



# County News Now

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## Cuyahoga County Resources, Services and Information for You



### Child Abuse Prevention Month

April is Child Abuse Prevention Month, an annual observance dedicated to raising awareness of and preventing child abuse. This month, the Cuyahoga County Division of Children and Family Services (DCFS) joins the national call for increased awareness and action by encouraging Cuyahoga County residents to consider how to support families, provide education, and offer resources to improve well-being for all children. We invite you to join the County in raising awareness for this year's theme: "Be a Hero in the Eyes of a Child – one simple act of encouragement at a time." There are several ways to help raise awareness, including joining the "Cuyahoga Kids Rock" community at-home rock painting initiative, participating in a Facebook live Q&A with the DCFS Hotline Department, and by wearing blue on "Wear Blue Day" to show support for preventing child abuse and neglect.



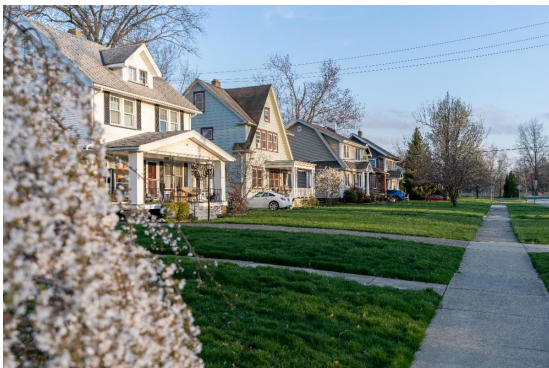
### Medical Examiner: 69 Overdose Deaths in March

Cuyahoga County Medical Examiner Dr. Thomas Gilson issued a public health alert this week, reporting that Cuyahoga County has suffered at least 69 suspected overdose deaths in the month of March. Additionally, 13 overdose deaths have occurred in the first 5 days of April. Toxicology testing has not yet confirmed which drug(s) have caused the recent spike. Currently, fentanyl and cocaine appear to be the most common drugs found in overdose deaths. If you or anyone you know is actively using or recovering from opioid addiction, contact Project DAWN for information at 216-778-5677. Eligible program participants are given FREE naloxone kits – the opioid reversing antidote. Additionally, the Alcohol, Drug Addiction and Mental Health Services (ADAMHS) Board of Cuyahoga County provides a 24-hour crisis

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hotline at 216-623-6888.

Learn More About Project DAWN's  
Naloxone Kit Program



### **Our Communities: The 2021 Data Book**

This week, the Cuyahoga County Planning Commission released “Our Communities: The 2021 Data Book,” the second in an annual series of data books about Cuyahoga County’s communities. The publication allows you to explore 39 metrics in five categories, including demographics, economy, housing, land use, and transportation, for all of the county’s cities, villages, and townships. This resource can be used by local governments, community organizations and current/future residents interested in learning more about their communities. It can also be used as a resource in preparing grant applications, understanding community changes, and identifying issues to address.

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### **Legal Assistance Available to Tenants Facing Eviction due to COVID-19**

As part of a countywide system to provide emergency rental assistance to prevent evictions and maintain housing for eligible county residents, Cuyahoga County has committed \$1 million in federal funding to The Legal Aid Society of Cleveland to provide free legal representation to county renters who are facing eviction due to lost income from COVID-19. The funding comes from federal aid provided to Cuyahoga County through the U.S. Treasury Emergency Rental Assistance program. With this funding, eligible residents will receive legal advice and counsel when facing eviction. Due to the high demand for services, only households with incomes up to 200% of the poverty line, \$52,400 annually for a family of four, can be assisted with free legal services at this time. People in need of legal assistance can apply 24/7 online at Legal Aid website ([www.lasclev.org](http://www.lasclev.org)) or call 888-817-8777 during most business hours.

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