

# Licking County Children and Families First Council 2019 Annual Report



BUILDING our community's capacity, COORDINATING systems and services, and ENGAGING and EMPOWERING families.

Partners working together  
 \*Full Council, ^Board, \$Funding, +Committees and Family Teams

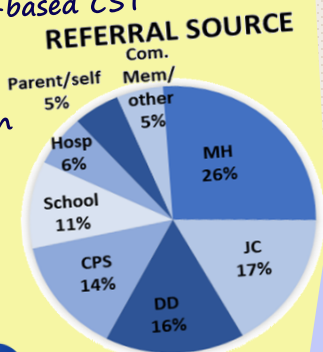
Action for Children<sup>+</sup>, Behavioral Healthcare Partners<sup>\*^</sup> Big Brothers/Big Sisters<sup>\*</sup> Board of Developmental Disabilities<sup>\*^</sup> Boundless<sup>+</sup> Columbus Springs<sup>+</sup> County Commissioners<sup>\*^</sup> Educational Services Center<sup>\*^</sup> Family Health Services<sup>\*^</sup> Family Representatives<sup>\*</sup> Health Department<sup>+</sup> Integrated Services for Behavioral Health<sup>+</sup> Job & Family Services/ Children Services/Ohio Means Jobs<sup>\*^</sup> Juvenile Court<sup>\*^</sup> LAPP<sup>+</sup> LEADS Head Start<sup>+</sup> Lakewood Schools<sup>+</sup> Licking Co. Library<sup>+</sup> Licking Memorial Health<sup>\*^</sup> Licking Valley Schools<sup>+</sup> Mental Health America<sup>\*^</sup> Mental Health & Recovery<sup>\*^</sup> National Youth Advocate Program<sup>+</sup> Nationwide Children's Hospital<sup>+</sup> Newark City Schools<sup>+</sup> North Fork Schools<sup>+</sup> Pathways<sup>\*^</sup> Salvation Army<sup>+</sup> SEOLS<sup>+</sup> Southwest Licking Schools<sup>+</sup> Starting Strong<sup>+</sup> State of Ohio<sup>+</sup> The Village Network<sup>+</sup> The Woodlands<sup>\*^</sup> United Way<sup>\*^</sup> YMCA<sup>\*</sup>

"Children & Families First has helped me build my confidence in moving forward to create a safe and better life for my children and I. For those that may be struggling with where to turn for help, I highly encourage you to contact children & families first counsel."

**105 organizations and schools participated on CST Family Teams.**

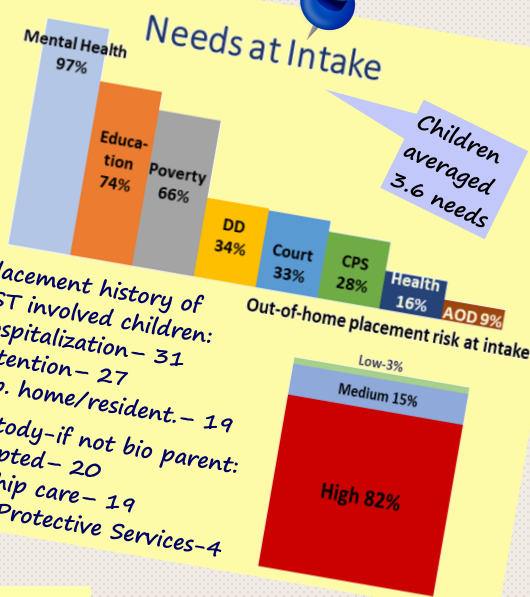
Community Support Teaming (CST) - 116 children (60% male, 40% female) in 86 families participated in family centered, strengths-based CST

High Fidelity Wraparound and Service Coordination for children with needs in more than one system and/or at risk of out-of-home placement.



Services funded: respite, parent/child coaching, mentoring, social/rec supports, residential, therapeutic services, basic needs.

Placement history of CST involved children:  
 Hospitalization - 31  
 Detention - 27  
 Grp. home/resident. - 19  
 Custody-if not bio parent:  
 Adopted - 20  
 Kinship care - 19  
 Child Protective Services - 4



Children averaged 3.6 needs

CFCC contracts with the Licking County Board of Intervention (EI) for children from birth to age three who are at risk for, or who have developmental delays, for the purpose of enhancing a family's ability to meet their child's developmental needs and minimize the need for special education.  
 491 children referred to EI,  
 214 found eligible,  
 334 children served.  
 82% of 186 children who exited EI transitioned to further services, were no longer in need of services or the family identified that their child no longer needed interventions.  
 35% of children who exited without eligibility established were found to not need EI services.

"Children & family first have been a great support for me and my family. I am a single mom to three kids and life didn't deal me a good hand. One member from children and family first is such an amazing woman and has been there for me through some difficult times and as a supportive friend. I feel hopeful and more positive. Thank you."

