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# FAIRFIELD COUNTY FAMILY, ADULT AND CHILDREN FIRST COUNCIL 2018 ANNUAL REPORT



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FAIRFIELD COUNTY  
FAMILY, ADULT AND CHILDREN FIRST COUNCIL  
2018 ANNUAL MEETING  
NOVEMBER 16, 2018  
8:30 A.M.

**Breakfast buffet created, prepared and served by LHS Culinary Program at Lancaster High School**  
**Table decorations by Neely Farms/Lancaster Greenhouse, and FACF staff**

**Welcome**

Marie Ward, Ph.D., Superintendent  
Fairfield County Educational Service Center  
FACF Council President

**Introductions & Announcements**

**Business Meeting**

Nominating Committee Report

Melissa Newman, Parent Representative  
Tiffany Nash, Fairfield Department of Health  
Kim Devitt, Lancaster-Fairfield Community Action Early Childhood Programs

Election of Officers for 2019

**FACF Council Annual Report**

Donna Fox-Moore, Executive Director

**2017 Firefly Award Presentations**

**Our Firefly Award recipients are recognized for lighting the way for others to succeed. Presented by:**

Pam Redding, *Parent Education*  
Tiffany Wilson, *Help Me Grow Early Intervention*  
Ann Probasco, *Injury Prevention*  
Cindi West, *Multi-System Youth*

**Special Remarks and Recognition**

Dave Levacy, Fairfield County Commissioner

**Closing**

Marie Ward, Ph.D., Superintendent  
Fairfield County Educational Service Center  
FACF Council President

**2019 Full Council Meetings**

8:30 a.m. – 10:00 a.m.

Thursday, January 17, 2019  
Thursday, March 21, 2019  
Friday, May 17, 2019  
Thursday, July 18, 2019  
Thursday, September 19, 2019  
Friday, November 15, 2019 (**Annual Meeting**)

## FAIRFIELD COUNTY FAMILY, ADULT AND CHILDREN FIRST COUNCIL

The Fairfield County Family, Adult and Children First Council is a partnership of public and private non-profit child and family-serving agencies and organizations committed to improving the well-being of children and families. The Council's primary goal is for every child to succeed. To achieve this goal, programs are crystallized around 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 make the transition into adulthood

The Council facilitates a local community collaborative that shares responsibility for meeting the diverse needs of children, adults and families. The intent of this collaboration is to:

- Streamline and coordinate government services for families seeking help for their children
- Develop and implement a service coordination mechanism to prioritize services and fill gaps where possible
- Participate in comprehensive and coordinated interagency system for infants and toddlers with developmental disabilities or delays
- Monitor progress toward achieving results
- Ensure input from families and from a broad spectrum of the community
- Build community capacity

The Council's structure supports maximum coordination of services throughout the community. Each program and initiative of the FAF Council is guided by a committee comprised of community partners – a forum through which to identify comprehensive gaps and needs, and to support efficient coordination of services.

The Council is steered by its Executive Committee, which includes representation from: parents, Board of County Commissioners, City of Lancaster, Educational Service Center, Pickerington Schools, Lancaster City Schools, New Horizons Mental Health, Board of DD, Job and Family Services, Fairfield Community Health Center, Early Childhood Programs of Lancaster-Fairfield Community Action Agency, United Way, Lancaster Community Development Department, Health Department, ADAMH Board and Juvenile Court. The Fairfield County Board of Commissioners has been designated by the Executive Committee as the FAF Council's administrative agent.

In 1993, Section 121.37 of the Ohio Revised Code created the Governor's Children's Cabinet with the purpose of streamlining and coordinating government services for children and families and outlined the framework for establishing Family and Children First Councils in each county. The Cabinet Council is comprised of the following Ohio Departments: Aging, Developmental Disabilities, Education, Health, Job and Family Services, Medicaid, Mental Health and Addiction Services, Opportunities for Ohioans with Disabilities, Rehabilitation and Correction, Youth Services, and the Office of Budget and Management. Locally, the county commissioners establish the 88 county Family and Children First Councils (FCFC).

