



Ottawa County Family &
Children First Council

The purpose of Family & Children First Councils is to help families seeking government services to assist their children by streamlining and coordinating existing government services. Family & Children First started as an initiative of Ohio Governor, George Voinovich. Councils have the shared accountability to: coordinate systems and services, building community capacity and engaging and empowering families.

Local Family & Children First Councils identify and address the ongoing needs of children and families through planning, implementing effective strategies, monitoring and reporting, and evaluating progress toward achieving desired outcomes.

Connecting the Dots for Families. By increasing the access, capacity and effectiveness of services for the most vulnerable of our county's youth and their families who needs extend beyond any one youth-serving program. In short, FCFCs are the only entity that "connects the dots" for children and families who are in need of multiple services.

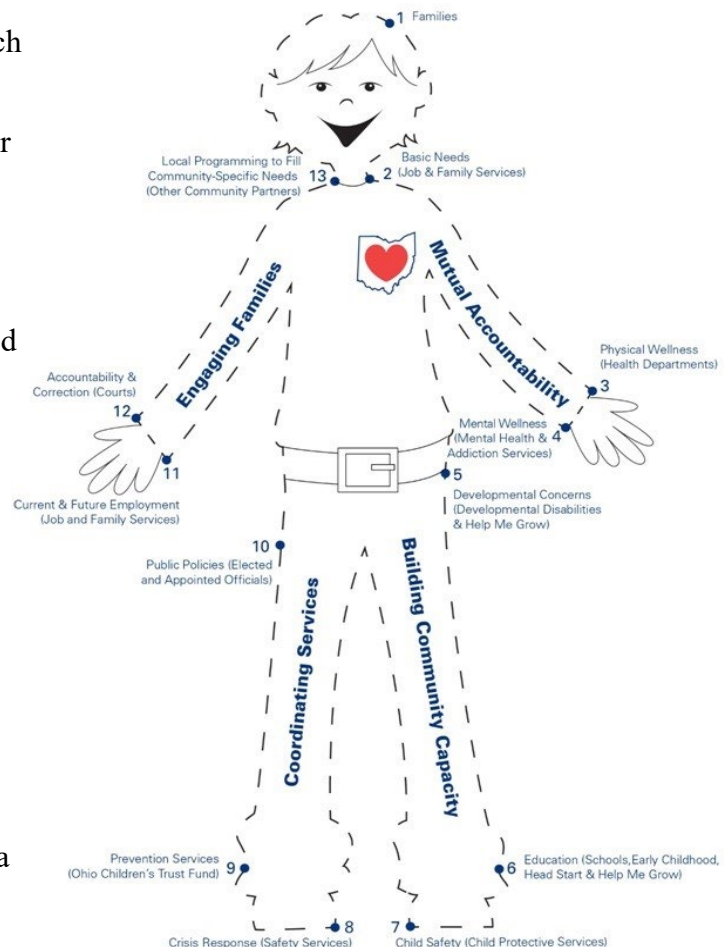
VISION: *That every child in Ottawa County feel safe and secure within a stable family.*

MISSION: *Serve as an agent of collaboration for all public and private agencies willing to participate as partners in the effort to help families stay together. Partnerships will be developed as necessary to meet the multiple needs of our children and their families.*

SHARED PLAN: Councils are tasked to develop and implement a process that annually evaluates and prioritizes services, fills service gaps where possible, and invents new approaches to achieve better results for families and children.

The Shared Plan is based on a Collective Impact Approach and must address the following:

- **Initiatives:** Identify all initiatives, programs and/or projects that the FCFC is leading, directing, managing, administering and/or in which they are closely partnering.
- **Shared Priorities/Common Agenda:** Identify additional shared priorities based on data-informed plans and qualitative data. Priorities can be issue-specific around child and family issues, delivery system infrastructure development/enhancement, and/or enhancing FCFC's capacity to collaborate.
- **Shared Outcomes:** Identify shared outcomes associated with the priority.
- **Shared Measurement:** All participating organizations agree on ways success will be measured and reported, with a short list of indicators identified and used for learning and improvement.
- **Mutually Reinforcing Activities:** A diverse set of stakeholders, typically across sectors, coordinate a set of differentiated activities through a mutually reinforcing plan of action.



The board of county commissioners shall establish a county family and children first council per ORC Section 121.37. Ottawa FCFC operates under the Board of County Commissioners.

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Multi-System Youth

Multi-system youth (MSY) custody relinquishment funding is accessed through the Ohio Department of Medicaid. Funding is requested to support children and youth who are at risk for custody relinquishment or have already been relinquished and need services and/or supports to transition to community and/or non-custody settings.

In 2021, 6 Youth received Multi-System Youth state funding for specialized treatment and residential care.

