

It Takes **A VILLAGE**

The Ohio Department of Children and Youth (DCY) is focused on the health and safety of all children and youth in Ohio. Sometimes, children and youth are safest when living and being cared for in a setting that is not their parents' home. These settings may be:

- Foster homes
- Group homes
- Residential facilities

These setting types are important parts of communities and support children and youth in learning and development, life skills development, and transitioning into adulthood. DCY certifies and monitors these setting types to ensure the health and safety of Ohio's children.



If you have concerns that a certified setting is not operating within its requirements or is not operating in the best interest of the children they care for, contact DCY at **(844) 234-KIDS** (844-234-5437).

If you suspect abuse or neglect of a child, contact your local children services agency or local law enforcement immediately. You may also report abuse or neglect by calling **(855) OH-CHILD** (855-642-4453).



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