



Family & Children First

2025 Annual Report



A Message from the Council Director:

As we begin a new year, I want to take a moment to say thank you to our partners, community members, and staff who work every day to support our most vulnerable families. I am continually inspired by the strength of families facing challenges and by the care and dedication of the staff who walk alongside them. I am also grateful for the leaders across our county who continue to speak up for children and families.

This past year brought a lot of change and uncertainty, but our community showed up for one another in meaningful ways. Seeing people come together to help those in need gives me real hope for the future. I feel honored to serve in this role and truly thankful for our staff and Council members who work together to find solutions, recognize gaps, and help our community grow stronger. And a very special thank you to our County Commissioners who serve as our Administrative Agent and continue to support our work.

Thank you to everyone who helps make our little corner of the world a brighter, more supportive place for families.

Cindy Davis, WCFCFC Director



DCY work is organized around three Bold Goals:

- Giving every baby a fighting chance
- Giving every child a strong start
- Keeping families together



Core Functions of Family & Children First Councils

1. Engaging and Empowering Families
2. Building Community Capacity
3. Coordinating Systems and Services
4. Shared Accountability



2026-2028 SHARED PLAN

In March 2025, Council held a retreat to develop a new three-year Shared Plan. After reviewing multiple data sets, assessments, and community concerns, three priorities were identified. Outcomes and measures were established for each priority. These priorities will guide the Council's work, with indicators in place to track shared progress.



SHARED PRIORITIES:

Enhance No Wrong Door Initiative

Kindergarten Readiness

Children Placed Out of the Home

SHARED OUTCOMES:

*Increase staff and community knowledge of resources
*Increase trauma-informed customer service training completion

Increase the number of children entering Kindergarten with the necessary skills and readiness to learn

*Decrease the number of children/youth in out-of-home living situations by 5%
*Increase community awareness of children/ youth in out-of-home living situations

During our retreat, five courageous parents shared their personal journeys, including raising children with complex, multi-system needs. They spoke honestly about their challenges and experiences navigating multiple systems in search of support. Their resilience and strength deeply moved the audience and served as a powerful reminder of the impact a caring, connected community can have. Thank you to these parents for sharing their voices and courage. You can view these stories on our website at www.wcfcfc.org.

Service Coordination WRAPAROUND

NEW REFERRALS

68
33% ↑

from CY2024

YOUTH SERVED

84
10% ↑

from CY2024

CASES CLOSED

27

Family Plan
Goals Met
at Case Closure

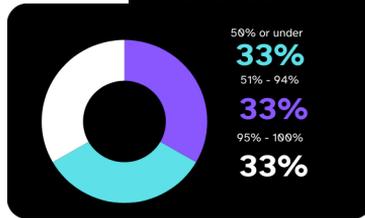


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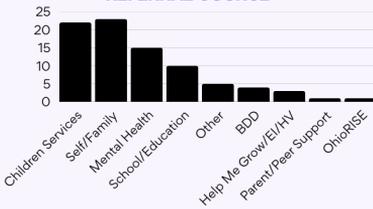


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2 Non-Binary



REFERRAL SOURCE



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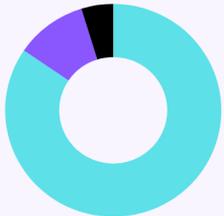


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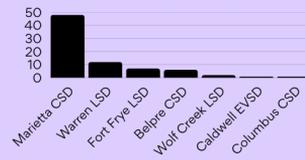
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INSURANCE



Medicaid
71
Private
9
No Insurance
Not Specified
4

SCHOOL DISTRICT



LIVING ARRANGEMENTS

Congregate Care	1
Foster or Adoptive Caregiver	1
In-Home with at least one parent	58
In-Home with relative or non-relative kin	8
Legal Guardian	15
Other	1

The **goal** of Service Coordination/Wraparound is to maintain multi-system children and youth in their homes and community with supports. Of the 84 youth served in 2025, **97% were maintained in the home.**

\$19,740 was spent on Wraparound/Direct Services to maintain youth in the home. (Note - Avoiding placement for these youth helped prevent costs that could have exceeded \$5.4 million* annually. *Based on average per diem cost, per Children Services)

HELP ME GROW

*Help Me Grow is the umbrella for two programs:
Home Visiting and Early Intervention through the Ohio
 Department of Children and Youth (ODCY)*



Department of Children & Youth

Help Me Grow Home Visiting

Home Visiting— Offers prenatal moms and children under age 5 home visiting services through the Parents As Teachers model, along with resources, referrals and developmental screenings. FCF is a PAT Blue Ribbon affiliate. FCF serves as the Home Visiting Provider in both Washington and Morgan Counties.

