

# 2022 ANNUAL REPORT



## Family & Children First



*"If everyone is moving forward together,  
then success takes care of itself."* Henry Ford

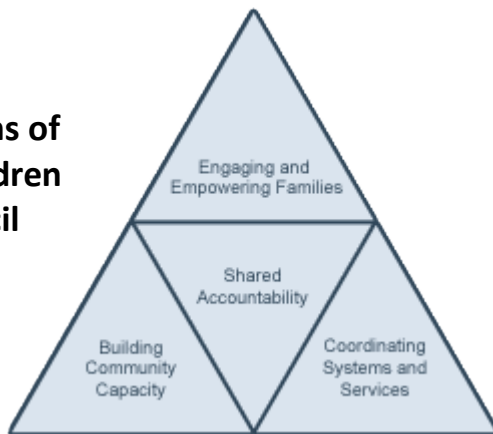
### *A Message from the Council Director:*

*Every year brings new challenges! In July 2022, the Ohio Department of Medicaid launched Ohio RISE, which is a specialized managed care program for youth with complex behavioral health and multisystem needs, that provides Care Coordination as one of its components. Because that is also the focused population and services for FCF Councils, we have worked tirelessly to assist and collaborate in its development. Families will still be in need of our services and we are committed to be there for them, as we continue to work together.*

*Staffing issues were another hurdle, as we ramped up several programs to meet the needs. Unfortunately, the workforce in the social services world has been a struggle for all of our partners. But with families and children as our focus, we are committed to continue providing our services to those in need, as we grow and meet new challenges. We are most appreciative of our Council members and community partners who support our collaborative work and always put families and children first!*

*Cindy Davis*

### **Core Functions of Family & Children First Council**



### **MISSION STATEMENT**

The **Washington County Family and Children First Council** promotes coordination and collaboration among county and local governments, non-profit organizations, businesses, schools and families in a manner which fosters wellness and self sufficiency for families and increases child well-being.

The **Vision** of the Washington County Family & Children First Council is that all children and families thrive and succeed within healthy communities.

# CONNECTING THE DOTS FOR FAMILIES AND CHILDREN



## 2022 COUNCIL MEMBERS

<i>Amanda Bohlen</i>	<i>Extension Educator, OSU Extension Washington County</i>
<i>David Browne*</i>	<i>Executive Director, Washington County Behavioral Health Bd</i>
<i>Kelly Byrne*</i>	<i>Family representative</i>
<i>Kara Carson</i>	<i>Hopewell Health Center</i>
<i>John Jackson *</i>	<i>Administrator, Washington County Health Department</i>
<i>Jennifer Farnsworth*</i>	<i>Parent Representative</i>
<i>Denyse Fordham*</i>	<i>Parent Representative</i>
<i>Flite Freimann*</i>	<i>Director, Washington County Dept of Job and Family Services</i>
<i>Dianna Beck*</i>	<i>Marietta/Belpre Health Department</i>
<i>Jeffrey Greenley*</i>	<i>Superintendent, Belpre City Schools</i>
<i>Daniel Everson*</i>	<i>Development Director, City of Marietta</i>
<i>Will Hampton/Brad Silvus*</i>	<i>Superintendent, Marietta City Schools</i>
<i>Tammy Hanger*</i>	<i>Parent Representative</i>
<i>Janice McFarland/Derrick Huck</i>	<i>Life &amp; Purpose Behavioral Health</i>
<i>Dawn Rauch*</i>	<i>Dir. of Planning &amp; Dev, Wash/Morgan Community Action</i>
<i>Brenda Riffe*</i>	<i>Superintendent, Wash Cty Bd of Developmental Disabilities</i>
<i>Kevin Ritter*</i>	<i>Commissioner, Washington County Commissioners</i>
<i>Rachel Shipley*</i>	<i>Director, CAP Head Start &amp; Early Head Start</i>
<i>David VanCleave*</i>	<i>Parole Officer, Ohio Department of Youth Services</i>
<i>Jamie Vuksic</i>	<i>Administrator, Washington County DJFS/Children Services</i>
<i>Heather Warner</i>	<i>Director, GoPacks</i>
<i>Tasha Werry</i>	<i>Director, Building Bridges to Careers</i>

