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## **CLEVELAND CHOICE CONTINUES!**

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Note to CER Board of Directors & Friends

From: Jeanne Allen

Great news to pass on: The Ohio Supreme Court granted a stay in the Cleveland Choice lawsuit, meaning the injunction put in place by the lower court has been lifted, while the case is being appealed and considered.

So, this September, not only will the program continue for the kids currently enrolled in it, but an additional 1,500 will qualify, as the legislature passed an expansion of the program in Governor Voinovich's budget in June.

Clint Bolick, of the Institute for Justice, phoned today to give us the good news. He also thanked us for all our help in filing an Amicus Brief on behalf of CER and a dozen other reform groups.

I'm sure a more detailed fax from Clint will be out soon, for those of you on his list. In the meantime, please spread the word! This bodes well for the higher court's case, and certainly, for Cleveland's children in the immediate future!

This new development will especially help us in DC, where we are working hand-in-hand with Bob Woodson and a phalanx of grass roots community leaders to vocalize support for such a program here in the nation's capital. From a foster parent group to several community centers, we have tapped into the interest in reinventing families and creating safe havens for children that exists through a myriad of groups in DC.

Please let us know if you have any questions.