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**Department of Children and Youth (DCY) KIDS SUMMIT**
**Driving Solutions – Collaboration, Efficiency & Action**

**Event Date**: September 2, 2026 **Event Location:** Heart of It All Ballroom
(formerly Union Station Ballroom)

| Time | Schedule |
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| 7:30 AM – 9:00 AM | Registration |
| 9:00 AM – 9:50 AM | Welcome & Opening Remarks<br>Overview of Summit Goals<br>Power of Collaboration and Improving Outcomes for Ohio's Children |
| 9:50 AM – 10:20 AM | DCY Leadership focus on Ohio's landscape; Highlighting DCY's 3 goals; Statewide efforts; Investments, Focusing on both short and long-term goals and next steps. |
| 10:20 AM – 10:35 AM | Networking Activity |
| 10:35 AM – 12:00 PM | Plenary Panel & Showcase: The Power of Together – Local Successes and Personal Stories<br>Facilitated by **Jennifer Bullock**, NBC4 News Columbus |
| | ***(GOAL 1)*** **Maternal & Infant Wellness Reduce the Rate of Infant Mortality**<br><br>Showcasing Queen's Village and hear one woman's journey through loss and healing. |
| | ***(Goal*** **2) Early Care & Education Increase the Percentage of Children Demonstrating Readiness on the KRA**<br><br>Showcasing Kindergarten Readiness Camps and, while it's too early to see the data impact, see and hear the excitement from a few participating schools as they share why this initiative is already making a meaningful difference. |
| | ***(Goal 3)*** **Children Services, Kinship, Foster & Adoption Reduce the Rate of Children Entering Foster Care**<br><br>Showcasing OhioKAN by highlighting one caregiver's journey navigating multiple systems with the support of her Navigator. |
| 12:00 PM-12:30 PM | BREAK and networking; Grab box lunch from foyer; Return to seats |

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| 12:30 PM–1:30 PM | **Maurice Clarett** – Ohio State College Football National Champion, Philanthropist and Entrepreneur**-**Special Guest and Motivational Speaker over lunch.<br><br>Highlighting the importance of setting goals, teamwork, the importance of influential/supportive people, and the power community can play in a child/family's life. |
| 1:30 PM-1:50PM | BREAK – Session concludes for those not registered as member of their county team.<br>COUNTY TEAMS - MOVE TO ASSIGNED BREAKOUT SESSIONS |
| 1:50 PM -4:00 PM | County Teams will be assigned into one of 25 breakout rooms aligned to one of DCY goals based on selected topic at registration.<br><br>County teams will collaborate with their peers to understand state priorities while focusing on the goals and strategies most relevant to their local communities. Teams will learn from one another, share what's working locally, discuss priorities, challenges, and resources, review current data and trends, and determine next steps that strengthen their community-driven plans and support improved local and statewide outcomes.<br><br>The goal is to use this time for communities to use what they have learned and create three to five action steps related to a specific area in their chosen goal. |
| 4:00 PM - 4:15 PM | Wrap up and Complete Evaluation |