



# Family & Children First

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Washington County Family & Children First Council **Mission** is to promote coordination and collaboration among county and local governments, non-profit organizations, businesses, schools, and families in a manner which fosters wellness and self-sufficiency of families and increases child well-being.

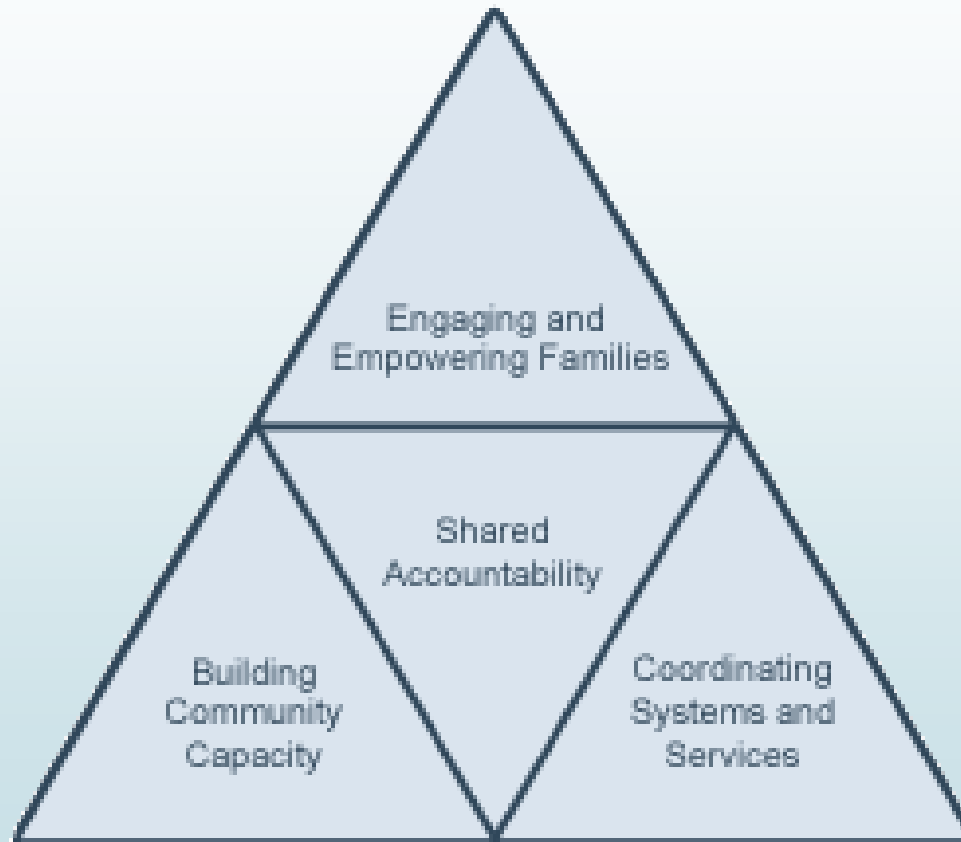
The **Vision** of the WCFCF Council is that all children and families thrive and succeed within healthy communities.

# WHAT IS FCF?

**A collaborative of public and private child and family-serving systems, entities, and families. We support initiatives that increase the likelihood that children can grow up safe and healthy, surrounded by support of their families and communities.**

- *There is a Family & Children First Council in all 88 counties of Ohio*
- *ORC 121.37 identifies 15 mandated members, including 3 parents. Additional members added at local level.*
- *Each FCF Council around the state varies in how they operate, but Service Coordination and Early Intervention are the core responsibilities.*

# Ohio Family & Children First Goals:





# SYSTEM OF CARE (SOC)

A system of care is a coordinated network of community-based services and supports that are organized to meet the challenges of children and youth with multiple needs and their families. System of Care is family driven, youth guided, culturally competent and community based.

## **SERVICE COORDINATION and WRAPAROUND**

The purpose of Service Coordination and High-Fidelity Wraparound through the county FCFC is to provide a neutral venue for families requiring services where their needs may not have been adequately addressed in traditional agency systems.

