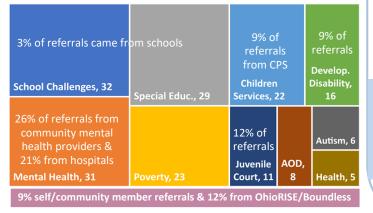


Licking County Children & Families First Council January 1, 2023 — December 31, 2023 Annual Report

CFFC is an association of public and non-profit organizations, schools, parents, clergy and elected officials committed to working together and sharing resources to build community capacity, coordinate systems and services, and engage and empower families.

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 are at risk of out-of-home placement. Our goal is to maintain children in their home whenever possible.

183 youth/family needs & concerns and referral source

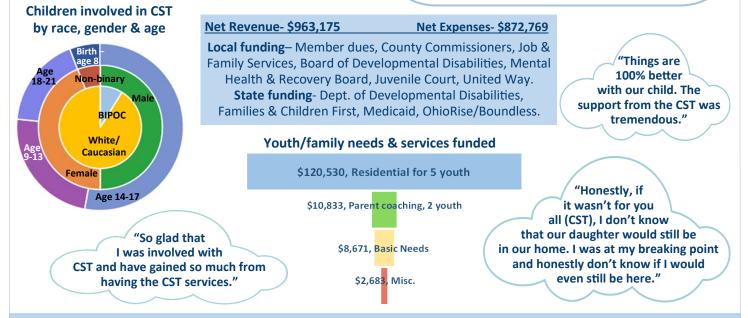


Community Support Teaming

34 Children from 25 families provided with family-centered, strengths-based CST. All of the children were at high risk for out-of-home placement at the time of their referral.
21 Children had a history of placements (hospital, group home, residential, detention).
7 Children were in placement at time of referral.
4 Children were in kinship, CPS or court custody at referral and 7 were in permanent adoptive homes.
21 Children were diverted from out-of-home placement while involved in CST.
12 Of the 13 children/young adults who transitioned

12 out of CST services were in parent/caregiver custody or living independently at case closure.

48 Organizations and schools (7 districts, 6 private/ alternative settings) participated on family teams.



In 2023, CFFC staff & partners advanced the 2023-2025 Shared Plan: Expanding the reach of the Leadership Cohort. The Cohort and ENGAGE strengthened networks among child/family serving systems and educated community providers on resources in Licking County. Began collaboration with NCH to implement a kindergarten readiness initiative to prepare young children for school. Successfully implemented OhioRISE care coordination services through I am Boundless and served youth ineligible for OhioRise. CST staff trained in all aspects of High Fidelity Wraparound and Service Coordination, and all CST staff are CANS certified. Began exploring opportunities to provide preventative services in the county. Community Voices provided parents and caregivers support and a voice with systems. TIC committee joined with Knox County organizations and merged efforts with the Licking County Health Department Community Health Improvement plan. Nurtured local and state partnerships, including participation on local planning groups, Ohio FCFC Association Executive Committee and InCK Partnership Council.

Looking ahead... Together we will continue progress on our Shared Plan, strengthen CFFC through local and state partnerships, and explore opportunities to grow community-based supports and services for families.

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Licking County Board of Developmental Disability's **Early Intervention (LCBDD EI) service** is for children birth to age 3 who are at risk for, or who have developmental delays. EI links children with resources and providers to meet their needs. EI services enhance child development, minimize the need for special education and enhance caregiver ability to meet their child's developmental needs.

El services were promoted at WIC, Southwest Licking Schools, the YMCA, the ESC, and the highly successful Summer Kickoff event. ARPA funds increased the use of technology and provided the El loan closet with adaptive equipment to support families. New El staff were accredited on Triple P Stepping Stones and began to implement this program with families.

470 children referred to Early Intervention. **319** evaluations completed. **194** children found eligible. **345** children served - an 8.2% increase over 2022. **194** exits with **17%** of parents stating that they feel more confident/competent to meet their child's needs.

Looking Ahead... Continue to develop staff skills and ensure service coordinators have consistent knowledge, utilize the Early Childhood Mental Health Consultant to support the needs of the children served in EI, implement consistent processes and utilize contracted Payer of Last Resort (POLR) providers as the LCBDD therapy providers reach capacity.

ENGAGE Committee meetings provide a forum for those who serve older youth/young adults, providing attendees with an opportunity to network, give and receive agency updates, and learn about community resources.

71% of CST involved youth were transition age (14-21).

38 Organizations participate in the ENGAGE Leadership Committee. 14 topics/services presented.

Looking ahead... Increase youth representation, diversity of membership and diversity of meeting presentations.

