Child and Adolescent Behavioral Health Center of Excellence (COE), and Aetna staff have visited seven CMEs to meet with leadership, supervisors, and care coordinators. These meetings are being held as part of a series of in-person meetings with OhioRISE’s 20 CMEs. During each visit, the group discusses their collaborative efforts to implement OhioRISE in their counties, while providing perspective on the successes and unique challenges each county experiences. The group also engages in discussions around how they will continue to build the system of care across the state. We know that it takes strong state and community relationships to build a strong system of care for Ohio’s children, youth, and families— luckily, we are all working towards the same vision!



ODM, COE, Aetna, and Positive Education Program (PEP), a CME serving central Cuyahoga County.



Grateful for our staff who always put kids and families 1st, which was evident during our meeting w/ fellow kid advocates from [@OhioMedicaid](#) and [@Aetna](#) yesterday. Also grateful for the hard work being done by all our partners to ensure the promise of #OhioRISE is realized.

- [@Pepcleveland](#) tweet

### Upcoming OhioRISE Advisory and Workgroup Meetings

OhioRISE Advisory Council and Workgroup meetings provide opportunities to obtain critical feedback and expert advice for OhioRISE’s services and operations. [Learn more about the OhioRISE Advisory Council on our webpage.](#)

Meeting Name	Date	Time	Meeting Link
Advisory Council	December 13	9-11 a.m.	<a href="#">Click here to join</a>

### Questions?

 Contact the OhioRISE mailbox at [OhioRISE@medicaid.ohio.gov](mailto:OhioRISE@medicaid.ohio.gov) or join OhioRISE office hours!

**OhioRISE Implementation Office Hours**  
 Tuesdays from 2-2:30 p.m. through 2022.  
[Click here to join the weekly meeting.](#)

**Family and Children First Council (FCFC) Office Hours**  
 Biweekly on Wednesdays from 4-5 p.m. starting July 20 through 2022.  
[Click here to join the biweekly meeting.](#)

**Public Children Services Association (PCSA) Office Hours**  
 Fridays from 11 a.m.-12 p.m. through 2022.  
[Click here to join the weekly meeting.](#)

**Developmental Disability System Office Hours**  
 Biweekly on Thursdays from 2-4 p.m. starting September 29 through 2022  
[Click here to join the biweekly meeting.](#)