28 children transitioned out of CST, with 25 of the children remaining in parent custody. (89%)

2017-2019 Shared Plan  
 Early Childhood Clinical Committee (ECCC) increased availability of Early Childhood Mental Health (ECMH) services & supports- 19 children age birth to 8 received CST services. 37 ECMH providers/programs in community.

Increase use of Trauma Informed Care (TIC) - 620+ individuals trained- 146 were parents/caregivers.

10 organizations provided training,  
 16 organizations have TI trained staff.  
 12 organizations have TIC plan/committee.  
 TIC Leadership Committee formed.

Older youth become successful adults  
 15 systems on ENGAGE Committee increased information & resource sharing and networking among different sectors.

Increasing family supports- Parent Peer Support (PPS) Advisory committee to bring PPS services to county.

Partnering to meet community needs with our 2017-19 and 2020-2022 Shared Plan

2020-22 Shared Plan

ECCC continues working to increase use of ECMH and CST services.

TIC Committee will continue working to increase TIC services, environments and parents/caregivers trained.

Increase parent and family voice- Parent representatives have joined the ECCC, TIC and ENGAGE committees.  
 Parent advisory group formed and PPS advisory committee supporting new Parent Peer support services

Building capacity to meet the needs of children with multi-system challenges and their families  
 Clinical Committee providing consultations, overseeing service funding, identifying service gaps, overseeing Cross-system training and High Fidelity Wraparound (HFW)/Service Coordination training, and committing staff to provide care coordination.  
 Third HFW Facilitator hired.

Increase intensive supports, parent peer supports, and crisis and safety planning.

Meeting parents as equal partners helps teams better identify needs and offer purposeful help to address these needs. Through Community Support Teaming (CST) and Licking County Board of Developmental Disabilities Early Intervention program, we have witnessed families gain a sense of empowerment and healing that leads to hope for the future. Meeting one another as equal partners has allowed Children and Families First (CFFC) members to identify community needs, offer a purposeful Shared Plan to address these needs and offer the community hope. The information contained in this report reflects the services that lead to the healing experienced by families and the strong foundation CFFC members have laid for children and families in 2020:

#### **Families will have increased access to CST services-**

- ◇ System partners have committed staff to participate in cross-system collaboration training and team facilitation training. The training will lead to additional team facilitators who can continue working with family teams once a family has been stabilized through CST's High Fidelity Wraparound process.
- ◇ Licking/Knox Mental Health & Recovery Board's (MHRB) funding of a third team facilitator in 2019, who joins the second team facilitator position supported by Licking County Job and Family Services.
- ◇ Licking County Juvenile Court's increase to pooled funds, United Way of Licking County funding and Mental Health and Recovery Board (MHRB) funds that support teaming services and direct services for families.
- ◇ Ohio Department of Medicaid (ODM) and the Ohio Department of Job & Family Services funding for families with children with multi-system needs. Licking County CFFC has already received ODM funds to support residential stabilization services for a youth so that he can safely return home.

The firm foundation of CST that is critical as we continue to grow these services and serve more families, is due in large part to the leadership of our Multi-Systems Services Supervisor, Cindy Webb— THANK YOU!

#### **Support for overwhelmed families—**

- ◇ Advisory teams working to increase and create local services that provide needed residential stabilization, respite and Parent Peer Supports (PPS). MHRB, in conjunction with the PPS Advisory Group is developing a Parent Peer Support Program that will become operational mid-year, 2020. MHRB will fund the program and work with the Advisory committee to review national standards for the program.
- ◇ Clinical Committee and Early Childhood Clinical Committee (ECCC) consultation, training and information sharing, expansion of Trauma Informed Care services, and the ENGAGE team's success providing information and linkages to providers serving older youth.
- ◇ The active participation of parent representatives on our committees and in CFFC leadership roles will help identify actions that better support families/children.
- ◇ An increase in the Early Intervention allocation will allow for more services and outreach through the Licking County Board of Developmental Disabilities.
- ◇ The Integrated Care for Kids (InCK) model grant partnership between Ohio Department of Medicaid, Nationwide Children's Hospital and Muskingum and Licking Counties will better serve children with complex needs in our counties.
- ◇ Ohio Family & Children First Council will provide support to help modernize Councils and better serve families.

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**Council President-** Kim Wilhelm, JFS Protective Services; **Past President-** Kristin McCloud, Pathways of Central OH; **Vice President-** Jason Umstot, Licking Co. Board of Developmental Disabilities; **Treasurer-** Penny Sitler, Mental Health America-Licking County.

**2020 CFFC meetings- 1:30pm on Feb. 5, April 1, June 3, Aug. 5, Oct. 7 & Dec. 2 at Licking County Health Dept.**

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