151 Families Served in CY 2025

1,451 Home Visits Completed in CY 2025



**“System Referrals” are those referrals for Home Visiting that are received by Bright Beginnings Central Intake. “Program Referrals” are those referrals received by Central Intake who then agree to be referred to the HMG HV Program.*



Department of Children & Youth

Help Me Grow Early Intervention

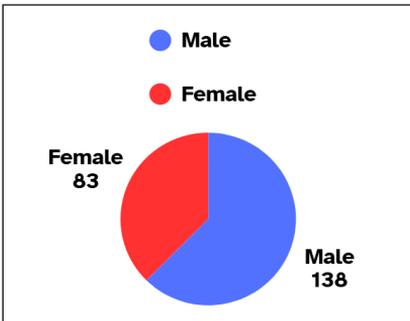
Early Intervention— Ohio’s Early Intervention System serves children from birth to age 3 who have a developmental delay or a diagnosed medical

condition likely to cause a delay. FCF EI Service Coordinators provide screenings, IFSP development, transition services, referrals/resources, linkage to specialized services, and coordination of evaluations, assessment, and funding.

221 New Program Referrals received in CY 2025

181 Children Served in CY 2025

98% of children completing transition to Part B Services, qualified



Referral Source	
Physician	75
EI 8045	46
Parent	44
PCSA (Children Services)	13
Hospital Child Find Specialist	12
Hospital	11
Head Start	6
ODH-EBLL	6
ODH OCCSN	3
ODH	2
WIC	2

PARENTING, PREVENTION, SAFETY PROGRAMS

Washington County Family & Children First offers and promotes several Parenting Programs free to the public and supported financially by the Washington County Behavioral Health Board. They include:



7-week program for parents and their child ages 10-14. Dinner, transportation and child care offered. *(Classes canceled in 2025 due to lack of participants)*



The Incredible Years
An Empower Community Care Organization

An Empower Community Care Organization

14-week program for parents of children ages 3-6. Dinner, transportation and child care offered. *(Class canceled due to low # of registrants)*



Parenting Wisely online course offered to any parent during office hours. Self-paced computer program for either adolescent or young child. Free to the public. *11 parents completed.*



Triple P is a free, evidence-based parenting program designed to help parents and caregivers raise confident, capable, and emotionally resilient children - while enjoying family life more. *41 modules were accessed by parents January -June in 2025.*



FREE for Ohio families from Ohio's Help Me Grow program. Sparkler sparks healthy learning and development in children from birth through age 5.

The app has a built-in Ages & Stages Questionnaire that lets parents screen their child's developmental milestones quickly and easily. They'll get personalized results and expert advice from a developmental screening specialist. *13 parents utilized the Sparkler App January-June 2025.*



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IYP SCHOOL READINESS PROGRAM for ages 3-6. 4-week evidence--based program FREE to families. *(New offering in 2025)*

CHILD PASSENGER SAFETY FITTING STATION



NATIONAL CHILD PASSENGER SAFETY BOARD

A program managed by the National Safety Council

Family & Children First serves as an official Car Seat Fitting Station. Families can receive education and training from a certified Child Passenger Safety Technician on how to properly install their seat. 7 seats checked (6 incorrectly installed). Contact FCF to schedule a fitting.

7 seats checked (6 incorrectly installed)

99 children educated on car seat safety through Safety Town

INITIATIVES



NO WRONG DOOR INITIATIVE

In a No Wrong Door (NWD) community, every entry point—whether it's a phone call, a visit to a local office, or an online inquiry—leads you to the support you need. It means that no matter who you reach out to or where you begin, you'll find guidance and solutions without having to navigate a maze of referrals.

How We're Making It Happen:-

- **Training Staff on Resources and Trauma-Informed Customer Services:** Ensuring that everyone is equipped to provide support or direct individuals to the right resources seamlessly.
- **Improving Communication:** Creating clear, accessible pathways for seeking help, so you know exactly where to turn. A NWD List serve connects members seeking resources from others.
- **Collaborating Across Services:** Working together to integrate services and share information efficiently, so no one has to navigate a fragmented system.



The NWD Cross-Systems Training Team sponsored the following in '25:

- *Monthly Lunch & Learn Virtual Resources Series (archived on website)
- *Social Services 101 in-person Training
- *C.O.P.E. Poverty Simulation Training
- *On-line Trauma Informed Care Customer Service Training

561 persons attended trainings and events in 2025

2,810 Resource Guides distributed in 2025

24 Signed Partnership Pledges

98% of training Surveys indicated Strongly Agreed/Agreed it was useful

2025 NO WRONG DOOR PARTNERS:

Board of Development Disabilities
Children Services
Community Action
Family & Children First
Homeless Project
Hopewell—Marietta Site
House of Hope
Marietta/Belpre Health Dept.
Newport Food Pantry
Ohio Valley Educational Service Center
Washington County Health Dept
WC Community Resource Center

Building Bridges to Careers
COAD
EVE, Inc
GoPacks
Hopewell – Belpre Site
Hopewell REACH
Legal Aid of Southeast and Central Ohio
Marietta City Schools
OSU Extension
Southeastern Ohio Counseling Center
WC Behavioral Health Board
Washington County Sheriff's Office

FINANCIAL REPORT

Revenue for CY2025 \$976,965

Expenses for CY2025 \$1,152,338

Administration Related

FCF Administrative 180,972

Program Related

Service Coordination/Wraparound 145,846
 Out of Home Placements 126,714
 Early Intervention 270,219
 Home Visiting 417,508
 Parenting and Prevention Programs 11,080

Percentage for Administration 16%
 Total Administrative 180,972

Percentage for Programs 84%
 Programs 971,366

REV vs. EXP DIFFERENCE (\$175,373)



WCFCFC 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.



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