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Cuyahoga County Receives Highest Number of NACo Awards in Ohio

The National Association of Counties (NACo) recently announced its 2022 NACo Achievement Awards, a non-competitive awards program which seeks to recognize innovative county government programs. Cuyahoga County received an Achievement Award for seven key initiatives—the highest number of awards in Ohio—including CuyahogaKids, Manufacturing Sector Partnership, Countywide Lakefront Public Access Plan, and more. All winners are available in NACo's <u>searchable awards</u> <u>database</u>, where winning programs are searchable by year, category and state.



Elder Abuse Awareness Month

June is Elder Abuse Awareness Month, a time to recognize the importance of raising awareness about, preventing and reporting elder abuse. Join Cuyahoga County and the Division of Senior and Adult Services (DSAS) in putting an end to elder abuse by participating in Elder Abuse Awareness Month events throughout the month of June. Help create awareness by wearing purple and posting on social every Wednesday in June, participate in the #WEAAD615 Challenge, see our local landmark, the Terminal Tower, decked in purple on Elder Abuse Awareness Day, June 15th, and more.



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Kinship Care in Cuyahoga County

In this month's episode of "Let's Talk Cuyahoga", we discussed kinship care—a placement in which a relative or any nonrelative adult who has a long-standing relationship or bond with a child and/or family has taken over the full-time care of a child—and its importance in meeting the County's mandate to protect and serve the children in our care. We spoke with DCFS Foster and Adoptive Recruitment Supervisor, Bryan Stanton, DCFS Social Services Supervisor, Amada Matei-Rosenberger, and County employee and adoptive mother through the kinship care program, Jeanelle Greene. Tune into our latest "Let's Talk Cuyahoga" episode to learn more.

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Celebrate Juneteenth

Juneteenth marks the day in 1865 when federal troops enforced the Emancipation Proclamation, declaring all slaves to be freed. Today, Juneteenth commemorates African American freedom and underscores education and achievement. This Juneteenth, take the time to celebrate in our community by attending the Juneteenth Festival on June 18 at Mall C in Downtown Cleveland from noon-10:00 p.m., read about Black history, Black poets, Black leaders, and Black achievements, donate to a national or local organization that works to fight racism, and more. County buildings will be closed Monday, June 20th in celebration of Juneteenth.

Juneteenth: Ways to Celebrate

