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Ohio Family and Children First (OFCF)

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Overview

- OFCF is a partnership of government agencies and community organizations committed to improving the well-being of children and their families.
- OFCF started as an initiative of the Office of the Governor in 1991, building upon previous legislation.
- The Ohio General Assembly codified OFCF in 1993.



Our Purpose

Ohio Family and Children First Cabinet Council was created in statute (ORC 121.37) in 1993 with the specific purpose:

“...to help families seeking government services...by streamlining and coordinating existing services for families seeking assistance for their children.”



OFCF Cabinet Council Membership

- Budget & Management
- Education & Workforce
- Health
- Job & Family Services
- Mental Health and Addiction Services
- Developmental Disabilities
- Youth Services
- Aging
- Rehabilitation and Correction
- Opportunities for Ohioans with Disabilities
- Medicaid
- Children and Youth

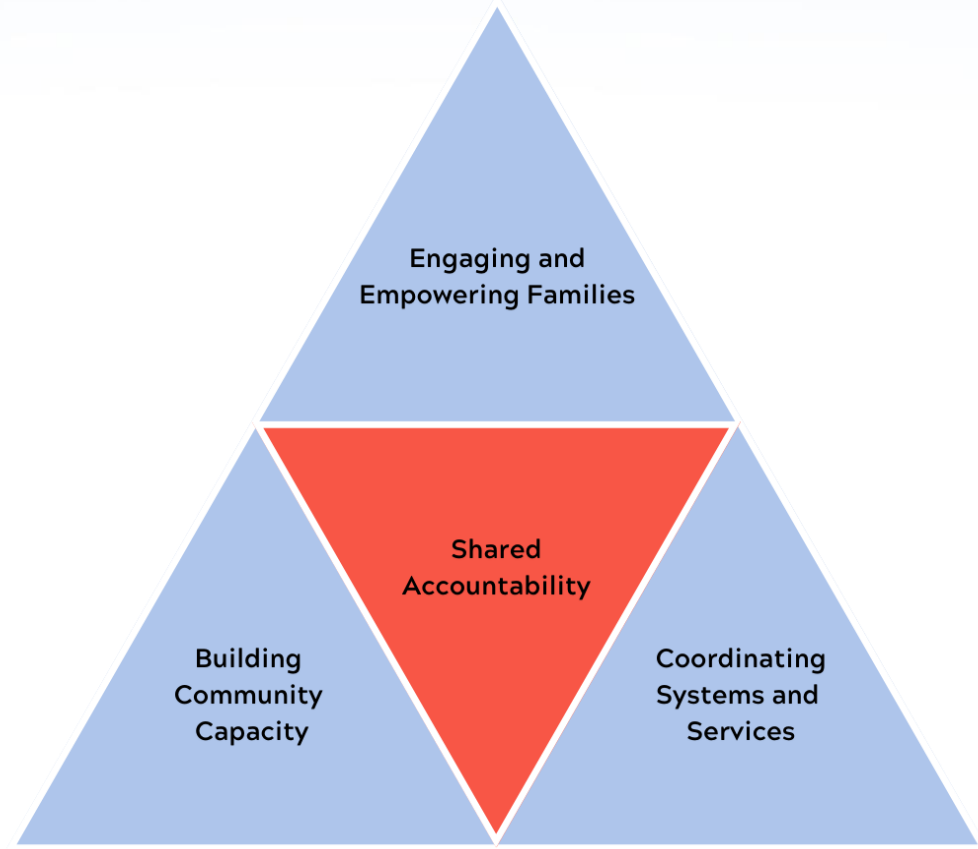


County FCF Council Membership

- County Commissioners
- At least 3 parents not employed by an agency on council
- ADAMH Board
- General Health District
- City Health District (if applicable)
- Job and Family Services
- Help Me Grow/Early Childhood Collaborative Group Representative (if applicable)
- Children Services
- Developmental Disabilities Board
- Largest school district
- School district representing all other districts
- DYS representative
- Head Start Representative
- Non Profit Agency Representative
- Others



FCFC Core Functions and Responsibilities



- Engaging and Empowering Families
- Building Community Capacity
- Coordinating Systems and Services
- Shared Accountability

Population Served/Eligibility

- 0-21 years old
- Multi-System needs
- Caregiver consent



Family Centered Services and Supports (FCSS)

- Funds non-clinical services and supports
- Funded by four departments: Job and Family Services, Mental Health and Addiction Services, Developmental Disabilities and Youth Services
- Combination of Federal Title IV-B and State General Review Funds
- 3.7 million dollars spent



Family Centered Services and Supports (FCSS) continued

- In SFY23, 2554 youth received FCSS Funds
 - Highest Services and Supports provided – Service Coordination, Social/Recreational, Respite and Mentoring
 - 40% of youth served are ages 14-18
 - 29% of youth served are ages 10-13
 - Majority of referrals come from DD and Mental Health



Areas of Focus for SFY 24 and 25

- Data/outcomes
- Amplifying youth and family voice
- Consistency of practice
- Defining upstream work



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