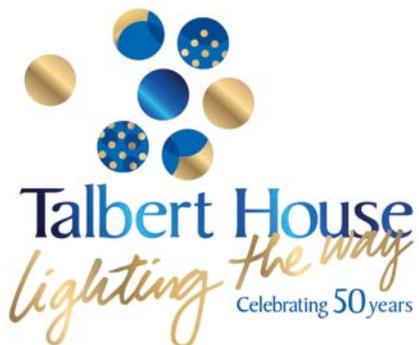


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Council on Child Abuse Joins Talbert House Affiliation

Subsidiary will strengthen services to children and families

CINCINNATI— On October 30, 2015, the Board of Trustees of Council on Child Abuse (COCA) voted to formally approve an affiliation in which COCA will become a subsidiary of Talbert House. The Talbert House Board of Trustees voted its approval at an earlier meeting.

COCA provides educational and public awareness programs to prevent and stop child abuse and bullying. Talbert House has a full range of prevention and treatment services for youth coping with mental health and substance use issues. The establishment of this key strategic alliance between the two agencies will enhance the prevention services provided to schools and families across Southwest Ohio.

The affiliation is effective immediately. Eve Pearl, who has been with COCA for 35 years, will remain its executive director along with all 10 employees of the organization.

“This affiliation is the result of a thorough evaluation of the organization that included an assessment of how to best continue to serve the needs of children and their families where they live, learn and play. We were looking for new ways of doing business, a strong partnership and the continuation of our high quality services”, said Pearl.

The subsidiary relationship provides access to shared administrative services that enables the affiliate organizations to better support their missions. “We are very pleased COCA has joined our affiliation,” said Neil Tilow, president and CEO of Talbert House. “Together we will improve the outcomes for children, their families, schools and our community.”

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Talbert House is a community-wide nonprofit that operates within five service lines: Adult Behavioral Health, Community Care, Court and Corrections, Housing, and Youth Behavioral Health. Children, adults and families benefit from these proven services. Each year, Talbert House serves almost 37,500 clients face to face and an additional 28,000 are reached through prevention services throughout Greater Cincinnati. The Talbert House mission has two basic purposes: to improve social behavior and enhance personal recovery and growth.