Ottawa County Funding authorized:
SFY 20: (July 2019-June 2020) totaled \$52,270.00.
SFY21: (July 2020-June 2021) totaled \$167,712.00.
SFY 22: (July 2021 – June 2022) totaled \$219,137.50+ as the fiscal year ends June 30.
Total Funding Authorized: \$439,119.50
By accessing MSY funding, the county saves money in placement costs.



WrapAround & Service Coordination

WrapAround & Service Coordination offers service to families of youth age 0-21, who present multiple needs that cannot be met by a single service provider. The child-centered, family-focused planning process enhances a family's opportunity for success.

The process brings together agencies who are relevant to the life of the child or youth collaboratively and develop an individualized plan of care.

2021 Referrals: 35.
Referral Sources:
Schools: 13
Job & Family Services: 5
Juvenile Court: 11
Family: 3
Community Agencies: 3

Developed Individualized Plans of Care for 24 youth and families.



Early Intervention Service Coordination

Part C of the Individuals with Disabilities Education Act (IDEA) is a federal grant program that assists states in operating a comprehensive statewide program of early intervention services for infants and toddlers with disabilities, age's birth through age 2 years, and their families. Ohio's Part C program is administered by the Ohio Department of Developmental Disabilities and contracts with Family & Children First Council's. Locally, FCFC contracts with the Ottawa County Board of Developmental Disabilities to provide these services.

Referrals: 62 children
Served: 70 children with specialized services on Individual Family Service Plans.



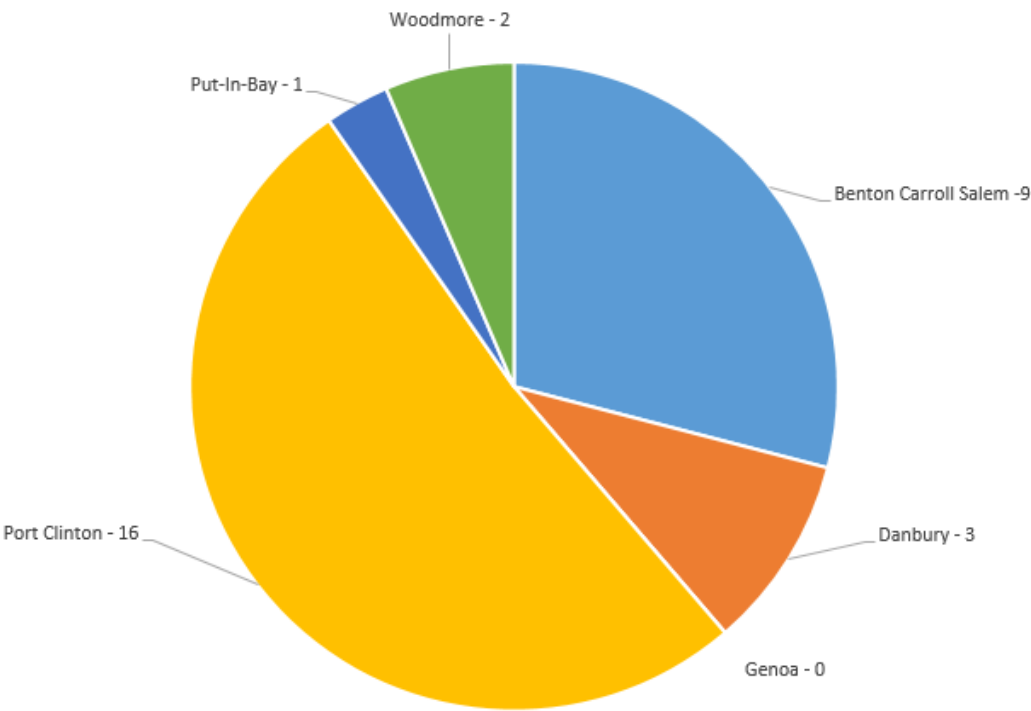
Shared Plan

1) *Improve the lives of children with complex needs and their families.*
Outcome: Improved family functioning as demonstrated by a family's ability to manage crisis, improvement in family relations, services being coordinated by WrapAround & Service Coordination, informal and formal supports as part of the team, increased family and youth voice, basic needs are met, family stabilized.

2) *Prevent children's exposure to trauma and violence, mitigate negative affects experienced by children's exposure to trauma, and to increase knowledge and awareness of this issue.*
Outcome: Ensure children who are exposed to adverse events receive appropriate interventions at school and have opportunities to build resilience through positive relationships with teachers and first responders.

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YOUTH SERVED IN WRAPAROUND & SERVICE COORDINATION BY SCHOOL DISTRICT.



YOUTH IDENTIFIED NEED AT INTAKE - WRAPAROUND/SERVICE COORDINATION.

