

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.
- To advocate for fiscal responsibility regarding public tax dollars in public education funding

The Mission of PTA

- The overall purpose of PTA is to make every child's potential a reality by empowering families and communities to advocate for all children.
PTA is...
- A powerful voice for all children
- A relevant resource for families and communities
- A strong advocate for the education and well being of every child.

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Who We Are - and What We Do

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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 over 50,000 members strong.

As an affiliate of the National PTA, Ohio is part of the nearly five million members who have joined together across this nation, in Europe, the Virgin Islands, Puerto Rico 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.
- **School of Excellence**— This a program that uses National Standards for Parent/Family Involvement to promote meaningful participation in schools.
- **Gold Key Leadership 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 or council may request training in leadership for offices which they hold or on topics of need. Workshops may include information on changes in education in today's world. Free and upon request, a unit or council may make an inquiry.

Examples are:

- Leadership:
 - Presidents
 - Secretaries
 - Treasurers
- Training:
 - Advocacy
 - Parent Involvement
 - Bylaws
- Workshops:
 - Financial Review and Budgets
 - Meeting with Decision Makers
 - Cultural Competency
 - Diversity and Inclusion

COMMUNICATION

The Ohio PTA website, www.ohiopta.org, keeps members informed of the latest happenings in PTA. Eight times a year, Ohio PTA's *The Voice* is published, which contains legislative updates and informative resources members can use. The multiple listservs provide a means of sharing urgent communications. Ohio PTA is also on Facebook and Twitter.