

PARTNERSHIPS

Public and non-profit organizations, schools, clergy, parents, and elected officials give their time, expertise, and resources to improve services that strengthen families. Partners participate on family teams, serve on committees, provide services for children and families, and create and oversee our shared plan. We empower providers and schools to address needs before problems escalate and offer ENGAGE meetings as a forum to link providers and increase knowledge of resources and issues of importance to children and families.

Building our community's capacity, coordinating systems and services, and engaging and empowering families

COMMUNITY VOICES

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

COMMUNITY SUPPORT TEAMING

High-Fidelity Wraparound Care Coordination for families with children birth to age 21 who have needs in more than one system of care or at risk of out-of-home placement, brings providers and systems together and connects families to services and supports to maintain children in their home and help children and families succeed.



TRAUMA INFORMED CARE

The Licking/Knox Trauma Informed Care Committee gives their time and expertise to increase availability of trauma informed services, environments and training in our communities. Members support one another and the community to embrace Trauma Informed practice.

EARLY INTERVENTION

Licking County Board of Developmental Disability's Early Intervention (EI) service for children birth to age 3 who are at risk for, or who have developmental delays, 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.

2025 CFFC meetings- 1:30pm, Feb. 5, April 2, June 6, Aug. 7, Oct. 1, Dec. 3 at the Licking Co. Health Dept.

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CLINICAL COMMITTEES

Clinical Committee & Early Childhood Clinical Committee (ECCC) bring providers together to collaborate, identify and develop resources to benefit children and families, offer case consultations, authorize funding for multi-system family services and work to improve kindergarten readiness.

Thank you to all of our partners for your work that helps children and families thrive, and those who contribute to CFFC by providing training/presentations and participation on Full Council, committees and Family Teams!

Access Ohio, Action for Children, Aetna, Alkire Creek, Attorneys/SEOLS, BHP, Big Brothers/Big Sisters, Boundless, Brightview, Buckeye Health, Bhutanese Community Ctr., CareSource, Chrysalis, Columbus Springs, Community Voices, Consumer Support Services, Equitas, Eyes Up Appalachia, Food Pantry Network, Franklin Co. FCFC, Lancaster/Fairfield CAA, Family Health Services, Forum, Fostering Further/Starting Strong, GALs, Humana, ISBH/HMG, Julia Paige, Knox Co. — FCFC, Head Start + United Way, LAPP, LEADS HS/EHS, Legacy Healing Ctr, Licking Memorial Health, Lower Lights, The Main Place, Makridis Learning, MHA/YES, NYAP, Nationwide Children's Hospital/InCK/Close to Home, City of Newark, New Story, Nisonger Center, OCALI, Ohio Guidestone, OOD, OSUN/COTC, Partners for Kids, Pathways, PBJ Connections, Positive Paths, Respite providers, Rise Christian Church, River Vista, Salvation Army, Southeastern Ohio Counseling, Sun Behavioral, TVN, Tollgate House, ViaQuest, Woodlands/New Beginnings, YMCA, Youth Villages. Schools- Blessed Sacrament, C-Tec, Licking Regional ESC, GOAL Digital, Granville, Heartland H.S., Heath, Johnstown, Lakewood, Licking Heights, Licking Valley, My Place to Be, Newark, North Fork ,Oakstone Acad., Pataskala Bridge Acad., Southwest Licking. Licking County— Board of Developmental Disabilities, Child Support, Coalition for Housing, Commissioners, Foundation, Health Dept., JFS/CPS/OMJ, Juvenile Court, Library, Metro Housing, Mental Health & Recovery, Transit. Ohio Departments — Children & Youth, Developmental Disabilities, Education & Workforce, Medicaid/MSY Team, Youth Services

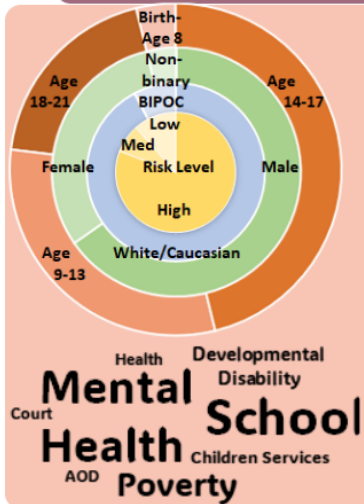
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Working to keep children safely in their home and the community with...

- Care coordination services
- Services for children and families
- Funding for child/family services and supports.
- Increased knowledge- 50+ providers attended ENGAGE meetings to learn about local services and issues impacting youth and families.

In 2025, we will continue to strengthen partnerships, increase youth voice, increase understanding of issues impacting families/youth, and update the Shared Plan.