Community Voices (CV) empowers caregivers of children involved with systems of care and provides support and resource information to caregivers. Community Voices provides CFFC with a family voice on issues affecting families and children, the impact of policies and programs on families and children and how to work more effectively with families and children.

11 Community Voices meetings held with more than **20** parents/caregivers participating. Family representatives participated in **6** Council meetings and the OFCFCA Annual Conference. Members promoted Community Voices at the Canal Market on **7** occasions.

Looking ahead... Increase membership, continue outreach efforts, provide support and resource information to parents and caregivers, and increasing parent and caregiver voice at CFFC meetings and in the community.

Trauma Informed Care (TIC) Committee increases availability of trauma informed services, environments and training. Members support one another to embrace Trauma Informed practice and produce the Supporting Our Supporters Newsletter.

4 Supporting Our Supporters (SOS) Care Inbox newsletters distributed. **11** partners signed the Cooperative Agreement to embrace trauma informed practices. The partnership expanded by joining with Knox County organizations and merging efforts with the Licking County Health Department Community Health Improvement plan.

Looking ahead... Increase partnership and provide TIC training to support TIC practice in the community.

Clinical Committee & Early Childhood Clinical Committee (ECCC) identify needs/gaps in the community, authorize funding for multi-system family services, provide case consultation and strive to develop resources to benefit children and families.

21 case consultations provided. 23 participants being sponsored in the 2023/24 Leadership Cohort.

Looking ahead... Continue to build cross-system collaboration and community relationships. Clinical Committee is partnering with Juvenile Court to keep youth in the community by providing case consultations for youth facing Department of Youth Services or Community Correctional Facility commitments. ECCC partners are exploring kindergarten readiness and childcare provider needs.

THANK YOU to all of our Partners contributing to *Full Council, ^Board, ^{\$}Funding, ⁺Committees, ¹Family Teams/Services

Action for Children^{*+}, Aetna¹, Alkire Creek¹, Attorneys/SEOLS^{*+1}, BHP⁺, Big Bro./Big Sis^{*}, Boundless^{*+\$1}, Brightview⁺, Bhutanese Com. Ctr.⁺, CareSource^{+*}, Columbus Springs^{*+}, Equitas⁺, Lancaster/Fairfield CAA^{*+}, Family Health Serv.^{*+}, Family Reps^{*+}, Fostering Further⁺, Fox Run¹, GAL's¹, Hope Timber⁺, Humana⁺, ISBH^{*+1}, Knox FCFC⁺, Knox Head Start⁺, LAPP^{*+}, LEADS Head Start/EHS^{*++}, Licking Memorial Hosp^{*+}, Lower Lights⁺, Maryhill¹, Mental Health America/YES^{*+1}, Mohican¹, My Place to Be¹, NYAP⁺¹, Nationwide Children's Hosp/InCK^{*+1}, NECCO¹, Newark city^{*}, Partners for Kids¹, Pathways^{*+}, Positive Paths¹, Respite Providers¹, Safely Home¹, Starting Strong⁺, Sun Behavioral¹, TVN⁺¹, Tiffin Dev. Ctr¹, Tollgate¹, United Way-Licking^{*+\$,} United Way-Knox⁺, ViaQuest¹, Woodlands^{*+}, YMCA^{*}, Youth Intens. Serv¹, Youth Villages¹ Licking County Government- Adult Court⁺, Board of Developmental Disabilities^{*+,* \$1}, Child Support^{*}, Commissioners^{*+}, Health Dept^{*+}, Job & Family Services/CPS/OMJ^{*+,* \$1}, Juvenile Court^{*,* \$1}, Library⁺, Mental Health & Recovery Board ^{*+,* \$5}, Sheriff¹

Schools- C-Tec⁺, Eagle Wings¹, Goal Digital¹, Granville¹, Heartland⁺, Heath¹, Johnstown-Monroe^{*+1}, Lakewood¹, Licking Heights⁺, Licking Valley⁺¹ Licking Regional ESC/Autism Unit/Phoenix Central^{*,*+1}, Newark^{*,*+1}, North Fork¹, Perfect Fit Learning Ctr.¹, Southwest Licking⁺¹ **State of Ohio**- DODD¹, DYS^{*}, OFCF^{\$}, ODM MSY¹, OCALI¹, OOD¹, OCC^{*}



2024 CFFC meetings- 1:30pm, February 7, April 2, June 5, August 7, October 2 & December 4 at Licking Co. Health Dept. Council President - Dale Lewellen, Licking Regional ESC, Vice President—Gemma Zimmerman, Newark City Schools Council Coordinator - Sylvia Friel, 740-670-8844, Multi-System Services Supervisor - Melanie Fling, 740-670-8916, Wraparound Facilitators— Heather Berry, 740-670-8975, Ashley Palmer, 740-670-8932

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