

# Hamilton County, Ohio

## 2010 Performance Dashboard



- Investing in Economic Development
- Protecting At Risk Populations
- Strong Financial Management
- Enhancing Criminal Justice / Public Safety

1.	<p><i>“Long-term, the only way we’re going to solve our budget problem is through strategic economic and job growth, which will also lead to an increase in County revenues.”</i></p>
a.	<p>Facilitate business investment in excess of \$50 million.</p> <p>Progress: Through tools such as Enterprise Zones, CRA’s, landing programs, TIFs, Job Creation Tax Credits, and individual contacts, the County, through the Hamilton County Development Company has facilitated new business investment of over \$520 million since January 2010.</p>
b.	<p>Create 1,000 new jobs through demonstrable County activity.</p> <p>Progress: Through the activity described above, the County has facilitated the creation of over 2,400 jobs and the retention of over 5,700 jobs in Hamilton County. Creation of an additional 160 jobs and retention of over 300 are possible due to projects currently in the proposal stages.</p>
2.	<p><i>“Unprecedented funding challenges have forced the Department of Job and Family Services to create new ways of meeting mandates in all programs, including child welfare, where it is experiencing some of the more complex and severe abuse cases in its history. Complex cases result in long and costly foster care stays, leaving children in limbo, without a permanent resolution. The challenge for both the fiscal health of the agency and the safety and permanency of the children is to reduce the county’s abuse rate and the number of children in foster care.”</i></p>
a.	<p>Reduce the number of older youth (ages 15 to 18) in JFS custody by 12% through positive, permanent outcomes, such as adoption or reunification with safe, stable families. Currently, 77 children in custody fall in this age range. Last year, the number of older children in custody was reduced by 6.6%.</p> <p>Progress: The agency has reduced the number of youth aged 15-18 in permanent custody by 4% during the first 6 months of 2010. This age group represents 9.5% of the total number of finalized adoptions, which is an improvement from 6.6% in 2009.</p>
b.	<p>Reduce by 10% the percentage of children who die from substantiated abuse by the mother’s partner, a non-biological parent of the child. The rate of such abuse currently stands at 35% -- six of 17 abuse deaths in the past five years – which is 20% above the national average and 7% above the state average.</p> <p>Progress: Eight (8) child deaths have occurred between 01/01/10-06/30/10. Two were a result of physical abuse by the mother’s boyfriend (or guardian’s partner). The rate of such abuse for 2010 is 25% which is a reduction of 10%.</p>
3.	<p><i>“The County has managed through several difficult budget processes during this prolonged recession. To ensure the County emerges in a strong financial position, significant capital projects must remain on schedule and within budget and regular budget monitoring should continue.”</i></p>
a.	<p>Complete Phase I public improvements for the Banks Riverfront Redevelopment project under budget and on schedule.</p> <p>Progress: The Phase IA intermodal transit facility was completed in June 2010 on-time and under budget. Phase IIA work continues on the Mehring Way re-alignment and the street grid and intermodal transit facility west of the</p>

	Freedom Center.
<b>b.</b>	Maintain schedule compliance and budget for the Wet Weather Program within the Metropolitan Sewer District.
<b>c.</b>	Maintain 2010 general fund expenditures within 0.5% of originally appropriated funding level. Progress: Based on financial activity through May 30, 2010, projected net general fund expenditures will remain within the 2010 approved budget. Please see the County website for the monthly budget projection reports.
<b>d.</b>	Resolve Special Audit within the Job and Family Services Department Progress: Negotiations between the Hamilton County Prosecutor's office and the State continue. The U.S. Department of Health and Human Services is studying possible resolutions.
<b>4.</b>	<i>"The efforts of the Criminal Justice Commission have resulted in a number of program initiatives to manage a limited amount of jail space. After three years of innovations and reform, the criminal justice system would benefit from a comprehensive listing of options and an updated projection on detention facility needs."</i>
<b>a.</b>	Catalogue and develop schematic diagram of current jail division and jail space management programs Progress: The update of the process map prepared by the Vera Institute in 2007 is being updated.
<b>b.</b>	Develop updated detention facility needs projection Progress: Reporting mechanisms have been developed concerning early releases, deferred sentences and process only arrests. Early results indicate a dramatic increase in these jail population mitigation efforts that are largely due to the closure of the Queensgate Correctional Facility in December 2008. Additionally, a review of capital maintenance requirements for the Justice Center is underway.