

# Licking County Children and Families First Council

## 2021 Annual Report

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# *Mission:*

***BUILDING our community's capacity,  
coordinating systems and services, and  
engaging and EMPOWERING families***

# Children & Families First Council (CFFC)

**CFFC** is an association of public and non-profit organizations, schools, clergy, parents, and elected officials committed to strengthening families and improving services by working together and sharing resources.

# Children & Families First Council (CFFC)

Partners working together: \*Full Council, ^Board, \$Funding, +Committees,  
^1Family Teams/Service Providers

Action for Children\*, Adriel\*, Adult Court\*+, Attorneys, including SEOLS\* + ^1, Behavioral Healthcare Partners+ ^1, Belmont Pines\*+ ^1, Big Brothers/Big Sisters\*, Board of Developmental Disabilities\*^+ \$ ^1, Boundless^1, Boys & Girls Club^1, Buckeye Ranch^1, CareSource\*+ ^1, Circle of Attachment^1, Columbus Springs\*+, Consumer Support Services^1, County Commissioners\*^, C-Tec+^1, Disability Rights Ohio^1, Eagle Wings^1, Educational Services Center\*+^, ESC Autism Unit ^1, El'lesun+, Esther's Place of Grace+, Fairfield Community Action Agency +, Family Health Services\*+, Family Reps\*+, Fostering Further+, GAL's ^1, Goal Digital^1, Granville Schools ^1, Health Department\*+, Heath Schools ^1, Hope Timber+, Integrated Services for Behavioral Health\*+^1, Job & Family Services/Children Services/Ohio Means Jobs\*+^ \$ ^1, Johnstown-Monroe Schools\*+ ^1, Juvenile Court\*+^ \$ ^1, Lakewood Schools ^1, LAPP\*+, LEADS Head Start\*+, Licking Co. Coalition for Housing+, Licking Co. Library+, Licking Memorial Health\*+^1, Licking Valley Schools+^1

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Mental Health America\*^+1, Mental Health & Recovery\*+^\$, Mid Ohio Behavioral Health<sup>1</sup>, My Place to Be<sup>1</sup>, NAMI\*, National Youth Advocate Program<sup>+1</sup>, Nationwide Children's Hospital-Autism Center, Behavioral Development Unit, InCK, inpatient, Partners for Kids\*+1, Newark BVR \*, Newark City Schools\*+1, North Fork Schools<sup>+1</sup>, Northridge Schools<sup>1</sup>, OH Dept. of Developmental Disabilities<sup>1</sup>, OH Dept. of Youth Services\*, OhioKAN/Kinnect Ohio\*, ODM MSY\$, Office of the Ohio Consumers' Counsel\*, OSUN/COTC<sup>+</sup>, Opportunities for Ohioans with Developmental Disabilities\*, Pathways\*+, Phoenix Central<sup>1</sup>, Pride-N-Joy<sup>1</sup>, Quiet Pastures<sup>+</sup>, Ranch of Opportunity<sup>1</sup>, Respite Providers<sup>1</sup>, Safely Home<sup>1</sup>, Salvation Army<sup>+</sup>, Sheriff's Office<sup>1</sup>, Southwest Licking Schools<sup>+1</sup>, Starting Strong<sup>+</sup>, State of Ohio\$, The Learning Spectrum<sup>1</sup>, The Village Network<sup>+1</sup>, The Woodlands/New Beginnings\*+1, Tiffin Developmental Center<sup>1</sup>, Tollgate ICF<sup>1</sup>, United Healthcare<sup>1</sup>, United Way\*+ \$, ViaQuest<sup>1</sup>, Youth Villages<sup>1</sup>

# CFFC Community Support Teaming (CST)

**Community Support Teaming (CST)** focuses on providing High Fidelity Wraparound (HFW) and Service Coordination to families who voluntarily seek services for their children

- Children age birth to age 21
- Children with needs in more than one service system and/or at risk of out-of-home placement.

Our goal is to maintain children in their homes whenever possible.