### MISSION

In the pursuit of a better quality of life for the families, adults and children of Fairfield County, it is the vision of the Council to create and facilitate a coordinated system of services that responds to the strengths and needs of our community.

*Alone we can do so little; together we can do so much.*

– Helen Keller



## MULTI-SYSTEM YOUTH PROGRAM—CINDI WEST, MSY COORDINATOR

The Multi-System Youth (MSY) program provides and monitors a service coordination system for multi-need youth. Service coordination is a problem-solving process that finds and organizes agencies, people and services to support the individual needs of children and families. Then, with the family’s involvement, a coordinated service plan is formulated in a way that increases efficiency and responsiveness to each family’s unique needs. Fairfield County pools its resources and efforts to provide service coordination and a broad range of support and evidence-based interventions to families needing assistance.

This Program increases access, capacity and effectiveness of services for our county's youth and their families whose needs extend beyond any one youth-serving program. Primary objectives are early intervention, preventing unnecessary out-of-home placements and when placements are necessary, keeping children in the least restrictive environment possible and as close to their own home environment as possible.



### OHIO FAMILY AND CHILDREN FIRST SHARED PLANNING PROCESS

- Provides the basis for initiating collaborative, community efforts to enhance service delivery;
- Develops common and agreed upon outcomes;
- Specifies shared concept of success and how success will be measured

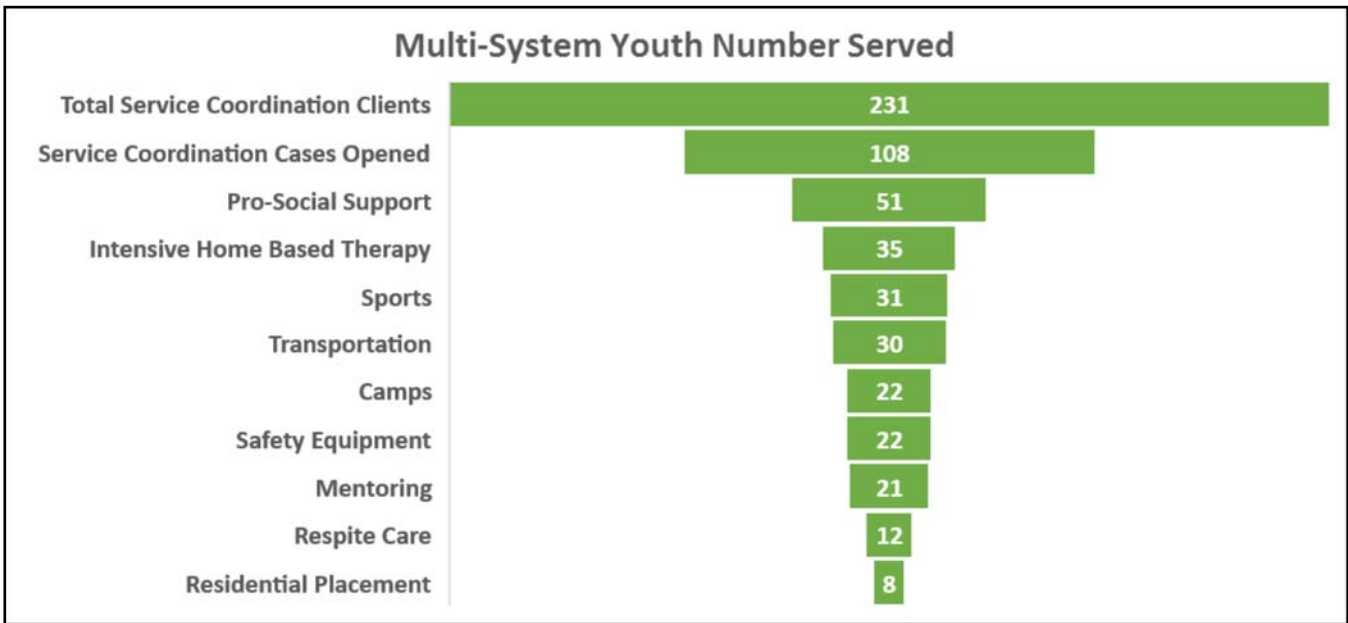
### FAIRFIELD COUNTY FY 17-19 COMMUNITY SHARED PLAN REPORT

