



## Ohio Revised Code

### Section 3109.17 Biennial state plan for comprehensive child abuse and child neglect prevention.

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(A) For each fiscal biennium, the children's trust fund board shall establish a biennial state plan for comprehensive child abuse and child neglect prevention. The plan shall be transmitted to the governor, the president and minority leader of the senate, and the speaker and minority leader of the house of representatives and shall be made available to the general public. The board may define in the state plan the term "effective public notice." If the board does not define that term in the state plan, the board shall include in the state plan the definition of "effective public notice" specified in rules adopted by the department of job and family services.

(B) In developing and carrying out the state plan, the children's trust fund board shall, in accordance with rules adopted by the department pursuant to Chapter 119. of the Revised Code, do all of the following:

- (1) Ensure that an opportunity exists for assistance through child abuse and child neglect prevention programs to persons throughout the state of various social and economic backgrounds;
- (2) Before the thirtieth day of October of each year, notify each child abuse and child neglect prevention advisory board of the amount estimated to be allocated to that advisory board for the following fiscal year;
- (3) Develop criteria for county or district local allocation plans, including criteria for determining the plans' effectiveness;
- (4) Review, and approve or disapprove, county or district local allocation plans, as described in section 3109.171 of the Revised Code;
- (5) Allocate funds to each child abuse and child neglect prevention advisory board for the purpose of funding child abuse and child neglect prevention programs. In allocating funds to a county



family and children first council that has been designated to serve as the child abuse and child neglect prevention advisory board under division (A)(1) of section 3109.18 of the Revised Code, the children's trust fund board may send those funds to the county or district children's trust fund in the county treasury or directly to the administrative agent of the county family and children first council designated pursuant to division (B)(5)(a) of section 121.37 of the Revised Code. Funds shall be allocated among advisory boards according to a formula based on the ratio of the number of children under age eighteen in the county or multicounty district to the number of children under age eighteen in the state, as shown in the most recent federal decennial census of population. Subject to the availability of funds and except as provided in section 3109.171 of the Revised Code, each advisory board shall receive a minimum of ten thousand dollars per fiscal year. In the case of an advisory board that serves a multicounty district, the advisory board shall receive, subject to available funds and except as provided in section 3109.171 of the Revised Code, a minimum of ten thousand dollars per fiscal year for each county in the district. Funds shall be disbursed to the advisory boards twice annually. At least fifty per cent of the funds allocated to an advisory board for a fiscal year shall be disbursed to the advisory board not later than the thirtieth day of September. The remainder of the funds allocated to the advisory board for that fiscal year shall be disbursed before the thirty-first day of March.

The board shall specify the criteria child abuse and child neglect prevention advisory boards are to use in reviewing applications under division (G)(2) of section 3109.18 of the Revised Code.

(6) Allocate funds to entities other than child abuse and child neglect prevention advisory boards for the purpose of funding child abuse and child neglect prevention programs that have statewide significance and that have been approved by the children's trust fund board;

(7) Provide for the monitoring of expenditures from the children's trust fund and of programs that receive money from the children's trust fund;

(8) Establish reporting requirements for advisory boards;

(9) Collaborate with appropriate persons and government entities and facilitate the exchange of information among those persons and entities for the purpose of child abuse and child neglect prevention;



(10) Provide for the education of the public and professionals for the purpose of child abuse and child neglect prevention;

(11) Create and provide to each advisory board a children's trust fund grant application form;

(12) Specify the information to be included in a semiannual and an annual report completed by a children's advocacy center for which a child abuse and child neglect prevention advisory board uses funds allocated to the advisory board under section 3109.172 of the Revised Code, and each other person or entity that is a recipient of a children's trust fund grant under division (L)(1) of section 3109.18 of the Revised Code.

(C) The children's trust fund board shall prepare a report for each fiscal biennium that delineates the expenditure of money from the children's trust fund. On or before January 1, 2002, and on or before the first day of January of a year that follows the end of a fiscal biennium of this state, the board shall file a copy of the report with the governor, the president and minority leader of the senate, and the speaker and minority leader of the house of representatives.

(D) The children's trust fund board shall develop a list of all state and federal sources of funding that might be available for establishing, operating, or establishing and operating a children's advocacy center under sections 2151.425 to 2151.428 of the Revised Code. The board periodically shall update the list as necessary. The board shall maintain, or provide for the maintenance of, the list at an appropriate location. That location may be the offices of the department of job and family services. The board shall provide the list upon request to any children's advocacy center or to any person or entity identified in section 2151.426 of the Revised Code as a person or entity that may participate in the establishment of a children's advocacy center.