# CFFC Community Support Teaming (CST)

**78** children/youth served

**48** families participated in family-centered, strengths-based CST.

**65** organizations and schools participated on CST family teams.

# CFFC Community Support Teaming (CST)

26 of the children/youth referred had a history of hospitalizations (3 were hospitalized when referred)

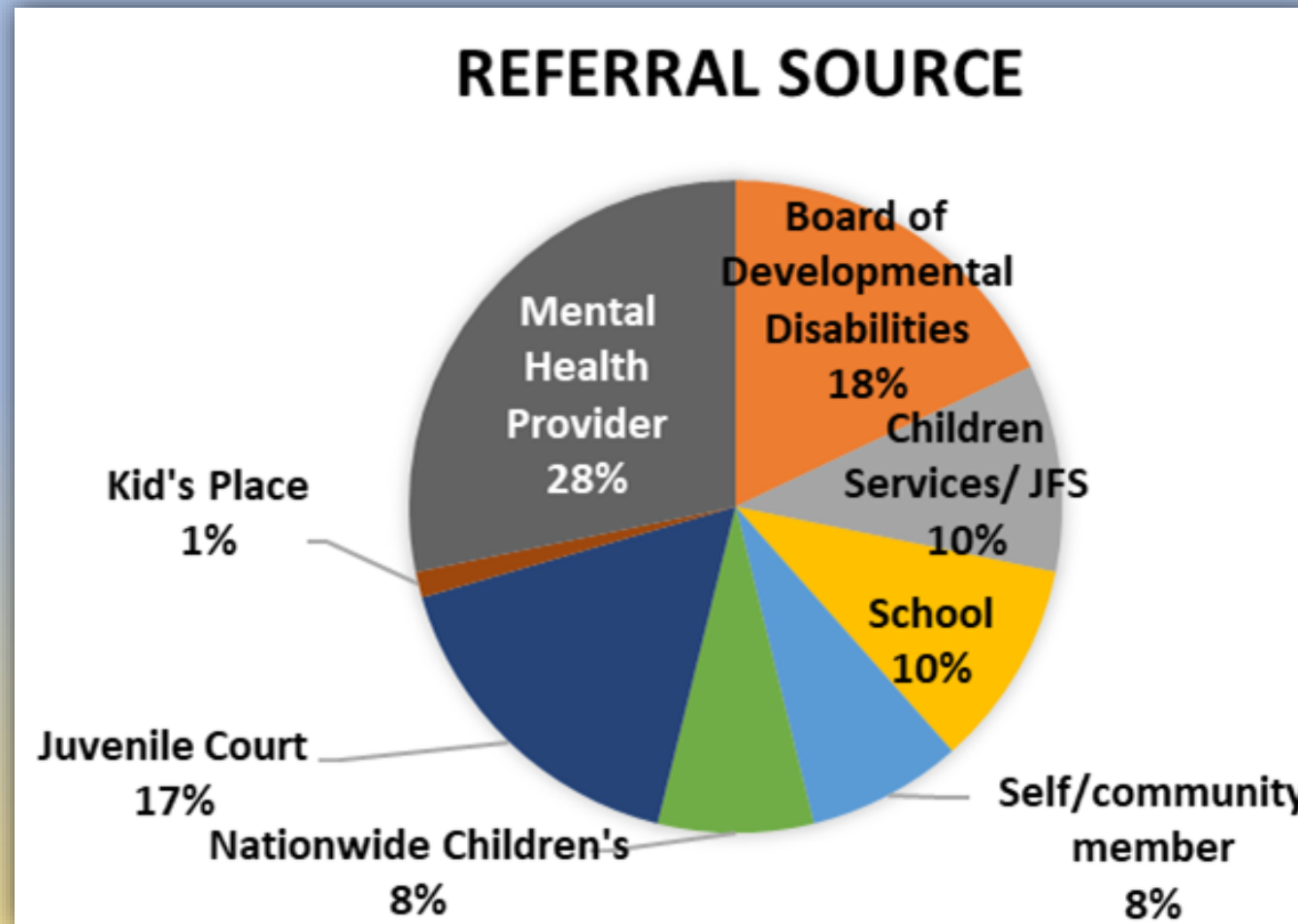
14 had a history of residential placement (3 were in placement at referral)

12 had a history of detention placement (4 were in detention at referral).

14 of the children/youth referred were adopted.