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| <b>Priority 1</b>       | <b>Drug addiction prevention and care for adults, children, infants and families</b>   |
| Goal                    | Decrease the number of children who report 30-day use of marijuana, alcohol, and Rx drugs  |
| Measurement             | Number of children who report 30-day use of marijuana, alcohol, and Rx drugs   |
| Key Community Resources | ADAMH Board’s Prevention Works Coalition; Youth Behavior Survey; The Recovery Center; Educational impact programs; Opiate Task Force |

### Fairfield County 2016 Youth Behavior Survey Data

| Frequent Use (30-day) of Selected Substances | 2004 | 2006 | 2008 | 2010 | 2012 | 2014 | 2016 |
|--|------|------|------|------|------|------|------|
| Alcohol                                      | 37.9 | 34.9 | 31.2 | 21.1 | 21.1 | 19.6 | 19.1 |
| Marijuana                                    | 18.8 | 14.4 | 15.8 | 20.3 | 16.4 | 14.2 | 14.6 |
| Other People’s Prescriptions                 | 9.3  | 8.5  | 7.2  | 5.7  | 2.4  | .4   | 1.0  |

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| <b>Priority 2</b>       | <b>Services for at-risk youth involved in multiple community systems</b>   |
| Goals                   | The social, economic, emotional and physical needs of children and youth are met, removing barriers to help success at home and school; Reduce number of children with severe mental health needs, who remain in their parent’s custody that are placed in residential facilities. |
| Key Community Resources | Intensive Home-Based Therapy; Trauma-Informed Care; Residential Mental Health; Supportive, positive family activities; Community partners policy that no parent must give up custody to receive residential services if required for mental health care                            |
| Measurement             | The Multi-System Youth Program will serve at least 80 families annually with comprehensive service coordination; Monthly case reviews conducted by Cluster Group to closely monitor out-of-home placements.  |