# FCF SERVICE COORDINATION

Offers families of children/youth with multi-system needs the opportunity to bring providers together in a coordinated manner to support and wrap services around a family.

- *SC is a core responsibility of FCF Councils per law*
- *Available to ALL families with children/youth ages birth to 21*
- *No income guidelines*
- *Funds available to assist in wraparound services*
- *Referrals can come from anyone (agencies, schools, parents, etc.) and will be reviewed for appropriateness of referral.*

## WRAPAROUND

Offered to those with more intense needs when systems and families 'don't know what else to do. Teams are developed. Goal is to prevent removal from the home.

# HELP ME GROW



## **EARLY INTERVENTION**

- Funded through a grant from DODD

## **HOME VISITING**

- Funded through a Provider Agreement with ODH

## **CENTRAL COORDINATION**

- DODD and ODH contract with Bright Beginnings for statewide Central Intake

*Note: All now under the new **Ohio Department of Children and Youth***

# EARLY INTERVENTION



- Infants/toddlers birth to age 3 with a developmental delay or diagnosed medical condition likely to cause a delay.
- No income guidelines
- FCF employs 3 Early Intervention Service Coordinators
- Partner with WCBDD for a Team of Service Providers
- Utilize Ohio's Primary Service Provider (PSP) Model.
- All services provided in the home with a Coaching Model
- Anyone can refer to EI
- Referrals can be made to Central Coordination by calling 1-800-755-4796; or submit online at <https://odhgateway.odh.ohio.gov/ochids/public/refer>; or call our HMG phone line at 740-374-4954.

## Goals:

- Enhance the development of infants and toddlers with disabilities;
- Reduce educational costs by minimizing the need for special education through early intervention;
- Minimize the likelihood of institutionalization and maximize independent living
- Enhance the capacity of families to meet their child's needs

# HOME VISITING



- Serve prenatal moms and infants, toddlers and children up to age 5
- Under 200% of FPL and must enter the program by age 2.
- Home Visiting Model – Parents As Teachers
- Serve Washington and Morgan Counties
- Employ 5 Home Visitors and a HV Supervisor
- Provides: PAT curriculum; screenings; referrals; assessments; Family Plan
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## Goals:

- Increase healthy pregnancies
- Improve parenting confidence and readiness
- Improve child health, development and readiness
- Increase family connectedness to community and social supports



# Evidence-Based PARENTING PROGRAMS

## Strengthening Families 10-14 Program

- Open to all parents and their youth ages 10-14
- Offered 2x per year
- 7-week program
- Dinner, child-care, transportation provided
- Funded by WCBHB



## Incredible Years Preschool Basic 3-6

- Open to all families with a child ages 3-6
- Offered 1x a year
- 14-week program
- Dinner, child-care, transportation provided
- Funded by WCBHB



## Parenting Wisely – Young Child and Adolescent

- Individual computer-based program
- Open to all
- Call office to schedule a time during office hours to come in and do the program on your own. Approximately 1.5-2 hours.



# Other Programs/Initiatives



## **Child Passenger Safety Fitting Station**

- Education and training from certified Child Passenger Safety Technicians on how to properly install and use child safety seat. Simply call the office for an appointment to have car seat checked!

## **Early Childhood Safety Initiative**

- Grant from Ohio Children's Trust Fund. We offer 'safety kits' that include child-proofing products and stroller to anyone with a child under age 2 and under 200% FPL

## **Trauma Informed Care Training**

- Offer a trainer for TIC training to agencies/schools/organizations

## **PAX Tools Training**

- Staff trained to provide the PAX Tools training to those interested

## **No Wrong Door Initiative**

- Provide trainings for agency staff to become informed on resources in order to assist clients so that there is no 'wrong' door.

## **Resource Guide**

- Annually update a Resource Guide available on our website at [www.wcfcfc.org](http://www.wcfcfc.org).



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