



Protecting Children by Strengthening Families

Media Advisory

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Tragic Death of Ma'Khia Bryant

(Columbus, Ohio)- The death of Ma'Khia Bryant has been a tragic loss and it is heartbreaking. We share our condolences with Ma'Khia's family and friends, recognizing the immeasurable pain that they are experiencing. Our agency staff and the larger community as well, have been impacted and grieve her loss.

During this particularly difficult time, we continue to provide support to Ma'Khia's family and offer services that we hope will help with the trauma of this loss. Additionally, we have made support services available for all our agency staff.

We owe the community our very best efforts. This is our shared community. This is our shared responsibility. We have the opportunity and obligation to make change. We are committed to ensuring that our programming and services most appropriately address the needs and concerns of those we serve.

We continue in our efforts to dismantle the practices that have historically created barriers for those who are marginalized, especially our children.

Franklin County Children Services is committed to meaningful community response. Our strategies of support and partnership include increased focus through an equity lens where we engage, support and protect. With this alignment, we are committed to a thorough review of this case, and where necessary, re-examining and replacing interventions to ensure that the services we offer are focused on the safety and well-being of our children.