# CFFC Community Support Teaming (CST)



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# CFFC Community Support Teaming (CST)

## Age of youth involved in CST

Age 18 - 21 = 6

Age 14 -17 = 39

Age 9 - 13 = 23

Birth - age 8 = 10

## Gender of youth

46% Female

54% Male

# CFFC Community Support Teaming (CST)

Risk for out-of-home placement at intake

high risk – 70

medium risk – 8

Race of youth involved in CST

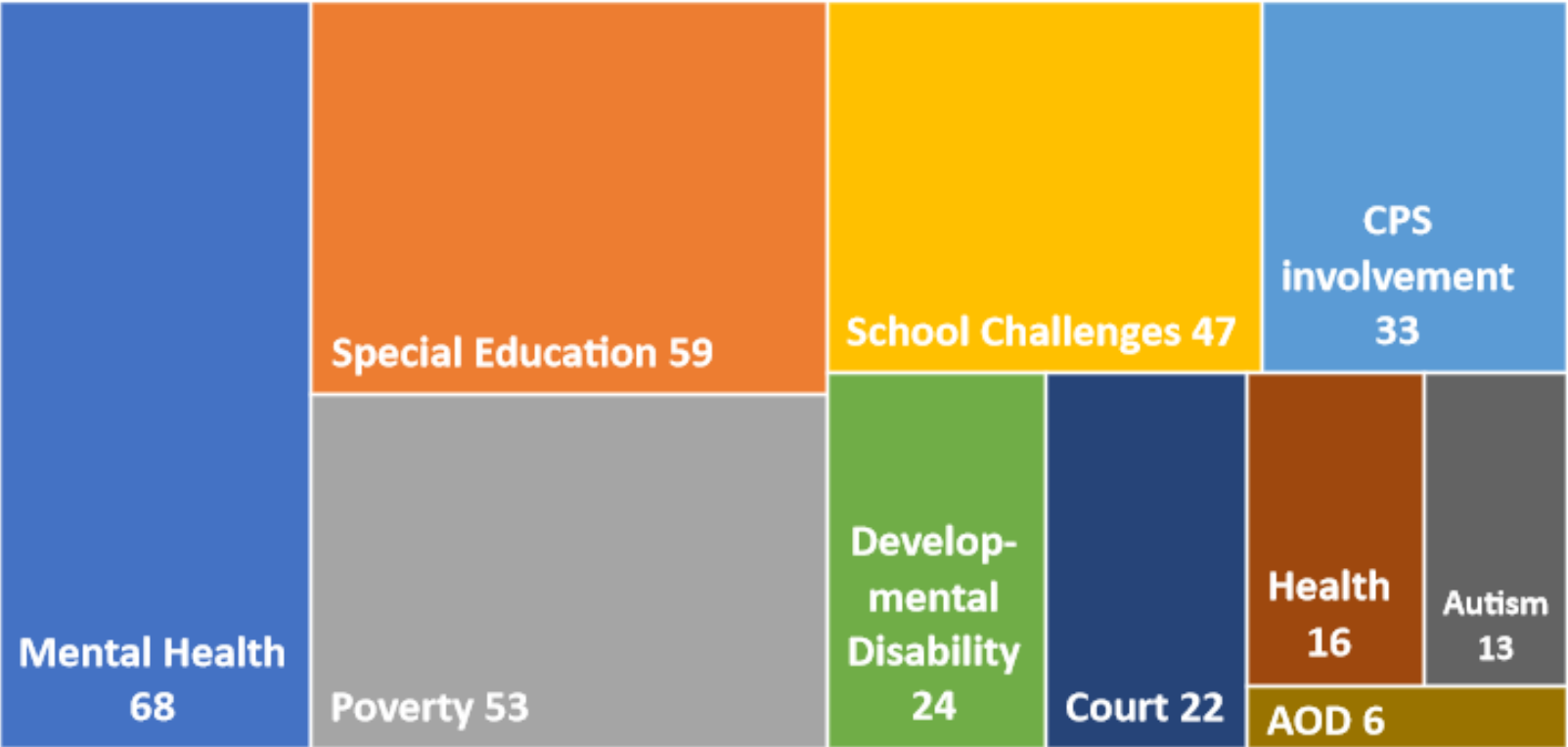
White/Caucasian - 68

BIPOC- 7

Youth involved in CST are students in 10 districts and 7 alternative or private school settings

# CFFC Community Support Teaming (CST)

Needs, concerns of CST involved youth/families (341)  
83% of youth had needs in more than 2 systems!



