



Licking County Children & Families First Council

2021 Annual Report | January 1, 2021 — December 31, 2021

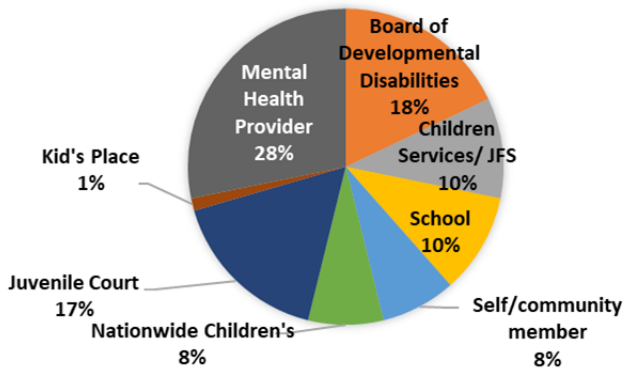
About Children & Families First Council (CFFC)

Our mission: Building our community's capacity, coordinating systems and services, and engaging and empowering families.

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.

CFFC's Community Support Teaming (CST) provides High Fidelity Wraparound (HFW) and Service Coordination to families who voluntarily seek services for their children, up to age 21, who have needs in more than one service system and/or at risk of out-of-home placement. Our goal is to maintain children in their home whenever possible.

REFERRAL SOURCE



Age of youth involved in CST	Risk for out-of-home placement at intake	Gender of youth
Age 18 - 21 = 6	high risk – 70	46% Female
Age 14 - 17 = 39	medium risk – 8	54% Male
Age 9 - 13 = 23		
Birth - age 8 = 10		
<u>Race of youth involved in CST</u>		CST youth are students in 10 districts & 7 alternative or private school settings
White/Caucasian - 68		
BIPOC - 7		

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.

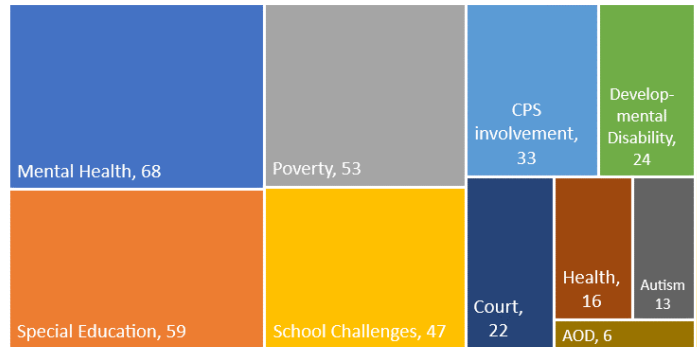
In 2021, CFFC staff & partners updated Bylaws, LCJFS funded a 3rd High-Fidelity Wraparound (HFW) Facilitator position, completed CFFC surveys, participated on Ohio Families and Children First workgroups, updated the CFFC logo, participated in InCK project, achieved fidelity to the HFW Model, accessed MSY funds to meet family needs, began revision of Service Coordination Mechanism, nurtured strong local and state partnerships, and Partners collaborated to lead efforts to meet QRTP/Aftercare, CANS and Plans of Safe Care standards. **Looking ahead...** We will strengthen CFFC and CST through State/regional/local initiatives and funding opportunities, update and execute a new Shared Plan, and apply improvements identified in the surveys.

Community Support Teaming

- 78** children/youth served
- 48** families participated in family-centered, strengths-based CST.
- 65** organizations and schools participated on CST family teams.

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) and 12 had a history of detention placement (4 were in detention at referral). 14 of the children/youth referred were adopted.

341 needs, concerns of CST involved youth/families
83% of the 78 youth had needs in more than 2 systems!

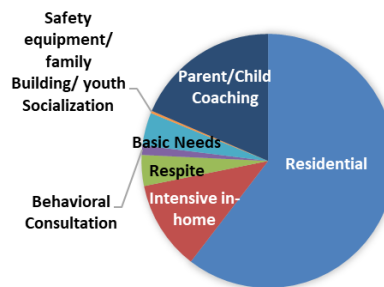


CFFC is funded locally through member dues, Job & Family Services, Board of Developmental Disabilities, Mental Health & Recovery Board, Juvenile Court and United Way. State funders (Dept of Medicaid, Families & Children First Council and Dept. of Developmental Disabilities).

Net Revenue- \$1,095,287

Net Expenses- \$978,392

SERVICES FUNDED



Service Category	Amount
Family/Youth Support Services	\$308,331
Residential (9 youth)	\$58,063
Intensive in-home support	\$20,097
Respite	\$6,156
Behavioral Consult.	\$21,374
Basic Needs	\$1,540
Safety equip/family building/socializing	\$94,592
Parent/Child Coach	\$510,153
TOTAL	\$510,153

Action for Children*, Adrieli*, Attorneys/SEOLs*, BHP*, Belmont Pines*, Big Brothers/Big Sisters*, Boundless*, Boys & Girls Club*, Buckeye Buckeye Ranch*, Carersource*, Circle of Attachment*, Coalition for Housing*, Columbus Springs*, Consumer

Licking Memorial Health*, Mental Health America*, Licking Co. Government-Adult Court*, Brd of Developmental Disabilities*, Commissioners*, Health Dept*, Job & Family Services-Children Services/Ohio Means Jobs*, Juvenile Court*,

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Early Intervention (EI) Services, provided by the Licking County Board of Developmental Disability, is 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. EI services enhance development of children, minimize the need for special education and enhance the family's ability to meet their child's developmental needs.

EI offered both in-person and virtual services, meeting family's safety wishes; created seasonal sensory boxes to help parents build confidence and competence while interacting with their children; sponsored the Indian Mound Mall's Sensitive Santa.

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.

ECCC produced 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).

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

The committee met virtually and in-person to provide opportunities for partners to network and learn about community resources.

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

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

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.

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



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 County Board of Developmental Disabilities, **Vice President** - Penny Sitler, Mental Health America-Licking County, **Treasurer** - Dale Wellen, 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
 CFFC- C/O Administrative Agent - Licking County JFS, 74 South 2nd St., PO Box 5030, Newark, OH 43058-5030.

440 children were referred to Early Intervention
168 children were found eligible
291 children were served

Looking Ahead... EI will explore new promotion options for 2022 and ensure 100% compliance for transition. EI will use ARPA funds to increase video production for educational options for parents, provide cultural competency and staff development opportunities.

Clinical Committees completed 11 case consultations
 Clinical Committee sponsored 2021/22 Leadership Cohort with 19 participants

Looking ahead...ECCC will increase case consultation, create support materials for schools when staff are working with youth/families impacted by trauma; offer services to support Plans of Safe Care Clinical Committee will modernize CFFC by updating SCM and build cross-system collaboration and community relationships through the Leadership Cohort.

58% of CST involved youth were transition age (14-21)
38 Organizations & parent representatives served on the ENGAGE Leadership Committee.

Looking ahead...ENGAGE will increase youth representation, diversity of membership and diversity of meeting presentations.

10 partners signed the Cooperative Agreement, committing to embrace trauma informed practices
5 SOS Care Inbox newsletters distributed since June!

Looking ahead... Increase agencies signing Agreement and expand reach of SOS Care Inbox.

4 family representatives participated in all **6** Full Council meetings and **3** committee meetings.
5 meetings of Community Voices family advisory committee held.

Looking ahead... increase Community Voices membership family voice on Council/committees and increase focus on needs of transition age youth.