



## Let's work together to prevent childhood obesity!

#### What is Ohio Healthy Program?

Ohio Healthy Program is a voluntary, statewide designation for early care and education programs in the State of Ohio.

- Up to 15 Ohio approved professional development hours
- Training for staff on healthy habits, menus, and policies
- Technical assistance (in-person and remote) on policies, menu changes, family engagement, and submitting the application
- Includes \$500 (or \$250 for renewal) in incentives to support physical activity and nutritional programming within the early care and learning setting.



## Ohio Healthy Program makes a difference

Accomplishments between 2015-2019

Serving early care and education programs in Cuyahoga County



Trained over 1,200 professionals





Supported

8,240

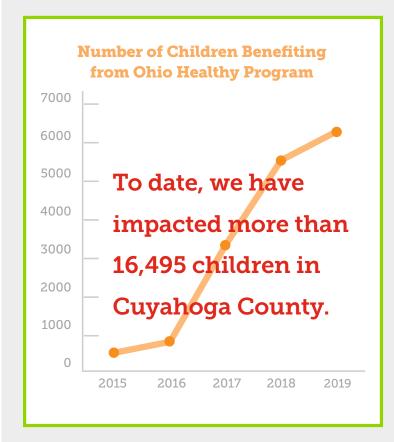
family
engagement
activities

Technical assistance occurred at 317 sites

Delivered
1,500
technical
assistance
interactions

Engaged
13,378
families

### Our Impact



#### **Overall Policy Change**

Since 2015 there have been:

1,227

policy changes, an average of 5.5 policies per site

- Policies related to nutrition were the most prevalent
- This includes policies related to healthy menus and beverages

#### **Nutrition Subcategories**

3

of these nutrition policy changes are in the subcategory of healthy menus and an average of 1 policy surrounding healthy beverages.

#### **Overall Nutrition**

857

nutrition policies changes, an average of 4 per site

#### Results of Policy Changes = NEW Menu Standards

#### **Adding Healthy Options**

Access to whole fruit has increased by 1 serving per week.



Access to nonfried vegetables has been increased by 0.5 serving per week.



Access to whole grains increased by an average of 2.5 servings per week.



#### **Decreasing Unhealthy Options**

Access to fried foods have decreased by an average of 1 serving per week.



100% juice servings have decreased by approximately 6 servings per week!



The amount of sweetened cereals, highly processed meats, and sugar dense carbohydrates have decreased to almost 0 servings per week.





### **Become part of Ohio Healthy Program**

# Advocate for Ohio Healthy Program!

Promote the designation through your network of early care and education professionals.



#### Look for Ohio Healthy Program!

Make Ohio Healthy
Program a part of your
child care decision.
Let your childcare
provider know that
you support the
designation.



#### Join Ohio Healthy Program!

Be part of Early Ages Healthy Stages and help us in our efforts to integrate Ohio Health Program as part of Ohio's state standards.



Learn more at:
www.earlyageshealthystages.org



#### Support Ohio Healthy Program!

Healthy children are better learners. Additional funding can broaden the impact of the program.



#### Get designated as Ohio Healthy Program!

Receive technical assistance on policies, menu changes, and family engagement support.



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