The mission of Allen County Children Services is to protect children by supporting and strengthening families in partnership with the community.

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Report to the community: 2017
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At the Holidays, Allen County Children Services has two programs that receives overwhelming support from people in the community to provide Holiday presents to children involved with our agency. Adopt A Family and the Cole Collection made the Holidays brighter for 368 children in December. The Frog, 92.1 radio asked shoppers to fill a van full of presents and the community came through.

Eleven years ago Allen County Children Services started its annual Ugarage Sale held in August to provide clothing to children involved with our agency at no cost. We also open the Ungarage Sale to the community after our families have had a chance to go through. The response has been overwhelming and people have been very appreciative. In 2017, we helped 164 families that included 186 adults and 274 children to obtain clothing and other items. A date in August works well each year as it corresponds to the start of school.

Helping Children and Families

### Services offered to children

**Allen County Children Services**

**Total calls**

3,896 referrals to agency.

**Intake/Assessment**

822 reports of child abuse, neglect and dependency were investigated.

**Ongoing, In-home Protective Services**

278 children received court-ordered services in their home with their original caregivers.

**Ongoing Kinship Services**

376 children were placed with relatives or kinship providers when they could not remain safely in their own home.

**Foster Care**

152 children were in the custody of the agency during 2017.

**Adoption Services**

26 adoptions finalized.

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2017 Highlights

- **Balloons launch in April.**
- **2017 Family Adoption Banquet.**
- **Wear Blue Day in April.**
- **School Supplies Giveaway with Lima Police in August.**
- **The Cole Collection in November.**
- **Butlton University Basketball Team drops off presents for Adopt A Family in December.