**Activities of Service Coordination include:**

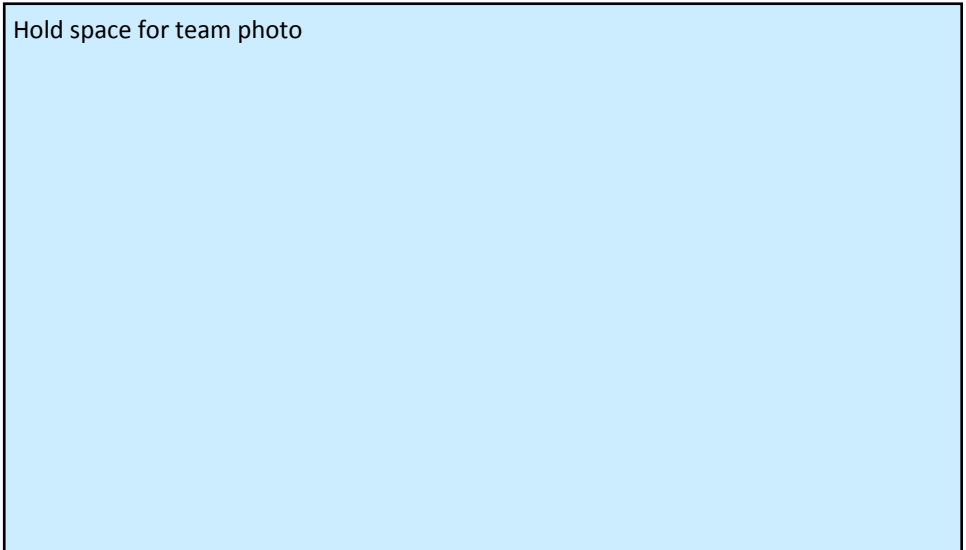
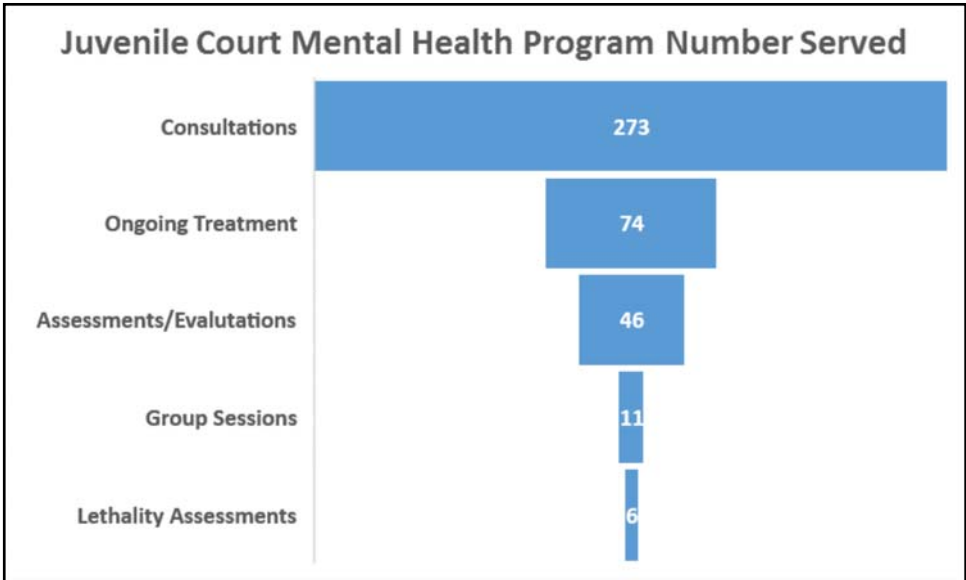
- Coordination of evaluations and assessments
- Development & evaluation of a Comprehensive Family Plan
- Identification of available service providers
- Coordination and monitoring of service delivery
- Referral to advocacy services
- Development of a transition plan

**Multi-System Youth Committee Structure**

- Early Childhood Cluster reviews needs of children ages birth through 8
- Interdisciplinary Team reviews needs of youth ages 9 through 21
- Executive Cluster reviews residential placements and overall strategies

**Multi-System Youth Services Pooled Funding Partners**

- ADAMH
- Juvenile Court
- Board of Developmental Disabilities
- Board of County Commissioners



## SAFE KIDS COALITION—ANN PROBASCO, COORDINATOR OHIO DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH CHILDHOOD INJURY PREVENTION PROGRAM

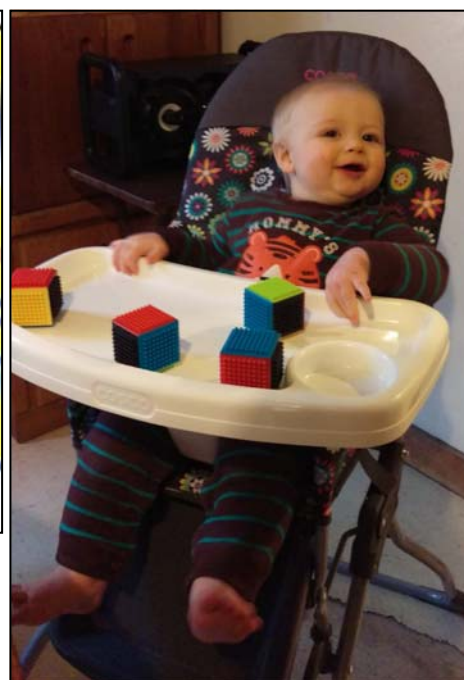
The Safe Kids Fairfield County Coalition includes child safety advocates, health educators, law enforcement, case workers, school administrators, medical liaisons, and agency representatives. Locally identified priorities of the Safe Kids Coalition for 2014-2018 focus on unintentional traumatic brain injury.

