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# Licking County Children & Families First Council January 1, 2022 — December 31, 2022 Annual Report

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

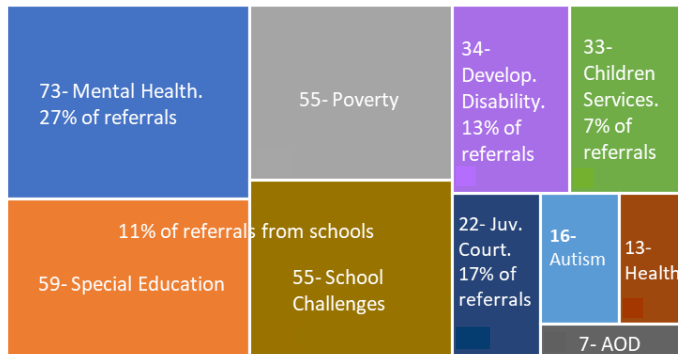
**CFFC is an association of public and non-profit organizations, schools, clergy, parents, and elected officials committed to strengthening families and improving services by working together and sharing resources.**

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

**Net Revenue — \$1,199,126**  
**Net Expenses — \$1,095,191**

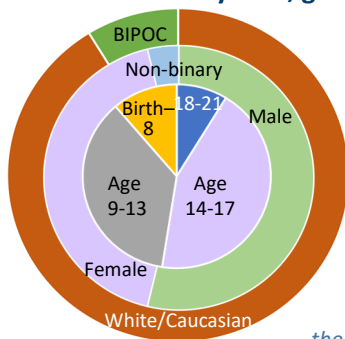
**CFFC's Community Support Teaming (CST)** provides High Fidelity Wraparound (HFW) and Service Coordination to families who voluntarily seek services for their children, up to age 21, who have needs in more than one service system and/or at risk of out-of-home placement. Our goal is to maintain children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

### 367 family/youth needs & concerns and referral source



Referrals from self/community member- 6%, Hospital- 13%, OHRise- 2%

### Children involved in CST by race, gender & age

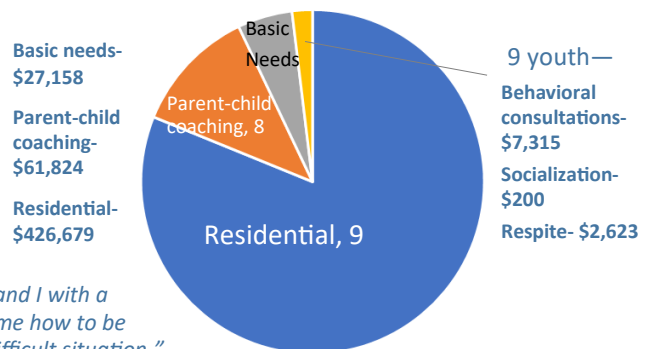


*"CFFC provided my family and I with a support system and taught me how to be the best parent I could be in a difficult situation."*

### Community Support Teaming

- 80** children served
- 50** families participated in family-centered, strengths-based CST.
- 75** children were at high risk for out-of-home placement at time of their referral to CST.
- 34** children had a history of placements (hospital, group home, residential, detention).
- 8** children were in placement at time of referral.
- 7** children were in kinship, CPS or court custody when referred.
- 13** children were in permanent adoptive homes.
- 56** children were diverted from out-of-home placement while involved in CST.
- 55** children transitioned out of CST, and of these,
- 48** children remained in their parent/caregiver custody!
- 62** organizations and schools (10 districts, 9 private/alternative settings) participated on family teams.

### Needs/Services funded by number of youth



**In 2022**, CFFC created the Shared Plan for 2023-2025, applied improvements identified in the CFFC partner survey, and accessed MSY funds to meet family needs. CST staff received Mental Health America of Licking County's Marion S. Wells Mental Health Award. CFFC nurtured strong local and state partnerships, including participation on local planning groups, Ohio Families and Children First (FCFC) workgroups, Ohio FCFC Coordinator's Association Executive Committee, and InCK Partnership Council. CFFC audits for SFY 2021 and 2022 showed no concerns. CFFC entered into an agreement with I Am Boundless to provide High-Fidelity Wraparound (HFW) services for OhioRise eligible youth and aligned services to continue to serve non-Ohio Rise eligible youth. **Looking ahead...** Together we will execute the new Shared Plan, strengthen CFFC and CST through State/regional/local initiatives and funding opportunities, and we will explore opportunities to grow community-based partnerships and services for families.