COMMUNITY SUPPORT TEAMING



26 children received CST services

- 14 had a history of hospitalizations.
- 9 in placement or detention at referral.
- 15 diverted from placement.
- 3 of 4 with their parent(s) at case closure.
- Representatives from 43 organizations participated on family teams.
- Increase in non-Medicaid eligible children served.
- 59 hours of consultations linked 51 providers/families to resources.
- Staffs trained in all aspects of High-Fidelity Wraparound & Service Coordination and are CANS certified.
- Staff is participating in Biographical TIC Timeline Cohort

EARLY INTERVENTION (EI)

- EI promoted at numerous community events and pediatrician offices.
- 443 children referred
- 332 children served
- 288 evaluations completed
- 175 children found eligible
- 145 children (31%) exited due to parents stating they felt more confident/competent to meet their child's needs.

Looking Ahead...

- Continue to develop service coordinator knowledge and skills to ensure consistency with forms and processes.
- Strengthen relationships with community partners.
- Continue community outreach.

Testimonial

"Family teaming services have been helpful to my family in many ways.

I think it has helped with being able to touch base with the individuals who work directly with my son in a different way than they would have ever been able to before. I am able to get a monthly review of how things are going not just in school but overall.

I also think being able to celebrate accomplishments gives my son the confidence he needs and the praise that he may not get on a regular basis, especially from others. It has also been great with all the additional services that have been offered to our family. I know some services are out there in the community, but I do not believe they are advertised just for the general public. With the Children and Families First Council, we would not know about these services or be able to work better as a family to utilize these outside sources."

In 2024, CFFC staffs worked with partners in efforts to improve the lives of children and families-- participating on InCK Partnership Council, Journey to 5, LCBDD Human Rights Committee, Our Futures and other local committees, and State committees- OFCF planning committees, OFCFCA Exec. Committee, and Ohio Children's Trust Fund. CFFC also increased our outreach, participating in multiple community resource fairs.

In 2025, we will work to decrease the wait list for CST services, increase Care Coordination for non-OhioRISE eligible youth, increase upstream/preventative services, grow community-based supports and services for families and provide Biographical TIC Timelines for families.

COMMUNITY VOICES

Parent Representatives lead Community Voices with a dedication to helping families navigate systems and advocate for themselves. In 2024, Community Voices...

- Provided 300+ families with resource information.
- Created a Facebook page to promote resources.
- Held 11 Community Voices meetings
- Provided insight on family needs and beneficial resources at CFFC meetings, Kid's Summit, OFCFCA Conference, FASD Conference, Leadership Cohort, a parent/youth engagement meeting and with LC Board of Developmental Disabilities.

CV plans to reach more families in 2025 with support and resource information, and increase opportunities for families and youth to give voice on programs and policies.

TRAUMA INFORMED CARE (TIC)

Licking/Knox TIC Committee members produced a 6-part "lunch and learn" series. The series can be used as an onboarding tool and for those in need of a basic understanding of TIC. The group also produced the quarterly "Supporting Our Supporters" newsletter and 12 organizations have signed a Cooperative Agreement to embrace trauma informed practices.

Planning has begun to expand membership, produce a series with more in-depth TIC information, and expand access to TIC resources.

CLINICAL COMMITTEES

- Completed update of the Service Coordination Mechanism
- Provided 7 Case Consultations
- Funded child and family services- Socialization activities- \$2,000, Respite- \$9,703, Parent/child coaching- \$70,391.
- Increased cross-system connections and leadership opportunities by hosting an annual Leadership Cohort of 28 service providers and educators from multiple systems and schools throughout the county.

In 2025 we will enhance the Leadership Cohort, increase reach of Case Consultations, ensure all systems/regions are represented on CC's and take an active role in Journey to 5 .

Thank you to our partners who contribute to CFFC with member dues, pooled funds, grants, service reimbursement and state funding that allows us to build our community's capacity to better serve children and families

Income- \$861,112. Expenses- \$698,592

Big Brothers/Big Sisters, Boundless, Buckeye Valley Family YMCA, Family Health Services, LAPP, LEADS Head Start/Early Head Start, Licking Co. Board of Developmental Disabilities, Licking Co. Commissioners, Licking Co. Health Dept., Licking Co. Job and Family Services, Licking Co. Juvenile Court, Licking Regional ESC, Licking Memorial Health, Mental Health America, Mental Health & Recovery for Licking & Knox Counties, Nationwide Children's Hospital-InCK, City of Newark, Pathways, Woodlands, United Way of Licking County Ohio Departments — Children & Youth/FCFC, Developmental Disabilities, Medicaid/MSY