This program is funded primarily by the Ohio Department of Health with additional support from South Central Power Foundation and Safe Kids Worldwide.

Through a partnership with Ohio Buckles Buckeyes, child car seats are provided to families in need. Families are also provided training on proper use.

### Objectives:

- Reduce the incidence of fall-related traumatic brain injury in children aged birth to three years
- Reduce the incidence of sports-related traumatic brain injury
- Increase the number of youth who regularly use bike helmets



Safe Kids Coalition was a partner in the installation of a the mural on the Fairfield Heritage Trail to promote bicycle safety. The mural was designed by local artist Remo Remoquillo and painted with the assistance of community volunteers.

### Safe Kids Coalition Education and Outreach



- Bike Helmets - 800
- Bike Safety Education - 1115
- Child Car Seat Education - 66
- Child Car Seats Distributed - 51
- Concussion Awareness - 1050
- Home Safety Modifications - 11
- Poison Education - 150
- Safe Kids Coalition Education 101

*In the U.S. nearly 7.7 million children are treated for injuries in emergency departments every year. Most of these injuries are preventable!*

Source: Safe Kids Worldwide



## HELP ME GROW EARLY INTERVENTION—TIFFANY WILSON, CONTRACT MANAGER

The Help Me Grow Early Intervention program serves children birth to three years of age who may have developmental delays and disabilities.

Infants and toddlers are evaluated, using appropriate diagnostic tools, by an interdisciplinary team. If needed, individualized services are provided to the child and family through a Service Coordinator who guides the family through every aspect of the process, from program entry until the child transitions out of the program by age three. Early Intervention program implementation partners are Lancaster-Fairfield Community Action Agency for service coordination and the Fairfield County Board of Developmental Disabilities for provision of services.

In SFY 18, 362 children were served. Most of the 181 children exiting the program transitioned successfully to preschool. Reports indicate that all children exiting demonstrated progress with social and emotional skills, acquisition and use of knowledge and skills, and taking action to meet needs.

Identified delays for children served were:

- Communication—35%
- Physical—22%
- Adaptive—20%
- Cognitive—14%
- Social & Emotional—7%

### Early Intervention Exit Destinations



- Public Preschool
- Home
- Head Start
- County DD
- Child Care
- Family Center
- Private Preschool

### Identified Delays



- Cognitive Delay
- Adaptive Delay
- Social & Emotional Delay
- Communication Delay
- Physical Delay



**Early Intervention Team**

Photo by Rachel McCoy, Fairfield County DD

## PARENT EDUCATION COOPERATIVE— PAM REDDING, COORDINATOR

The Fairfield County Parent Education Cooperative meets quarterly to review availability, optimal scheduling, and gaps in population-specific education. Four curriculums are offered to provide support to parents of all ages of children and include: *The First Five Years*, *Active Parenting*, *Parent Project* and *Positive Parenting Program (Triple P)*.

The development and distribution of the quarterly Family Resource Calendar continued to be a priority for 2018. The calendar is available on the Council's website, and 1500 calendars are printed each quarter and dispersed to several locations throughout Fairfield County.

Parenting Education was made possible in FY 18 through funding from the ADAMH Board, Juvenile Court and Lancaster Community Development. One-hundred twenty parents were served this year.