Gallipolis Dev.Ctr., Genacross\*, Hope Timber\*, ISBH\*\*, LAPP\*\*, LEADS Head Start/EHS\*\*, Licking Co. Government-Adult Court\*\*, Brd of Developmental Disabilities\*\*, Commissioners\*\*, Health Dept\*\*, Job & Family Services/Children Services/OMJ\*\*,

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**Early Intervention (EI)**, provided by the Licking County Board of Developmental Disability, is for children from birth to age 3 who are at risk for delays due to medical diagnosis, or who have developmental delays. EI links children with resources to meet their specific needs, enhances the child's development, minimizes the need for special education and enhances the family's ability to meet their child's needs.

EI promoted their services at preschools, food pantries, WIC, and 9 community events, including the highly successful Summer Kick-off event! ARPA funds increased the use of technology and provided assessment kits. EI staff began implementing Plans of Safe Care to ensure the well-being of infants with prenatal substance exposure.

459 children were referred to Early Intervention.  
264 children were found eligible.  
319 children were served - a 9.6% increase over 2021.  
175 children exited, and all children who were at least 33 months old had a transition plan and conference.

**Looking Ahead...** Provide staff with experiences to boost morale and encourage team work as our team has changed over the last year. EI will develop staff skills, including Battelle 3 assessment skills. Increase social/emotional based services. Successfully implement new DODD Transition Planning requirements.

**Clinical Committee and Early Childhood Clinical Committee (ECCC)** Community partners identify needs/gaps within the community, provide case consultation and develop resources to benefit youth and their families.

Clinical Committee authorized funding for services to benefit multi-system families and worked to build cross-system collaboration and community relationships by sponsoring the Leadership Cohort.

11 case consultations provided by Clinical Committees.  
23 participants in the 2002/23 Leadership Cohort.

**Looking ahead...** Clinical Committee is partnering with Juvenile Court to provide case consultations for youth on probation who are facing Department of Youth Services or Community Correctional Facilities commitments to determine what services can be provided to keep youth in the community. CC will continue to sponsor the Leadership Cohort. ECCC will exploring childcare service gaps and ways to assist with needs in this area.

**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.

Committee members explored opportunities to network and learn about community resources.

53% of CST involved youth were transition age (14-21)  
40 organizations & parent representatives served on the ENGAGE Leadership Committee.

**Looking ahead...** Increase youth representation, diversity of membership and meeting presentations; promote peer support and mentoring services.

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

Member survey feedback guided activities. Members supported one another to implement Trauma Informed services. Supporting Our Supporters (SOS) produced SOS Care Inbox Newsletter.

10 partners signed Cooperative Agreement to embrace trauma informed practices.

3 SOS Care Inbox newsletters distributed

**Looking ahead...** Partners will support one another to practice TIC, complete environmental assessments and distribute SOS Care Inbox newsletters.

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

Community Voices meetings provide support, resources, and an opportunity to give families voice on issues affecting families and youth and how to work more effectively with families and youth.

Family representatives participated in 5 Full Council and 3 CFFC committee meetings, and participated in the OFCFC Annual Conference.

11 Community Voices meetings were held.

**Looking ahead...** Increase voice at CFFC meetings, increase Community Voices membership, provide council with family perspective of service needs/gaps.



2023 CFFC meetings- 1:30pm, February 1, April 5, June 7, August 2, October 4 & December 6 at Licking Co. Health Dept.

**Council President** - Penny Sitler, Mental Health America-Licking County, **Vice President** - Dale Wellen, Licking County Educational Services Center, **Treasurer** - Cindy Hottinger, LEADS Head Start/Early Head Start

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