

The Purposes of PTA

- To promote the welfare of children and youth in home, school, community, and place of worship
- To raise the standards of home life
- To secure adequate laws for the care and protection of children and youth
- To bring into closer relation the home and the school, that parents and teachers may cooperate intelligently in the education of children and youth
- To develop between educators and the general public such united efforts as will secure for all children and youth the highest advantages in physical, mental, social and spiritual education.

The Mission of PTA

- To support and speak on behalf of children and youth in the schools, in the community, and before governmental bodies and other organizations that make decisions affecting children and youth; and (child advocacy)
- To assist parents in developing the skills they need to raise and protect their children; and (parent education)
- To encourage parent and public involvement in the public schools of this nation (support of public schools)

Ohio
PTA[®]

everychild.one voice.

Who we are - and What we do

40 Northwoods Boulevard
Columbus, Ohio 43235
Phone: 614-781-6344
Fax: 614-781-6349
Email: office@ohiopta.org
www.ohiopta.org
10/07

Who we are -

Ohio
PTA[®]

everychild.one voice.

What we do -



WHO WE ARE

The Ohio PTA was organized in 1901 as a branch of what was then called the Mother's Congress which was organized to promote the health, welfare, education and safety of children and youth.

Membership in the PTA is open to all who subscribe to the purposes of the organization.

We are moms, dads, grandparents, students, teachers, principals, school administrators and other citizens interested in our mission. In Ohio we are 125,000 members strong.



As part of the National PTA, Ohio is part of the six million members who have joined together across this nation, in Europe, the Virgin Islands and the Pacific rim.

We are the volunteers who assist in the schools, contributing more than one million volunteer hours annually on behalf of PTA. We are the volunteers who monitor legislation that affects children and youth.

WHAT WE DO

PROGRAMS:

- **Reflections**— This Cultural Arts Program provides students an opportunity to use their creative talents to support a specific theme.
- **Scholarship**—Ohio PTA's Memorial Scholarship program has provided funds to thousands of young people since its inception in 1946.
- **Building Successful Partnerships**— This a program that uses National Standards for Parent/Family Involvement to promote meaningful participation in schools.
- **Gold Key Award**—This is a program to provide leadership skills to all members and to identify members with a willingness to serve Ohio PTA in a meaningful and informed manner. Members earn this award as they build their individual leadership skills.
- **Advocacy Award**—This award recognizes PTA leaders who become true advocates for children.
- **Other Award Programs**—There are many other awards and projects for units

Leadership Training

The Ohio PTA Board of Directors provides leadership training and workshops. A unit may request a training in leadership for offices which they hold or on topics of need. Workshops may include information on changes in education today's world. Free and upon request a unit may make a request.

Samples are:

- Leadership:
 - Presidents
 - Secretaries
 - Treasurers
- Training
 - Advocacy
 - Parent Involvement
 - Critical TV viewing
 - Helping Your Child Succeed
- Workshops
 - Academic Content Standards
 - Assessment and Diagnostic Testing
 - No Child Left behind



Communication

The Ohio PTA web site www.ohiopta.org keeps members informed of the latest happenings in PTA. Eight times a year, Ohio PTA's *The News* is published which contains legislative updates and informative resources members can use. The multiple listserves provide a means of sharing urgent communications.