\*Indicates mandated member per ORC 121.37

## COMMITTEES OF COUNCIL:

Community Options Team	Early Childhood Committee
Finance/Audit Committee	Membership Committee
Pooled Funds Group	Shared Plan Workgroup

## WHAT WE DO...

### SERVICE COORDINATION / WRAPAROUND



Service Coordination offers families of children with multi-system needs the opportunity to bring providers together in a coordinated manner to support and wrap services around the family, enabling youth to thrive in their home and school environment.

The Wraparound process is offered to those with more intense needs when systems and families 'don't know what else to do'. Trained facilitators develop Family Teams who support family voice and choice, and wrap families in services to prevent removal from the home.

***59 new referrals received in CY 2022***

***70 youth served in CY 2022***

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### MULTI-SYSTEM YOUTH (MSY) INITIATIVE

Through a Grant Agreement with the Ohio Department of Medicaid (ODM), Family & Children First was able to financially support services to children/youth in our Service Coordination Mechanism Process. These funds target children/youth that have multi-system needs and are at risk for custody relinquishment, and provide much needed services and supports to vulnerable families.

***Total MSY ODM funds awarded in CY 2022 was \$104,850***

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### OUT-OF-HOME PLACEMENTS

Family & Children First coordinates services and funding for families whose child has been identified to need temporary out-of-home placement in a residential treatment facility. While our goal is to prevent removal of children from their home, the other goal is for parents to not have to relinquish custody in order to receive services. Fortunately, through the services offered by facilitators in our Wraparound process, parental placements continue to decrease significantly.



***2 youth supported in short-term Out-of-Home Placement***

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### PARTNERS SUPPORTING MSY YOUTH

FCF is fortunate and grateful to have the added financial support of our local partners, DJFS and the Behavioral Health Board, to support our MSY services to children and youth; as well as the administrative financial assistance from our *Pooled Funds Group* members: Behavioral Health Board, DJFS, and the Board of Developmental Disabilities.

## WHAT WE DO...



*Help Me Grow is the umbrella for two programs:*

**Home Visiting** through the Ohio Department of Health (ODH), and

**Early Intervention** through the Ohio Department of Developmental Disabilities (DODD).

*Washington County FCF receives the Early Intervention Grant from DODD and is the Provider for the ODH Home Visiting Program.*

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**Home Visiting**— Home Visiting is a voluntary, confidential program offered to prenatal and new moms. FCF is affiliated with the national Parents As Teachers Home Visiting model. Credentialed Home Visitors provide the Parents As Teachers (PAT) curriculum; referrals and resources; developmental screenings; parenting tools assessments; and a Family Plan. The program serves prenatal moms and children up to age 5.

The 4 goals of the program are:

- To increase healthy pregnancies
- Improve parenting confidence and competence
- Improve child health, development and readiness
- Increase family connectedness to community and social support

FCF serves as the Home Visiting Provider in both Washington and Morgan Counties.

***102 children served in HMG Home Visiting in 2022***

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Department of  
Developmental Disabilities

**Early Intervention**— Ohio's Early Intervention System serves children from birth to age 3 who have a developmental delay or a diagnosed medical condition likely to cause a delay. Service Coordinators provide screenings, Individualized Family Service Plan development, transition services, referrals/resources, linkage to specialized services, and coordination of evaluations, assessment, and funding. The goals of the program are:

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

***176 children served in HMG Early Intervention in 2022***

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**Central Coordination (CC)**— Bright Beginnings of Cuyahoga County serves as the contractor for HMG Central Coordination through 7 regional sites. This is the statewide system for referring to the Help Me Grow Home Visiting and Early Intervention programs. 1-800-755-4796

## PARENTING PROGRAMS...

*Washington County Family & Children First offers several Parenting Programs free to the public. They include:*



**Strengthening Families 10-14 Program** is the #1 evidence-based parenting program that reduces substance abuse in youth. Trained Facilitators present the 7-week program to parents and their youth between ages 10 - 14 with family strengthening activities. A family meal, child care, transportation and a gift basket are available free to all participants. The program is funded through the Washington County Behavioral Health Board.

