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2010 was a very productive year for The Leave No Child Inside Central Ohio Collaborative. Following is a review of the accomplishments of the Collaborative in 2010.

### Membership Development:

1. Several new organizations joined the LNCI-COC including
  - a. Children's Hospital
  - b. earthtouch
  - c. Worthington Linworth Kiwanis
  - d. Cuyahoga Valley National Park
  - e. Ohio Chapter, American Academy of Pediatrics
2. Several new individual members joined the LNCI-COC

### Professional Development:

Jenny Morgan attended presentation and discussion on children and nature and early education facilitated by Dr. Ruth Wilson. This was organized by Action for children

### Technological Development:

1. The LNCI-COC purchased Webex capabilities and hosted multiple conference calls with collaborative organizations.
2. LNCI-Ohio created an educational Webinar

### Collaborations:

1. The LNCI-COC was asked to be a member of the Mayor's Green Spot advisory Team
2. The LNCI-COC continued its work with the Environmental Literacy Planning Team
3. Jenny Morgan was chosen as a team member by Action for Children to attend the World Forum on Children and Nature. Here Jenny helped launch the Central Ohio Natural Playscape Initiative, an initiative to bring more natural play and learning spaces to central Ohio. This initiative is a collaboration between Leave No Child Inside Central Ohio Collaborative, Action for Children, Urban Wild, The Mary Evans Childhood Development Center and Franklin County Board of Developmental Disabilities.
4. The LNCI-COC promotional/educational DVD was utilized by fellow LNCI Collaboratives from around the state of Ohio to further the LNCI message in their communities.
5. Held meetings with Dr. Wendy Anderson, a doctor from Children's Hospital, to develop strategies to encourage and inspire the medical community to integrate the LNCI message
6. Organized and hosted an April leadership conference comprised of governmental and non-governmental central Ohio leaders. This group brainstormed future actions to reconnect more Ohio children with nature.
7. Jenny Morgan teamed up with ODNR for their children and nature PSA.
8. Jenny joins the team at CSG to transform the playground at the Program for Young Children from a traditional playground into a natural play/learning space.

# Ohio Children's Outdoor BILL of RIGHTS



As the future citizens and leaders of Ohio, a state uniquely rich in natural resources, our children are entitled to:

1. BE PHYSICALLY ACTIVE AND PLAY OUTSIDE EVERY DAY TO GROW UP HEALTHY.
2. HAVE ACCESS TO SAFE, NATURAL GREEN SPACES IN THEIR COMMUNITY.
3. CONNECT WITH NATURE, WITH FREE TIME TO EXPLORE THE OUTDOORS.
4. DISCOVER THE WONDERS OF PLANTS AND ANIMALS, LARGE AND SMALL, USING ALL FIVE SENSES.
5. EXPLORE THE DIVERSITY OF OHIO'S NATURAL HABITATS.
6. UNDERSTAND THE PATTERNS AND CYCLES IN NATURE.
7. EXPERIENCE THE JOYS OF SPLASHING, PLAYING AND SWIMMING IN SAFE, CLEAN LAKES AND STREAMS.
8. BE FULLY IMMERSED IN NATURE BY CAMPING OVERNIGHT, FREE OF THE DISTRACTION OF ELECTRONICS.
9. LEARN HOW TO GIVE BACK TO NATURE.

To read the rights in their entirety, please visit Leave No Child Inside at [www.OhioLNCI.org](http://www.OhioLNCI.org)

10. Teaming up with Save Camps to preserve traditional nature camps in and beyond Ohio
11. On the team to develop the Franklin County Physical Activity Plan

## Educational/Awareness:

1. Keynote at the Ohio Wildlife Rehabilitation Conference
2. Presented at Ohio Parks and Recreation annual gathering
3. Presented at the Franklin Park Conservatory Community Garden group
4. Part of the “Go Outside to Play, Garden and Walk” event in coordination with Walk with a Doc.
5. Created an informational Webinar on the LNCI movement to present to the staff of the Governor and to have available for informational webinars in the future.
6. Developed PR and Awareness campaign materials for a 2011 LNCI Awareness campaign
  - a. LNCI poster
  - b. LNCI informational trifold
  - c. Ohio Children’s Outdoor Bill of Rights
  - d. PSA with Jack Hannah from the Columbus Zoo
  - e. A comprehensive LNCI Report to raise awareness and offer comprehensive
  - f. strategies as to how to incorporate the LNCI message into a variety of sectors
7. Organized and hosted an all Ohio LNCI Call to Action Rally. 5 locations held LNCI Rallies including Cincinnati, NW Ohio, NE Ohio and eastern Ohio at the Wilds. This was attended by state department leaders from the Ohio Department of Health, Ohio Department of Natural Resources, Ohio Department of Education, and the Ohio Department of Transportation. A proclamation in support of the Ohio Children’s Outdoor Bill of Rights was signed by Governor Strickland and presented to LNCI by Sean Logan from ODNR. 28 similar proclamations in support of the OCOBR were signed by Mayors from across the state and presented to LNCI.
8. Alice Hohl presented a workshop session for special education teachers in Franklin County.



## Media Coverage:

1. Guests on Gail Hogan’s morning TV show, Daytime Columbus
2. Columbus Dispatch photo and article about the September Rally

## Awards:

The Ohio department of Natural Resources presents LNCI with the esteemed Cardinal Award for helping to further the mission of the state of Ohio regarding natural resources

## Organizational Development

1. Entered into Fiscal Agency with Simply Living

2. Held the 2010 LNCI leader retreat at the Wilds to discuss goals for 2011.