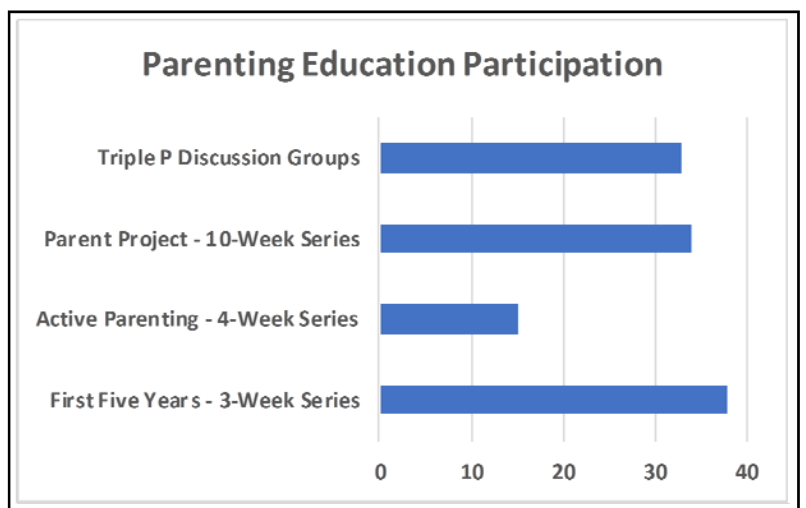
### Parent Project—A Parent's Experience saying *Three Little Words*

The Parent Project is a ten-week, three-hour per week commitment of parents with teens displaying out-of-control adolescent behaviors. During the Spring 2018 series, it was recommended that Joe attend the series due to concerns about the behavior of his 14-year old son. On the first night of the program, we discuss with parents how important it is for them to let their teen know that they are loved by saying those three little words "I love you." This is sometimes difficult to say to the teen with behaviors that make us wonder if we even like them, yet they are the ones that need to hear it the most! It was something this single dad hadn't said to either of his sons and felt a little uncomfortable doing so but was willing to give it a try. At the next class, parents shared how their teens responded when they told them that they loved them. Joe spoke up and said that his sons just looked at him like he was crazy the first few times he said it. After a couple of days, his older son (18) asked if he was okay or if there was something wrong. By the end of the week, both of his sons responded with "Love you, too" (although it was mumbled)!

During the first night of the Fall Parent Project series, after discussing that the parents' homework was to tell their teens that they loved them, I shared Joe's story. One of the parents attending spoke up and told us the reason she was attending is because she works with Joe and saw the difference in his family's relationship during and after he attended. Joe had confided in her that he and his sons still daily say those three little words, "I love you!"



Parenting Education Cooperative brings together community partners to develop the parent education curriculum.



Parent Project Class of Fall 2018



## COMMUNITY INITIATIVES

### Fairfield County Perinatal Leadership Group

The FAF Council partnership with the Fairfield Department of Health, Ohio Department of Health, ADAMH Board and the Recovery Center is addressing the issue of access to prenatal care for pregnant women who are actively using substances and the potential effects on infants. The goal is a health pregnancy with a healthy outcome.

### Building Trauma Informed Systems (BTIS)

Driven by the collective understanding of the effect of child maltreatment and the ways that multiple systems can utilize brain research and best practice, this work group reviews the research and literature, learns from those in the field who are using the concepts of trauma-informed care and proposing both macro-educational opportunities as well as agency-to-agency collaborations to work together for the best outcomes for children. These efforts continue to build trauma-informed systems in Fairfield County.

### Healthier Buckeye Council

The FAF Council received funding from the Ohio Department of Job and Family Services in 2016 to launch the Healthier Buckeye Council, a comprehensive anti-poverty programs designed to lift families out of poverty and achieve self-sufficiency. The project allowed local service providers and community partners to promote optimal health and well-being for those in need in Fairfield County. It was implemented by Lancaster-Fairfield Community Action Agency in collaboration with the Sharing Hope initiative. Funding for this initiative ended December 31, 2017. Sharing Hope/Bridges Out of Poverty presentations continue to be conducted in our community.

### Fairfield County Housing Coalition

As the lead entity for the Continuum of Care planning process, the Fairfield County Housing Coalition provides a unified approach toward sustaining and improving local housing services for the homeless and low-income population. The Coalition has a diverse membership including service providers and community leaders that successfully collaborate in strategic planning to strengthen the system of care that serves the homeless and those at risk of homelessness. The Coalition conducts the Homeless Point-In-Time Count and fair housing training every year. Mary Jo Smith, Executive Director of the Lancaster Community Development Department serves as Chair; C.J. Roberts, Director of Housing and Resource Development for Lancaster-Fairfield Community Action Agency, serves as Vice Chair.