***15 parents and children served in CY 2022***



**Incredible Years Preschool Basic 3-6 Program** is an evidence-based parenting program that strengthens parent-child interactions and attachment; reduces harsh discipline; and fosters parents' ability to promote children's social, emotional and language development. Facilitators present the 14-week IYP program to parents with children ages 3-6. A meal, child care and transportation are provided. The program is funded through the Washington County Behavioral Health Board.

***22 parents and children served in CY 2022***



**Parenting Wisely (PW)** is an evidence-based interactive CD Rom program that is accessed individually at a computer and completed in a 2-3 hour session. PW provides skills that help in communicating and lowering children's risks for problems. Both ***PW American Teens*** and ***PW Young Children*** are available on an ongoing basis to allow immediate access to parenting skills training. FREE to the public at the FCF office on a weekday basis.

***19 sessions completed in CY 2022***

## MORE PROGRAMS...

### CHILD PASSENGER SAFETY FITTING STATION

Family & Children First serves as an official Car Seat Fitting Station. Families can receive education and training from certified Child Passenger Safety Technicians on how to properly install and use their child safety seat. FCF's 2 trained technicians also provide Car Seat Classes and Events, in collaboration with the Marietta/Belpre Health Department. Contact FCF to schedule a fitting.



***16 car seats checked in 2022 at Fitting Station and Events***

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### EARLY CHILDHOOD SAFETY INITIATIVE



Ohio Children's Trust Fund  
*Ohio's Prevent Child Abuse America Chapter*

Washington County FCF was awarded a competitive Early Childhood Safety Initiative grant from the Ohio Children's Trust Fund for SFY 22/23. The 2-year grant for \$50,000 each year offers families in Help Me Grow, as well as any family under 200% FPL with a child under age 2, a Safety Kit. The kit included child-proofing products and a safety gate/play yard, along with a safety education presentation. Help Me Grow families can also receive additional safety items based on specific needs identified.

***86 families received Safety Items in CY 2022***

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### CRIBS FOR KIDS

Washington County Family & Children First partners with Ohio University to offer the Cribs for Kids program to families in Help Me Grow. A Pack 'n Play and safe sleep education is provided to eligible families, along with a safe sleep kit that includes a fitted sheet and safe sleep educational materials.



***20 Cribs distributed in CY 2022***

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### SHARED PLAN

FCF Council members participated in a Strategic Planning Retreat to identify priorities for our SFY 23-25 Shared Plan. The chosen Shared Priorities included Enhanced Service Coordination and Community Resource Awareness and Access. The Shared Outcome is to increase community and staff knowledge of, and access to, available resources. To reinforce these activities, Council plans to implement the No Wrong Door philosophy for Washington County. Stay tuned!



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# FINANCIAL REPORT

<b>Revenue for CY2022</b>		<b>\$960,083</b>	
<b>Expenses for CY2022</b>		<b>\$975,960</b>	
<b>Administration Related</b>		<b>Program Related</b>	
FCF Administrative	121,593	Help Me Grow Program	480,830
		Out of Home Placements	43,031
		Service Coordination/Wraparound	244,533
		Parenting and Prevention Programs	16,205
		Early Childhood Safety Initiative	47,383
		Early Intervention ARPA	22,386
<b>Percentage for Administration</b>		<b>Percentage for Programs</b>	
Total Administrative	121,593	Programs	854,368
<b>REV vs. EXP DIFFERENCE</b>		<b>(\$15,877)</b>	



**Ohio Family &  
Children First**

*OFCF, established in 1993, is a partnership of state and local government, communities and families that enhances the well-being of Ohio's children and families by building community capacity, coordinating systems and services, and engaging families. OFCF's vision is for every child and family to thrive and succeed within healthy communities. Locally, the county commissioners establish the 88 county Family and Children First Councils (FCFC). Elisha Cangelosi ,MSW, LISW-S , serves as the Ohio Family & Children First Executive Director.*



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