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FISCAL YEAR 2019
Annual Report

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Introducing our new President and CEO

Dear friends of The Buckeye Ranch,

As I settle into this new role, I am excited to be a part of a long-term commitment to serving the community through strengthening families. I am especially grateful to see the critical role that women have played in the history of The Ranch, a history whose trajectory is a foundational stone in Central Ohio. A campus that originally served 10 boys has grown into a continuum of care with impact being felt across the entire state, serving over 5,000 children and their families every year. Since our founding in 1961, we have emerged as a national leader in the treatment of emotionally, mentally and behaviorally challenged youth. We strengthen our foundation of commitment to children by recognizing that family is the single most influential force within their lives. Every day I am moved by the success stories of our youth and the heart of our team members who help them heal and reach their potential. I invite you to learn more about our work and contribute to our vision through a gift. Support like yours helps thousands of children and families find hope and healing every year, allowing them to grow and engage with our community in a meaningful way.

Yours,



Vickie Thompson-Sandy
President and CEO
The Buckeye Ranch

This annual report includes information regarding our current services and recaps our financial information for the period beginning July 1, 2018 and ending June 30, 2019 (Fiscal Year 2019).



Our Work. Our Values.

The common thread throughout our services at The Buckeye Ranch is our commitment to family centered, culturally competent, and strengths focused treatment. As we partner with families, the specific services may change, but our focus on strengths and resilience remains. We recognize the unique experience of our families and meet children where they are, tailoring treatment to their needs. We believe that for a child to be successful, the family must be at the table, whatever family may look like for that child, be it foster parents, birth parents or kinship caregivers. Many of our families have been challenged by seemingly insurmountable adversity but come to us with tremendous resilience. Our trauma informed approach allows us to identify and reinforce those strengths and enhance resilience needed to set in motion lasting change for children and families.



1 in 2

youth in America with major depression do not receive treatment**



91% of funding goes directly to programs



2,181

youth received mental health services at The Buckeye Ranch



1 in 5

adults in America have unmet need for mental health treatment**

**The State of Mental Health in America, 2020

What your gift becomes

- \$25** school supplies for a child
- \$50** new sheets and comforter for youth in Residential
- \$75** baby supplies for a young parent at My Place
- \$100** a weighted blanket to bring a child comfort from anxiety
- \$250** laptop for a high school student
- \$500** house gift for the Residential youth
- \$1,000** foster family group activity (skate party, pumpkin patch)



How to support our mission

- Make a donation at www.buckeyeranch.org/makeadonation.html or payable to The Buckeye Ranch Foundation at 5665 Hoover Road Grove City, Ohio 43123
- Volunteer with us, contact us at prichter@buckeyeranch.org
- Join our mailing list <https://tinyurl.com/buckeyeranch>



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Foster Care

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YOUTH SUPPORTED

The Buckeye Ranch Foster Care (TBRFC) is a network of foster homes that provide care to children and youth who are unable to live with their primary families. Our network of foster homes and professional staff are trained to utilize a Trauma-Informed approach. We strive to provide security, stability, and support to our youth in foster care. We serve children from birth through 21 years of age and have 240 foster homes across the state of Ohio – this year licensing our highest number of foster homes in our history. Our program provides dual licensure for families to become foster or foster-to-adopt parents. In addition to foster care, our continuum of care extends from supportive respite services and crisis stabilization, to assisting counties with Kinship Adoption Certificates and inter-state permanency for youth.

Our program is committed to ensuring the well-being and stability of children in our care. Our goal is to encourage and support children so they can successfully reunify with their families. When reunification is not possible, The Buckeye Ranch is committed to supporting permanency for children through adoption. We also support our older youth as they transition from foster care to independence.

- Over 1,000 hours of parent education classes
- 53 new foster homes licensed
- 30 found permanency through adoption
- 130 children reunified



Transitioning to Independence

107

YOUNG ADULTS SERVED

The Buckeye Ranch serves Transitional Age Youth (TAY) throughout our continuum of care in various programs. These youth have a unique set of needs as they prepare to transition from care into adulthood.

My Place

One unique TAY program, My Place, is designed to help young adults who are transitioning from foster care, residential, and group homes but are not ready to live completely on their own. This program provides housing and services to young men and women, ages 16 through 21 who are ready to work towards independence. Located on the East side of Columbus, My Place consists of 15 fully furnished one-bedroom apartments and community spaces. Staff is always present to provide support and guidance throughout their stay. Young adults receive case management services to work toward individualized goals such as employment and educational attainment. The My Place program specializes in working with young ladies who are pregnant and parenting.


Bridges

The Buckeye Ranch is also home to one of the State's largest Bridges teams. Bridges is a voluntary, statewide program available to young adults who left custody at ages 18, 19 or 20 and who are in school, working, participating in an employment program, or have a medical condition that prevents them from going to school or working. The program provides guidance, case management and financial assistance as they transition to adulthood.

