

AN UPDATE ON WARREN COUNTY

FROM OUR COUNTY COMMISSIONERS

SUMMER 2020



We know that the realities of our circumstances are still unfolding, and the full impact of the COVID-19 pandemic has not yet been revealed. We grieve with those who have lost their loved ones from this virus and for those who have suffered illness. Our hearts are with the families and individuals who have lost their main sources of income, the elderly who have become isolated and the children and parents who are transitioning into an unfamiliar school year. In all this uncertainty, where we know only enough for each moment, we have seen great things happen as well.

Generosity has flourished among our local partners and residents. Whether it be donating masks or shopping for essential items to be distributed to at-risk seniors, you have set the standard of what it looks like to take care of your neighbors. As we continue on a path forward, we will witness an undeniable resilience in Warren County. The challenges ahead are not taken lightly. We know that they are real and fast-approaching. As your county commissioners, we will continue to lead with our eyes and hearts open to the varying concerns facing our community.



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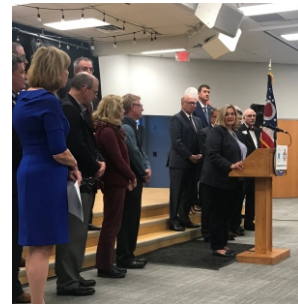


Progress Report:
New County Jail &
Sheriff's Office

WARREN COUNTY IMAGINATION LIBRARY

“Every Child Reads Everyday”

In November 2019, Commissioner Shannon Jones set the early discussions of the Ohio Governor’s Imagination Library in motion among Warren County leaders. Gaining ground through the investments of the Warren County Foundation, our local schools and the five library districts, the Warren County Imagination Library officially launched on March 10, 2020! First Lady, Fran DeWine, joined local leaders in celebrating the beginnings of this generational change for our county.



Giving the gift of early childhood literacy will set a child up for success.



Reading with Fran DeWine!



Children can be registered at www.ohioimaginationlibrary.org/enroll to receive a free book each month from birth to age five.



C.A.R.E.

Child Assessment & Response Evaluation

In June 2019, the county commissioners initiated the C.A.R.E. Project, based upon the release of the Warren County Blueprint by the Addiction Policy Forum in 2018. Targeting the effects of the opioid epidemic, C.A.R.E. emerged as a collaborative rapid response program for children on the scene of a substance overdose by a parent or loved one. Not only does C.A.R.E. identify children in need of assistance, but also seeks to develop family-centered plans to address them. By investing in the most vulnerable, meeting them where they are, we can cultivate resiliency in our communities.

Who’s Involved?

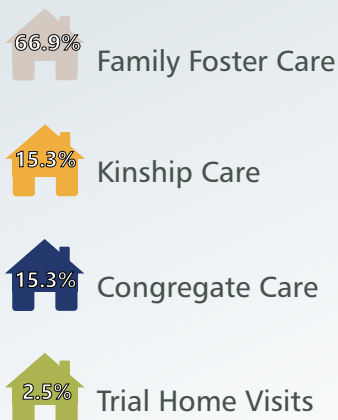
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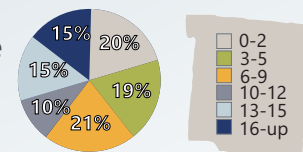
WARREN COUNTY CHILDREN SERVICES

164 children in custody as of January 2020

PLACEMENTS



AGE GROUPS



AVERAGE TIME SPENT IN FOSTER CARE



PROBATE-JUVENILE COURT EXPANSION

County Commissioners Applaud Completion of its Probate-Juvenile Court Expansion

This 15,000 square feet of new courtrooms, meeting rooms and classrooms was long overdue. The project also allowed for renovations in other existing areas of the building, making it more efficient for those who utilize the service.



PROGRESS ON WARREN COUNTY'S

NEW JAIL & SHERIFF'S OFFICE



Our new jail and sheriff's office is taking shape! The foundation has been laid, walls are going up, and while COVID-19 resulted in some unforeseeable interruptions, the commissioners remain committed to bringing this project to completion in a timely manner and within the approved budget.

YOUR TAX DOLLARS AT WORK

A Quick-Look Summary of the \$77,426,191
Warren County General Fund Budget

The Warren County Fairgrounds Event Center has officially opened!



Commissioner Shannon Jones as the keynote speaker during the Springboro Chamber Networking Event.

COMMISSION LEADERSHIP IN 2020

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.

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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