# CFFC Community Support Teaming (CST)

**73% of youth involved with CST family teaming were diverted from out-of-home placement.**

**88% of youth involved in CFFC family teaming remained in their parent/family custody at the time of case closure.**

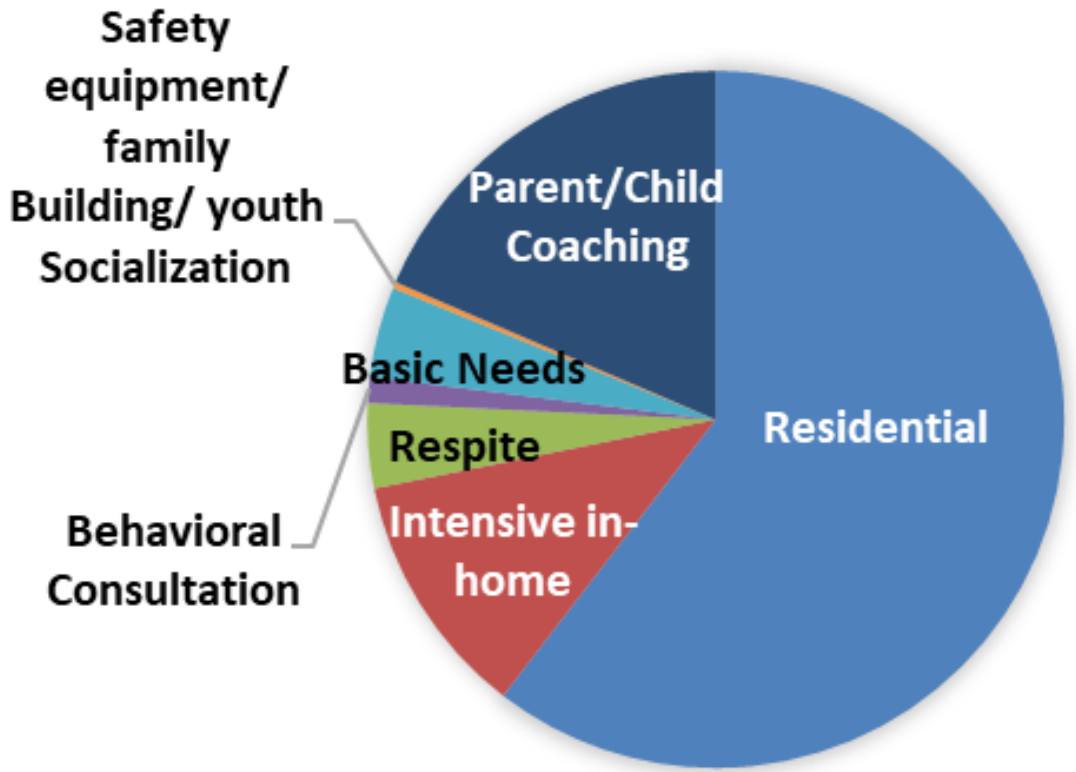
# Children & Families First Council (CFFC)

**CFFC is funded locally** through membership contributions, Job & Family Services, Mental Health and Recovery Board, Board of Developmental Disabilities, Juvenile Court and United Way.

State funders include the Ohio Department of Medicaid, Ohio Families and Children First Council and Ohio Department of Developmental Disabilities.

# CFFC Community Support Teaming (CST)

## SERVICES FUNDED



Family/Youth Support Services	\$308,331	Residential (9 youth)
	\$58,063	Intensive in-home support
	\$20,097	Respite
	\$6,156	Behavioral Consultation
	\$21,374	Basic Needs
	\$1,540	Safety equipment/family building/socialization
	\$94,592	Parent/Child Coaching
	<b>\$510,153</b>	<b>TOTAL</b>

# Children & Families First Council (CST) Accomplishments

In 2021, CFFC staff & partners

- Updated CFFC Bylaws
- Licking County Job & Family Services funded a 3rd High-Fidelity Wraparound (HFW) Facilitator position
- Completed CFFC surveys
- Participated on Ohio Families and Children First workgroups
- Updated the CFFC logo



# Children & Families First Council (CST) Accomplishments

- Participated in InCK project
- Achieved fidelity to the HFW Model
- Accessed MSY funds to meet family needs
- Began revision of Service Coordination Mechanism
- Nurtured strong local and state partnerships
- Partners collaborated to lead efforts to meet QRTP/Aftercare, CANS and Plans of Safe Care standards.

# Children & Families First Council (CFFC)

## Looking Ahead...

- We will strengthen CFFC and CST through State/regional/local initiatives and funding opportunities
- Update and execute a new Shared Plan
- Apply improvements identified in the surveys.

# Licking County Board of Developmental Disabilities (LCBDD) Early Intervention (EI) Services

CFFC contracts with the Licking County Board of Developmental Disabilities to provide Early Intervention services for children from birth to age 3 who are at risk for or have developmental delays. Children are linked with resources and providers to meet their specific needs. Early Intervention services enhance development of children, minimizes the need for special education and enhance the family's ability to meet their child's developmental needs.

