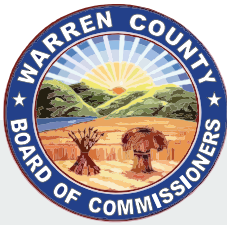


AN UPDATE ON WARREN COUNTY

FROM OUR COUNTY COMMISSIONERS

SUMMER 2021



We are excited to share a few department highlights and news from the county with you! Warren County continues pressing forward in its service to residents, ongoing projects, and community relationships. It has been wonderful to resume many in-person meetings and see events begin filling the calendar again. We eagerly anticipate the road ahead as we come together to offer creative solutions and find opportunities to better serve our county.

A special thank you to each department under our Board, other elected officials, and to all of our partners throughout the community for the work you do to make Warren County a great place to live, work, and raise a family. Please enjoy this update from your County Commissioners and as always, thank you for interest in Warren County!



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SINCLAIR TOUR

Commissioner Grossmann attended the unveiling of Sinclair's new Industrial Maintenance Technology (IMT) lab at their Mason campus. Renovating and expanding the IMT lab allows Sinclair to respond to the higher demand on industrial maintenance jobs right here in Warren County!

Since the Commissioners created the Warren County Scholarship in 2007, \$752,191 has been awarded to date, with a total of 7,394 students impacted!



WARREN COUNTY JOB FAIR

Warren County hosted its first ever job fair! A total of 13 county departments participated in the event and 56 applications were received! So far, staff has interviewed 10 of the interested applicants.

Warren County job opportunities are always listed at www.co.warren.oh.us/Jobs/Default.aspx



For any Warren County businesses interested in participating in an event like this, contact Tom Duffy at OhioMeansJobs Warren County 513-695-2671

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TECHNOLOGY ACCESS PROGRAM

In November, the Commissioners approved a request of \$276,000 in CARES Act funds made by Aaron Reid, CEO of United Way Warren County and Warren County Community Services. These funds were used to create the Technology Access Program (TAP) which provides qualifying Warren County residents with immediate unlimited WIFI through a secure Alcatel Tablet.

To date, TAP has provided over 1,200 tablets in Warren County and is continuing to grow. In addition to meeting basic connection needs for jobs, school, and reaching the elderly population, TAP has also uncovered needs emerging in Telehealth, such as clinical and mental health appointments, probation requirements from court cases, and limited technology access in rural areas of our county.

HOW DOES TAP IMPACT PARTNER ORGANIZATIONS?

WARREN COUNTY CHILDREN SERVICES

The tablets are being utilized by children in foster care to stay connected in school.

KINGS LOCAL SCHOOL DISTRICT

Having tablets available to students, supports a variety of educational demands.

ABUSE & RAPE CRISIS SHELTER (ARCS)

Tablet accessibility meets education and occupational needs for both children and adults served by ARCS.



NACo ANNUAL CONFERENCE

NATIONAL ASSOCIATION OF COUNTIES (NACo)

As an appointed member of NACo's Human Services and Education Committee, Commissioner Shannon Jones actively participates in advocating for county priorities in federal policymaking. Outside of public safety, expenditures related to human services are among the largest parts of county budgets. Commissioner Jones serves on the committee as a trusted expert in making strategic investments for a lifetime of success. Policies that support our youngest children and the families that care for them result in more kids being prepared for school and beyond. Further, this strategic approach is good for the taxpayers and communities too. Research demonstrates a high return on public investment, upwards of 13%. Prioritizing supports for children, like quality childcare and nutrition, especially when they are at their most critical stages of development pays dividends for taxpayers as it decreases costs of special services in the K-12 system, reduces reliance on public assistance later in life, and even reduces costs associated with demands on the criminal justice system. By joining these crucial discussions, Commissioner Jones is not only a voice for Warren County, but is also a driving force behind creating and guiding the framework that builds strong communities throughout Ohio and the country.

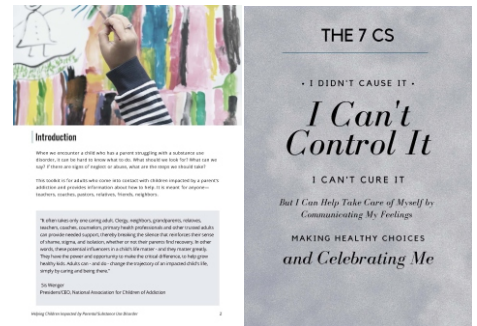


The Annual Conference served as a time to connect with elected and appointed officials across the country and learn about the innovative work taking place in county government. Lauren Cavanaugh, Director of Job and Family Services, and Susan Walther, Director of Children Services were also in attendance.

COMMISSIONER DEPARTMENT SPOTLIGHTS

1 WARREN COUNTY GRANTS ADMINISTRATION IN PARTNERSHIP WITH THE ADDICTION POLICY FORUM

Warren County recently launched a toolkit for adults to help children affected by parental substance abuse. This comes in response to the Warren County Blueprint released by the Addiction Policy Forum, and continues the work of combating the immediate and long-term effects of substance use disorders, opioid addiction, and overdose deaths.



ACCESS THE TOOLKIT AT

www.co.warren.oh.us/HelpForAddiction/Default.aspx



2 #SPREADTHEJOY WARREN COUNTY CHILDREN SERVICES

Children Services spent their summer hosting PB&J Days throughout all of Warren County! Each child received a loaf of bread, jar of peanut butter & jelly, and a brand new age-appropriate book. Project leader, Misty Treadway, also teamed up with the Warren County Parks Nature Program to **#spreadthejoy** during their tech-free Tuesday camps!

603 jars of peanut butter & jelly were collected
445 jars were donated by Warren County employees
OVER 800 books were given away
380 peanut butter & jelly bags were distributed!



COMMISSION LEADERSHIP IN 2021

This year Commissioner Dave Young was sworn in as President of the Board, and Commissioner Tom Grossmann will serve as its Vice President.

Commissioner Shannon Jones was appointed to the CCAO Board and NACo Human Services & Education Committee



The Warren County Board of Commissioners meets on most Tuesdays at 9:00 AM and on the 2nd and 4th Thursday of each month, as needed.

Meetings are held in the county administration building and live streamed to www.youtube.com/channel/UC1ELh0jGpXd4V [V2DTgsuqPA](https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=V2DTgsuqPA)

Stay connected with us. We value our relationships with our residents, businesses, community organizations and our elected officials. Contact us with your input, questions or concerns.

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