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New Policy Briefs Released Outlining Critical Investments Urgently Needed for Children and Families in Ohio's 2022-2023 State Budget

The [Ohio Children's Budget Coalition \(OCBC\)](#) released new policy briefs today, pushing for key investments from the DeWine administration that Ohio children and families urgently need in the upcoming biennium budget.

The Ohio Children's Budget Coalition is a partnership of over eighteen statewide advocacy organizations committed to the health and well-being of children, working together to advocate for a fair and just children's agenda that addresses the needs of the "whole child" in the state budget. The five new policy briefs the coalition published today build on seven others previously published earlier this month, giving greater breadth to their comprehensive budget recommendations for Ohio's leaders.

"We took many strides forward for child well-being in the last biennium budget thanks to the leadership of Gov. DeWine's Administration, his Children's Initiative, as well as our child champions in the state legislature," said Tracy Nájera, executive director of the Children's Defense Fund-Ohio, "but we must protect and enhance these investments and critically build upon them, especially after a year when the gaps in our social safety net have been widened and laid bare by the pandemic."

The Coalition released five additional policy briefs, with even more to come in the following weeks, centering on issues critical to "whole child" well-being:

- Issue: Family First Prevention Services Act, co-authored by [Public Children Services Association of Ohio](#) and [Ohio Children's Alliance](#)
- Issue: Paid Family and Medical Leave, authored by [The Ohio Women's Public Policy Network](#)
- Issue: Ending Homelessness for Children and Families, authored by [Coalition on Homelessness and Housing in Ohio](#)
- Issue: EdChoice School Vouchers, [Ohio Federation of Teachers](#)
- Issue: Addressing Critical Mental Health Needs through Telehealth, [Ohio Children's Alliance](#)



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These five new issue briefs build on the coalition's seven others, previously released. For more information, please visit www.ohiochildrensbudget.org.

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[Ohio Children's Budget Coalition](#) (OCBC) was established in 2018 and is committed to prioritizing the needs of children in Ohio's state policy and budget decisions. This unprecedented statewide partnership is comprised of over 18 organizations, listed on the Ohio Children's Budget Coalition Website.



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