### Fairfield County Transportation Coalition

The Fairfield County Transportation Coalition convenes community members and transportation services providers to identify gaps and needs in services, and advocates for the provision of safe, affordable and accessible transportation. The Coalition also provides leadership in the development of the county's coordinated transportation plan. Carrie Woody, Director of Lancaster-Fairfield Public Transit, serves as President; Dr. Ed Payne, Executive Director & CEO of the Fairfield Center for disAbilities & Cerebral Palsy, serves as Vice President and Secretary.

### Older Adult Network

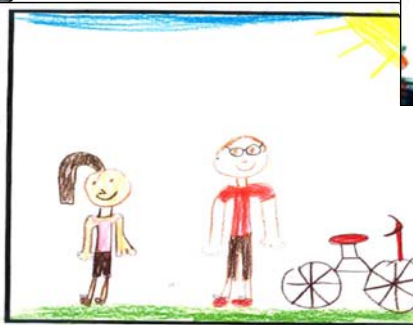
The Older Adult Network is a collaboration between agencies, businesses, and organizations who serve older adults and their families in the community. Membership in the OAN is open to anyone who provides resources and services for the aging population and advocates for older adults. The Older Adult Network is a standing committee of the FAF Council. Co-Chairs are Linda McDonald & Jennifer Moore; Secretary is Kim Shook.

## CHILDREN'S ART FEATURED IN THE 2018 FAMILY RESOURCE CALENDARS



Winter—Trishelle, Age 10

Spring—Madelyn, Age 9



Fall—Besma, Age 5

Summer—Zoie, Age 11



## FAMILY, ADULT & CHILDREN FIRST COUNCIL STATE FISCAL YEAR 2018 FUNDING

The FAF Council integrates public and private support to achieve the greatest impact with financial and human resources. Our partners provide resources as well as collaboration in the structure and design of the FAF Council's services to the community.

### Local Government Partnerships

- ADAMH
- Board of Commissioners
- Board of Developmental Disabilities
- Job and Family Services
- Juvenile Court
- Lancaster Community Development Department

### Local Philanthropic Partnerships

- Fairfield County Foundation
- South Central Power Foundation
- First United Methodist Church

