

### **Crisis Stabilization Funding for Children**

- The Governor is committed to improving care coordination and providing support for families with children in crisis who present a risk to themselves, their families, or others because of a mental illness or a developmental disability.
- Proper care coordination and targeted crisis intervention services can quickly stabilize a child's health and allow for the development and implementation of a long-term plan for success. Support for these families will reduce risk of harm and help the family to remain together as a unit, rather than resort to out-of-home placement.
- Governor Kasich has committed an additional \$5 million to develop targeted strategies to stabilize children in crisis who have intensive needs. Mental Health Director Tracy Plouck and Developmental Disabilities Director John Martin will take the lead on working with families and other stakeholders to develop best practices and implement programming that will help children and their families live healthy and happy lives.
- The source of these funds is the Children's Health Insurance Program Reauthorization Act (CHIPRA) awards that Ohio has received for enrolling and retaining eligible children in Medicaid. More information on other CHIPRA-funded projects—including a mental health and substance abuse crisis stabilization program in Cleveland—can be found here: [http://www.healthtransformation.ohio.gov/LinkClick.aspx?fileticket=H\\_pcojHFFoY%3d&tabid=136](http://www.healthtransformation.ohio.gov/LinkClick.aspx?fileticket=H_pcojHFFoY%3d&tabid=136)