

OFCA Agency Sponsorship/Membership Benefits

The most important reason why an agency should consider joining OFCA is because it demonstrates your agency's support for families and recognizes their need to connect with other families. It recognizes the importance of having a statewide Association that serves as the voice of resource parents and the children in their care. An OFCA agency membership also:

1. Recognizes that families who feel a sense of belonging will likely remain active members of the system of care for children. (Studies have shown that families who are involved in associations continue as care providers longer.)
2. Acknowledges families are excellent advocates when given access to information regarding issues that affect them;
3. Gives agencies timely access to information on family concerns around policy or practice issues;
4. Gives staff and families an opportunity to connect and collaborate with staff and families in other parts of Ohio
5. Offers educational opportunities, tools and resources based on best practices around the nation;
6. Offers speakers for member agencies;
7. Helps staff and family see they are connected to a larger network and that you recognize the value of peer support
8. Gives you a sense of being a part of the voice for families.
9. Provides opportunities to give input on statewide system improvements
10. Shows that you support the work done by families
11. Helps families understand the important role they play in the passage of local child welfare levies.
12. Encourages family success in raising children affected by the child welfare and juvenile justice system.

Agency Sponsorship: \$125.00 p/year

- Access to information on family concerns around policies and practices of agencies
- Sponsor/membership certificate to hang in your agency
- One training for your agency staff on parent issues
- Reduced price for one staff at OFCA events
- Agency Logo on website
- E-news to agency designated staff

Platinum Agency/Family Membership: \$125 + \$10 per family* (all families or a minimum of 100 families-includes adoptive, foster, kinship, primary, respite families as specified by the agency)

Benefits include everything above plus...

- A Membership Card for member families
- One training for your parents on caregiving issues
- Reduced price for all staff at OFCA events
- Reduced costs at events for member families
- E-news to agency designated staff and all member families
- A special section on OFCA's website for your agency and activities

*Platinum: \$125 + \$10 per family in the agency (maximum fee of \$1,000 to register all families – includes adoptive, foster, kinship, primary and respite families)