# LCBDD Early Intervention (EI) Services

In 2021, LCBDD Early Intervention

- Entered into the second year of the pandemic slowly transitioning back into in person visits.
- We were able to have an amazing summer of playing with kids and families at parks and in backyards, having porch visits and seeing families we hadn't been able to meet in person before.

# LCBDD Early Intervention (EI) Services

- As the year wrapped up, most families were asking for in person rescheduled visits due to illness or exposure or moving towards virtual visits to protect their child and family.
- We still are in homes and offering in person to families, but also listening and respecting the needs and desires of families. We evaluate each visit for safety for families and staff and moving forward with service provision that meets the family needs.

# LCBDD Early Intervention (EI) Services

- As part of our goals to enrich the lives of the children we serve, help parents learn more about ways to interact with their children and build the parents' confidence and competence, we created seasonal sensory boxes and bags and videos to support parents in how to use the boxes and bags.
- To celebrate the holidays we sponsored the Indian Mound Mall's Sensitive Santa and provided all participating families with sensory based goodie bags.

# Early Intervention (EI) Services

**440** children were referred to Early Intervention

**168** children were found eligible

**291** children were served

# Early Intervention (EI) Services

## Looking Ahead... EI will

- Explore new promotion options for 2022
- Ensure 100% compliance for transition
- Create a spring and summer themed sensory box
- Use ARPA funds to increase video production for educational options for parents
- Provide cultural competency and staff development opportunities.



# Children & Families First Council (CFFC)

**Clinical Committee and Early Childhood Clinical Committee (ECCC)** are collaborations of community partners who identify needs/gaps within the community, provides case consultation and strive to develop resources to benefit youth and their families.

# Children & Families First Council (CFFC)

In 2021,

- ECCC produced 2 videos, available on the CFFC website, to inform providers of clinical consultation services available through the Clinical Committees.
- Clinical Committee authorized funding for multi-system family services, sponsored the 2021/22 Leadership Cohort and began updating the Service Coordination Mechanism (SCM).

# Children & Families First Council (CFFC)

- ECCC and Clinical Committee completed 11 case consultations
- Clinical Committee sponsored 2021/22 Leadership Cohort with 19 participants

# Children & Families First Council (CFFC)

## Looking ahead... ECCC will

- Work to increase case consultations
- Create support materials for schools when staff are working with youth and families impacted by trauma.
- Offer services to support Plans of Safe Care.

# Children & Families First Council (CFFC)

## Looking ahead... Clinical Committee will

- Modernize council by updating the Service Coordination Mechanism
- Continue to build community relationships and cross-system collaboration through the Leadership Cohort.

# Children & Families First Council (CFFC)

## Clinical Committee:

Behavioral Healthcare Partners

Board of Developmental Disabilities

Educational Service Center

Health Department

Job & Family Services- Children Services

Juvenile Court

Licking/Knox Mental Health &  
Recovery Board

LAPP

Licking Valley Schools

Newark City Schools

The Village Network

The Woodlands

# Children & Families First Council (CFFC)

Early Childhood Clinical Committee (ECCC)

Behavioral Healthcare Partners

Board of Developmental Disabilities

Educational Service Center

Health Department Systems

Job & Family Services- Children Services

Licking/Knox Mental Health & Recovery

Board

LEADS Head Start/Early Head Start

Licking Memorial Health

Newark City Schools

Parent Representatives

Pathways of Central Ohio

The Village Network

The Woodlands

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**ENGAGE Committee** improves cross-system coordination, communication and collaboration by hosting presentations on topics important to older youth/young adults and providing a forum for system and agency updates.



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In 2021, despite COVID interference, the ENGAGE committee continued meeting virtually and in-person to provide opportunities for partners to network and learn about community resources.

# Children & Families First Council (CFFC)

**58%** of CST involved youth were transition age—age 14 to age 21.

**38** Organizations & parent representatives served on the ENGAGE Leadership Committee.

# Children & Families First Council (CFFC)

Looking ahead...

