



## **BEECH ACRES PARENTING CENTER CEO WINS STATEWIDE AWARD FOR SERVICE TO FAMILIES AND CHILDREN**

**Cincinnati, Ohio** – Jim Mason, president and CEO of Beech Acres Parenting Center, is the 2018 recipient of the Virginia Colson Award for Service to Families and Children by the Ohio Association of Child Caring Agencies (OACCA). The award recognizes Ohioans who advocate for quality services for children and their families.

Mason, who lives in Terrace Park, has worked in children’s advocacy for more than 40 years. He has led Beech Acres Parenting Center through its transformation into a modern parenting center that proactively serves parents, children, families and caregivers. Mason was heavily involved in the creation of its foster care program, which just celebrated 40 years of operation. He also recently traveled to Washington, D.C., to address members of Congress on behalf of the National Children’s Home Society about the impact of the opioid crisis on the child welfare system.

The annual award is named for Virginia Colson, founding executive director of OACCA, whose efforts to build and strengthen services to children and families has been nationally recognized.

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### **About Beech Acres:**

*At Beech Acres Parenting Center, we uncover the natural gifts of children by unleashing the power of parents and caregivers. As a contemporary parenting center, BAPC serves over 20,000 people annually through a wide range of services including foster care, adoption, behavioral health support, parent coaching and much more. All of our programs are founded in our Natural Strength Parenting™ framework which enables parents to unlock their own potential by building on their unique strengths. For more information, visit [www.beechacres.org](http://www.beechacres.org).*

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