

Ohio Pediatric Cancer Acceleration Fund Recap

March 2023 - Ellie Hite and Rick Colby, a Columbus lobbyist who volunteers with AngelWorks, recently met with State Rep. Jean Schmidt (R-Clermont) about the Ohio Pediatric Cancer Acceleration Fund, a new concept from AngelWorks to fuel children's cancer research in Ohio.

Given the lack of funding in federal children's cancer research and the lack of new treatments for kids, AngelWorks believes Ohio can be a national leader in children's cancer research and treatment by utilizing the state's stellar network of children's hospitals, universities, contract research organizations (CROs), organizations which contract with the pharmaceutical and biotech industries to test and bring new treatments to market.

The Fund would provide grants to Ohio organizations and researchers that conduct new and outside-the-box research in children's cancer. Rep. Schmidt agreed that more could be done to jump-start children's cancer research and could also possibly result in more jobs and potential start-up companies if treatments are found for kids.

AngelWorks is having conversations with legislators, and nothing is guaranteed in the budget process, but we are going to bat for all the children and families we serve.

We want to thank State Rep. Sen. Tim Schafer (R-Lancaster) and State Rep. Sen. Scott Lipps (R-Warren) as well for their support for AngelWorks.