In fiscal year 2019 our Bridges team has grown significantly. The Buckeye Ranch is one of the State's most experienced Bridges providers. Our many years of experience working with the TAY population has set us up for success as providers in the Bridges program. We have been heavily involved in implementing the Bridges program throughout the State as well as assisting with training collateral agencies.




95% of young adults at My Place found permanent housing



80% gained or maintained gainful employment

Permanent Family Solutions Network

With a focus on the value of the family and its role in the well-being of children, specialists in the Permanent Family Solutions Network (PFSN) work to reduce tensions and strengthen bonds between family members.

PFSN recognizes the most valuable resources for children are found within the family, neighborhood and community.

PFSN assists these families with concerns of abuse, neglect, dependency, and unruly or delinquent behaviors. PFSN is an innovative child welfare program that strives to meet the needs of each family through case management, referrals to the myriad of Ranch programs and, if needed, referrals to other agencies. Fast access and collaboration between internal programs benefits the families served and assists in keeping families together. Our specialists work to alleviate problems, strengthen bonds, and maintain families together whenever possible.

2,069 YOUTH SUPPORTED

1,054 FAMILIES SUPPORTED

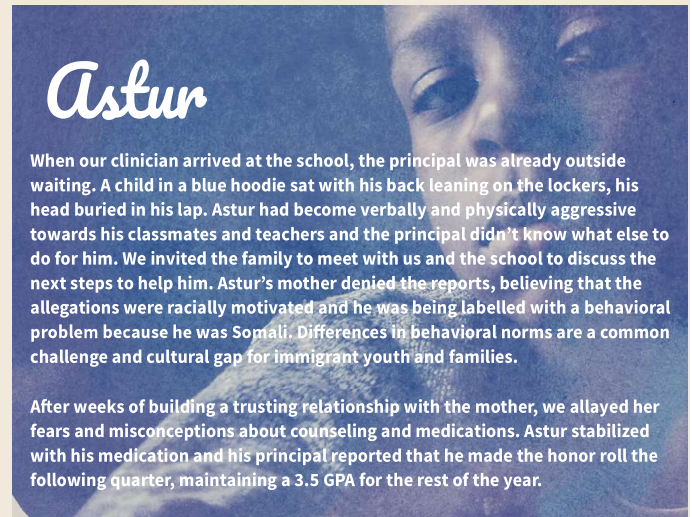


When his brother was 2 years old, Dylan held him over the second floor balcony of the family home and threatened to drop him. Dylan bounced from different counselors for most of his life and nothing was helping. Rather than just supporting Dylan, our team came into the home to help Dylan's family learn new ways of responding to his behaviors and communicating with one another. To support him, they utilized the crisis line and our staff taught them how to respond in crisis situations. Dylan and his family's day to day life looks very different now, thanks to their support from The Buckeye Ranch.

Supporting Our Somali Community

Somali programming provides culturally specific services. Through the use of Somali-speaking interpreters and trained staff, we provide support for Somali youth and families struggling with symptoms related to loss, trauma and resettlement, as well as issues common to the process of merging two or more cultures. This program also connects Somali families to community resources specific to their needs.

71 SOMALI YOUTH SUPPORTED



When our clinician arrived at the school, the principal was already outside waiting. A child in a blue hoodie sat with his back leaning on the lockers, his head buried in his lap. Astur had become verbally and physically aggressive towards his classmates and teachers and the principal didn't know what else to do for him. We invited the family to meet with us and the school to discuss the next steps to help him. Astur's mother denied the reports, believing that the allegations were racially motivated and he was being labelled with a behavioral problem because he was Somali. Differences in behavioral norms are a common challenge and cultural gap for immigrant youth and families.

After weeks of building a trusting relationship with the mother, we allayed her fears and misconceptions about counseling and medications. Astur stabilized with his medication and his principal reported that he made the honor roll the following quarter, maintaining a 3.5 GPA for the rest of the year.

Home Based Services

At The Buckeye Ranch, we believe all families have strengths and each member of the family plays an integral role in treatment and growth. We recognize that each child's needs are unique and therefore require a crafted approach. Our home-based clinical programs are designed to meet families where they are and work with them to reduce concerning behaviors, while helping children and families meet their own unique goals. This trauma informed, family-centered care utilizes evidence-informed and evidence-based treatment along with a full community-based continuum of care.

1,054 YOUTH AND FAMILIES SUPPORTED

Our commitment to the community

We are proud to support **The Buckeye Ranch** in its mission to restore hope and provide healing for children and families.

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Congratulations to The Buckeye Ranch for all they've done to make the world a better place.

