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EMBARGOED: The Center for Community Solutions Releases Ohio District Profiles

Data on Demographic, Health, and Social Indicators for Ohio's State Legislative Districts

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[Cleveland, OH] The Center for Community Solutions (CCS) will release for the first time detailed profiles of all state Senate and House districts in Ohio on Thursday, February 23. Much of the data in the profiles come from the American Community Survey, and this is the first time the data have been compiled at the state district level, showing that issues related to health and human services touch every district in Ohio. The profiles include basic demographic information about each district, as well as data on employment and income, poverty, education, housing, and health. For example, they include the number of persons enrolled in Medicaid, the number eligible to receive assistance from a food bank, and teen birth rates.

"State budget proceedings are underway, and legislators are considering many issues that are reflected in the profiles, including poverty, Medicaid, and infant mortality," stated **John Corlett**, CCS president and executive director. "The data offer valuable insight to every legislator on how these issues are affecting their constituents."

The profiles confirm that wide differences exist in Ohio when it comes to health, social, and economic wellbeing. While the median poverty rate for House districts is 14 percent, in many districts, both rural and urban, more than one in four people live in poverty. In 18 House districts around the state, more than 10 percent of babies are born with low birth weight, which is a risk factor for infant mortality. While the rate of people without health insurance coverage in the state (9.7 percent) has dropped significantly since the implementation of the Affordable Care Act, several districts still have high uninsured rates, up to 20 percent.

The Center for Community Solutions will hold a media event on Thursday, February 23, to officially release the profiles. The event will be held in the Ladies Gallery of the Statehouse at 10:30 a.m. Limited printed copies of the profiles will be available at the event, but the complete set will be available at <http://www.communitysolutions.com/Districts>.

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