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Dayton Children's to expand in Urbana and Springfield

Children's will acquire Mercy Health pediatric practices next month.

By Samantha Wildow
Staff Writer

Dayton Children's Hospital in March will acquire Mercy Health's pediatric practice in Urbana and rehabilitation services in Springfield, according to an announce-

ment from the children's hospital system.

"We know the path to children's health is evolving, and this acquisition is another step along that path toward achieving the optimal health for every child within our reach," Debbie Feldman, president and CEO of Dayton Children's Hospital, said in a press release.

Families will continue to see the same providers and therapists at

the same locations, with no disruption to their established care relationships. Staff will become Dayton Children's employees on March 9.

Mercy Health-Springfield Pediatric Rehabilitation, 1345 N. Fountain Blvd. in Springfield, and Mercy Health-Urbana Family Medicine and Pediatrics, 204 Patrick Ave. in Urbana, will both be renamed after Dayton Children's.

The goal of the acquisition is to strengthen children's health in the region, according to Dayton Children's.

"We are committed to caring for the children in our region and continuously look at ways to serve them better. This opportunity benefits families today and opens doors to exciting possibilities for the future," Feldman said.

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TOP STATE STORY

Bill's goal to make criminal data more complete

Kettering's state Rep. White behind streamlining effort.

By Avery Kreemer
Staff Writer

A new bill from state Rep. Andrea White, R-Kettering, looks to improve the way Ohio's courts, law enforcement departments, prosecutors, penal institutions and the attorney general's office track and share fingerprint records and criminal disposition status.

In a press conference this month, White said her bill would "strengthen and modernize" the state's criminal identification system. The goal is for background checks for jobs, professional licenses, gun purchases and criminal investigations to run quicker and more accurately.

The bill looks to address instances in which only partial records are tied to individuals. The entire criminal justice system is meant to send records to the Identification Division of the attorney general's Bureau of Criminal Investigation, where records are digitized and made accessible through criminal background checks.

Background checks can hit snags, White said, when

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CLOSER LOOK

Where do many Olympians keep medals? Not where you might think

'After you get it, and you get a little older, it's almost like the journey was more important.'

Andrew Keh
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MILAN — Olympic medals are among the most coveted prizes in sports. Athletes can spend decades in their pursuit, and only the greatest in the world succeed. So it might be surprising to

learn that after the sweat and tears, the triumph and glory, so many of these treasures tend to end up in the same unremarkable place: a sock drawer.

"My parents wanted me to get a safe for it, but that sounded ridiculous," said Alex Hall, 27, a slopestyle skier, who stores his hard-won gold medal from the 2022 Games beneath a pile of socks and thermal underwear. "It hasn't seen sunlight in a long time," added Hall, who now needs to find space for the silver medal he won last week.

Mikaela Shiffrin, one of the greatest Alpine skiers of all time and the owner of three Olympic medals, is a sock drawer person. So is Ryan Lochte, whose 12 medals make him the second most decorated male swimmer in the history of the Games. The Ikea dresser drawer where Christopher Mazdzer keeps his 2018 silver medal holds not only assorted hosiery but also other important possessions like belts and ties.

"I have some sunglasses in

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Valerie Fleming's silver medal from the 2006 Winter Olympics sits in her nightstand at her home in Park City, Utah. Athletes train and sweat for years in pursuit of the glittering prizes, but many store them in the least glamorous places. JORDAN GALE / THE NEW YORK TIMES

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