ENGAGE will work to

- Increase youth representation
- Increase diversity of membership
- Increase diversity of topics presented at meetings

# Children & Families First Council (CFFC) ENGAGE Committee

Adult Court

Behavioral Healthcare Partners

Belmont Pines

Board of Developmental Disabilities

CareSource

C-Tec

Changes- Columbus Springs

Children and Families First Council

Educational Services Center/Phoenix

Central

El'lesun

Esther's Place of Grace

Fairfield Co. Community Action  
Agency

Family Health Services

Family and Youth Representative

Fostering Further

Hope Timber

Integrated Services for Behavioral  
Health

Job & Family Services/Children  
Services/OMJ

# Children & Families First Council (CFFC) ENGAGE Committee

Johnstown-Monroe School District  
Juvenile Court  
Licking County Coalition for Housing  
Licking County Library  
Licking Memorial Health Systems  
Licking/Knox Mental Health & Recovery Board  
Mental Health America/YES Club  
National Youth Advocate Program  
Nationwide Children's Hospital- InCK

Newark City Schools/Digital Academy  
OSUN/COTC  
Pathways of Central Ohio  
Quiet Pastures at Green Oak  
Salvation Army  
Southeast Ohio Legal Services (SEOLS)  
Southwest Licking School District  
Starting Strong  
The Woodlands  
United Way of Licking County

# Children & Families First Council (CFFC)

**Trauma Informed Care (TIC) Committee** increases availability of trauma informed services, environments and training.

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In 2021,

- A member survey identified needs and guides activities, including supporting implementation of “6 principles of Trauma Informed approach”.
- The Supporting Our Supporters (SOS) Committee formed to produce monthly SOS Care Inbox Newsletter.

# Children & Families First Council (CFFC)

**10** partners signed the Trauma Informed Care Cooperative Agreement, committing to embrace trauma informed practices

**5** SOS Care Inbox newsletters distributed since June!



# Children & Families First Council (CFFC)

## Looking ahead... Trauma Informed Care Committee will

- Increase the number of partners committing to the Trauma Informed Care Cooperative Agreement
- Expand reach of SOS

# CFFC Trauma Informed Care and SOS Committees

Adult Court

Belmont Pines

Board of Developmental Disabilities

CFFC

Columbus Springs

Educational Services Center/Flying Colors

Family Health Services

Family Representatives

Integrated Services for Behavioral Health

Job & Family Services/Children Services/OMJ

Juvenile/Probate Court

LAPP

LEADS Head Start/Early Head Start

Licking Valley Schools

Licking Memorial Health Systems

Mental Health America

Mental Health & Recovery for Licking and Knox Counties

Newark City Schools

NYAP

Pathways of Central Ohio

United Way of Licking County

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**Community Voices-** Family representatives who are former or current recipients of CFFC member agency services provide a family perspective on the impact of proposed policies and activities on families, children and young adults.

# Children & Families First Council (CFFC)

In 2021, Family representatives educated CFFC on issues affecting families, children and young adults and how to work more effectively with families and youth.

# Children & Families First Council (CFFC)

**4** family representatives participated in **all 6** Full Council meetings and **3** subcommittee meetings.

**5** meetings of the Community Voices family advisory committee meetings held.

# Children & Families First Council (CFFC)

## Looking ahead...

- Increase number of Community Voices members
- Increase family voice on Council/committees
- Increase focus on needs of transition age youth.

# Children & Families First Council (CFFC)

**Community Voices Members-**

**Karen Dickerson**

**Starla Doty**

**Dorothy Moorhead**

**Ashley Washburn**

# Children & Families First Council (CFFC)

**2022 CFFC meetings- 1:30pm, February 2, April 6, June 1, August 3, October 5 & December 7 at  
Licking Co. Health Dept.**

**Council President** - Jason Umstot, Licking Co. Board of Developmental Disabilities,

**Vice President** - Penny Sitler, Mental Health America-Licking County,

**Treasurer** - Dale Lewellen, Licking County Educational Services Center

**Multi-System Services Supervisor**— Melanie Fling, 740-670-8916;

**Council Coordinator**- Sylvia Friel, 740-670-8844

**Wraparound Facilitators**— Heather Berry, 740-670-8975, Heather Cook, 740-670-8932,  
Rhonda Rhoden, 740-915-1032

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# Thank you!

- Partners who coordinate systems and services through Board and Committee Leadership/volunteerism and by providing exceptional services to children and families in Licking County.
  - Family Representatives who give voice to families we serve.
  - Licking County Commissioners for your ongoing commitment to Council.
  - Licking County Job & Family Services for Administrative leadership and in-kind support.
  - Meeting hosts- Health Department, Job & Family Services, FIS, Board of Developmental Disabilities, Mental Health & Recovery Board, and those hosting Family Team meetings.
  - United Way of Licking County, Pooled Funders, funding for staff positions- JFS & MHRB
- Our Funders and In-kind support increases our capacity to coordinate services for children and families.