

What is Family and Children First Council (FCFC)?

Every county in Ohio has a Family and Children First Council. Each council includes public and private agencies, as well as families. Council members work collaboratively to enhance the well-being of their county's children and families. Local councils identify and address the ongoing needs of children and families planning, implementing effective strategies, monitoring, and reporting, and evaluating progress toward achieving desired outcomes. The mission of council is to increase the access, capacity, and effectiveness of services to youth and families who may need multiple services.

We aim to simplify a family's experience and help access needed supports, so the child's services are aligned.

FCFC Service Coordination

- Service Coordination is the direct service aspect of the local FCFC's. It is a way to link, organize, and arrange services, resources, and supports. Service Coordination brings together all of those working with the youth and family together.
- Service Coordination can be referred by a professional or families can self-refer.
- Service Coordination is voluntary.
- Eligibility
 - Not income based
 - Must have a need across more than one system
 - Can not be enrolled in OhioRISE Tier 2 or 3 (can access through voice and choice if family decides to change.) Can also work with Tier 1 Aetna/OhioRISE
 - No cost associated with service
 - Can not be in the custody of PCSA
- Includes
 - Intake
 - CANS assessment every 90 days
 - Strength based plan of care is created with mission/vision/goals of family and team
 - Crisis and Safety Plan as needed
 - Family Team Meetings as needed
 - Minimum monthly connection with family
 - Funding provided to assist with meeting goals
 - Ensure families have a say in what is right for them
 - Allowable funding can include
 - Non-clinical in-home parent/child coaching (such as KBS)
 - Non-clinical parent support groups (looking to have parent cafes in the future)
 - Parent Education
 - Mentoring
 - Respite (including summer camps)
 - Transportation (Cab fares and gas vouchers)
 - Social/Recreational activities
 - Safety/Adaptive equipment
 - Structured activities to improve family function
 - Parent advocacy
 - Transition plans before discharge with resources when applicable

Every family deserves a sense that things are getting better, to feel safe, to feel heard and understood.

Contact

If you know a family that needs help creating natural supports & help with systems and services "Connect the Dots"

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