

Ashland County Family & Children First Council

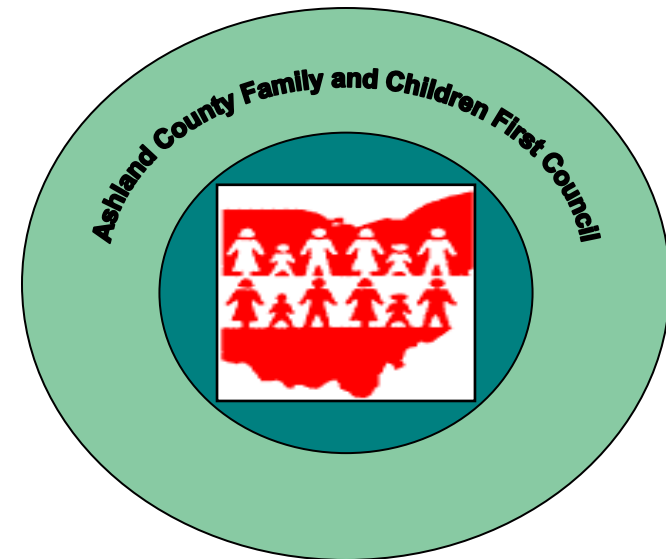


We focus on a variety of issues, such as early childhood education, access to mental health and substance abuse services, child abuse and neglect, juvenile justice, mental retardation and developmental disabilities, education and school success, health issues, and youth employment.

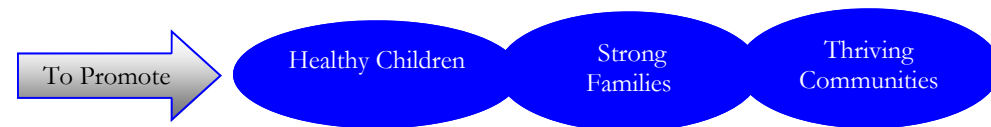
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Why do Family and Children First Councils Exist?



What do Family and Children First Councils Do?



SIX COMMITMENTS TO CHILD WELL BEING

EXPECTANT PARENTS AND NEWBORNS THRIVE

INFANTS AND TODDLERS THRIVE

CHILDREN ARE READY FOR SCHOOL

CHILDREN AND YOUTH SUCCEED IN SCHOOL

YOUTH CHOOSE HEALTHY BEHAVIORS

YOUTH SUCCESSFULLY TRANSITION INTO ADULTHOOD



PURPOSE

The Ashland County Family & Children First Council is a network of local service providing organizations, government, advocates, parents and funders of services for children and families. The FCFC holds as its purpose to improve understanding and knowledge of county-based services. It serves to identify service gaps and improve delivery for families seeking assistance with their children. We have representatives from thirty different county agencies and over seventy-five members

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WHAT THE FAMILY AND CHILDREN FIRST COUNCIL DOES FOR FAMILIES

- Mobilize child and family serving partners to plan and implement evidence-based programs to address the needs of children and families.
- Assure that the major service systems coordinate policies and share resources.
- Provide service coordination for individual families and children requiring multiple services.
- Empower families to be active participating members of FCFC and advocate on behalf of child and family.

FAMILY SUPPORT

Risk Management Team—where families with high needs children who have behavioral challenges can receive support from a multidisciplinary team.

Family Networking Team—family members network with each other and help other families use support services.

Family Care Team—helps families who need more than one service to assure healthy children's development.

SPONSORED PROGRAMS

Help Me Grow a program for expectant parents and children aged birth to three to provide coordinated health and developmental services.

Ohio Children's Trust Fund provide families with information & training for prevention of child abuse and neglect.

OTHER ACTIVITIES

Early Childhood Coordinating Committee for coordination of programs for children Birth to School Age.

Community Service Planning evaluates and communicates progress of collaborative efforts that promote child well-being commitments.

Child Abuse Prevention Month Activities

Other countywide service coordination activities