Day Treatment at The Bonner Academies

126 YOUTH SUPPORTED

Recently merged onto one campus at our West Broad location, The Bonner Academies integrate education and intensive mental health treatment for elementary, middle and high school students with behavioral and psychological disorders. To reduce barriers to academic learning, students learn to manage symptoms and increase their level of functioning and stability so that they may return to their home school district. This therapeutically supportive program focuses on both behavioral and academic goals, building upon the students' existing strengths. Due to the high acuity of student behaviors, we provide 24-hour mental health crisis services to support families and youth. Students can receive transition services as they return to their home school district so that they maintain their newly acquired skills and are set up for success. In addition, the summer program bridges learning and therapeutic gains from one academic year to the next with recreation, outdoor adventures and continued therapies.



Holding space to heal

Abandoned by her mother and physically and sexually abused by her mother's boyfriend, Morgan began having suicidal thoughts and feelings of hopelessness prior to the 6th grade. Due to her history of abuse, Morgan suffers from insomnia, anxiety when near men, and experiences panic attacks paired with hearing voices. Fights with classmates and suspensions became frequent. As her depressive behaviors worsened, she was hospitalized twice for suicidal ideation.

Morgan came to us after her initial treatment and school setting proved unequipped to support the complexity of her circumstance. Being placed in our day treatment program at The Bonner Academies has provided Morgan with the space to begin to heal and progress in a way that a traditional school setting could not provide. She has learned to control her anger, remained out of the hospital, her grades have improved, and symptoms of depression and anxiety have dropped. She is happy to share she can't remember the last time she thought about hurting herself and will be returning to her home school district in the next month.

Residential

241 YOUTH SUPPORTED

The Buckeye Ranch's Residential Program is a 90 bed secured treatment facility that supports youth ages 10-17 with serious mental health needs, behavioral challenges, and substance abuse issues. A plethora of services is available to all youth including weekly individual counseling sessions, group therapy, adventure therapy, psychiatric services, animal-assisted therapy, music and art therapy, a variety of evidence based interventions, family counseling and more. Our trauma-informed treatment approach drives our commitment to preserving family relationships. We believe maintaining these bonds is crucial to the success of the child's transition back into the community. On-site schooling is provided to all youth from South-Western City Schools to continue their education while receiving treatment.

In fiscal year 2019, the Residential program received 1,216 referrals from 61 counties and entities.

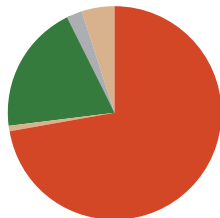
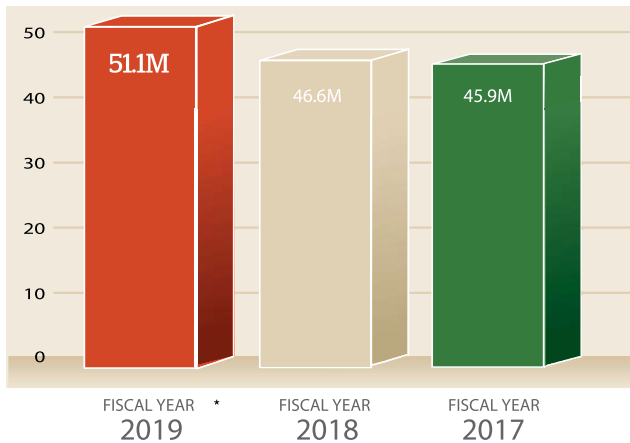
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-Residential youth

Facts and Figures

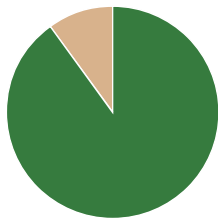
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3-Year Revenue History (in millions)



Revenue

Service Fees	\$36,466,523
ADAMH	\$864,195
Medicaid	\$10,268,094
United Way	\$31,351
Investment Return	\$1,622,498
Contributions/Other	\$1,900,294
Total Revenue	\$51,152,955



Expenses

Program & Services	\$44,366,946
Administration	\$5,125,506
Total Expenses	\$49,492,452

*Unaudited financial data for FY2019.

Program	Number Served
PFSN (Permanent Family Solutions Network)	2,069 children
Foster Care	563 children
Residential	241 children
Bonner Academies	126 children
Home Based	1,554 children
• Somali	71
• Outpatient	520
• Community-based	795
• Functional Family Therapy	100
• Multi Systemic Therapy	68
Common Ground	308 children
Transitional Age Programs	107 young adults
Admissions and Engagement	1,056 children
Medication Management	1,539 children
TOTAL	5,018 children*

* Total when factoring out children served in more than one program.

Partnerships

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Ohio Department of Job and Family Services
 Ohio MHAS Mental Health Certification
 Ohio MHAS Certification to operate an Alcohol and Drug Addiction Program
 Ohio MHAS License to operate a Residential Facility
 Accredited by the Joint Commission of Behavioral Health Care
 NMT certified organization
 Integrated Family and Systems Treatment (IFAST)
 MHAS Promoting wellness and recovery
 Department of Job and Family Services

Other Partnerships:

NAMI Ohio
 ADAMH Board of Franklin County Ohio
 Association of Child Caring Agencies
 The Ohio Council



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