### State of Ohio Partnerships

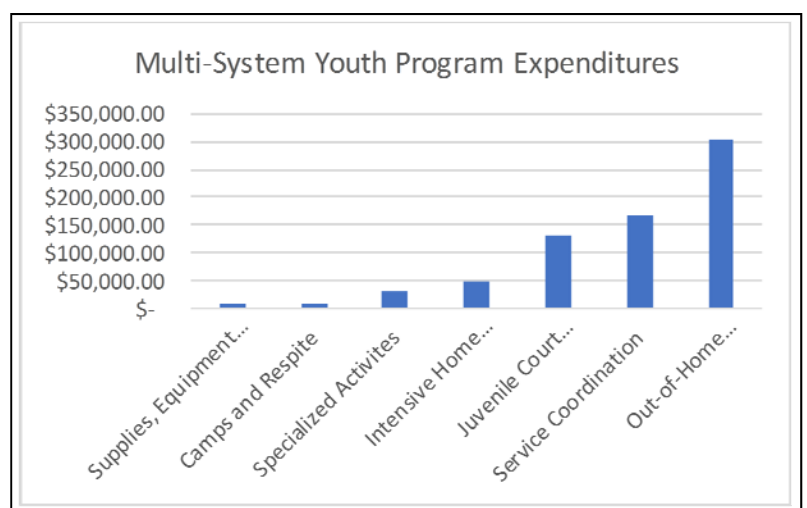
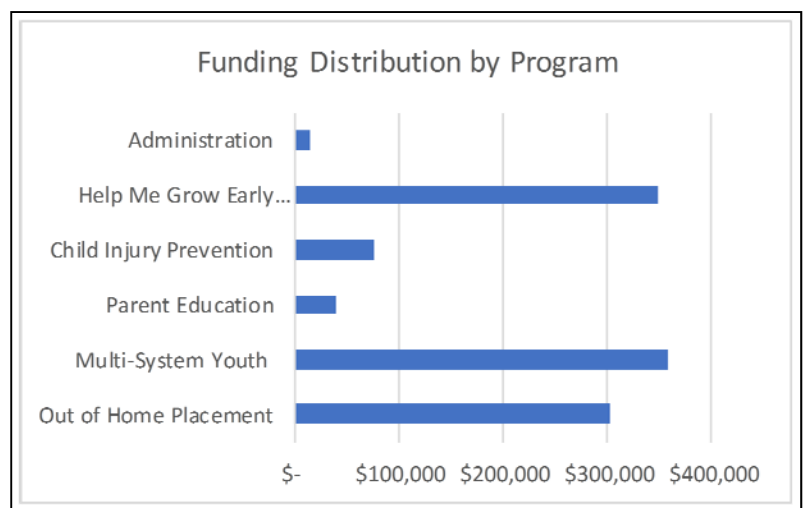
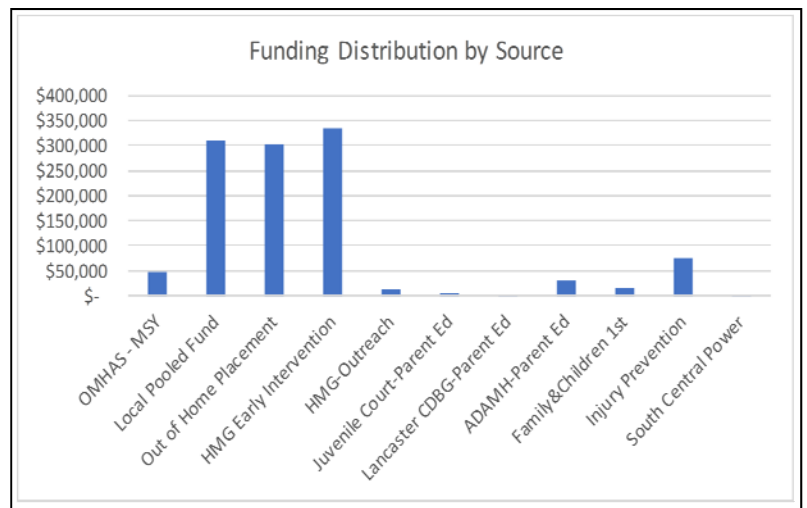
- Family and Children First
- Department of Developmental Disabilities
- Department of Health
- Mental Health and Addiction Services

### Multi-System Youth Services Pooled Funding Partnerships

Services provided to youth with multi-system needs in our community are made possible through local partners that work collaboratively and pool funding and other resources.

Through the Ohio Family and Children First Council, every county Council is awarded the Family-Centered Services and Supports grant to support multi-system youth. This resource accounts for a small portion of the budget.

Note: Charts reflect SFY 18 expenditures.



## UNITED WAY COMMUNITY CARE DAY—SEPTEMBER 2018

THANK YOU to Carynn Collier, Casey Bales, Asher Carr & Mackenzie Fourman from Fisher Catholic High School! We greatly appreciated their hard work at the FACFC Council on United Way's Community Care Day!



*Remember that the happiest people are not those getting more, but those giving more.*

— H. Jackson Brown Jr.

### 2018 TRIBUTES

Johanna Pearce, Permanency Manager for Job & Family Services, Child Protective Services was awarded the Mary Good Humanitarian Service Award.

Tessie Swain retired from the FACFC Council after a long career of serving families and children in Fairfield County. At the Council she held the positions of Multi-System Youth Coordinator and Interim Executive Director.



### MARY GOOD HUMANITARIAN SERVICE AWARD

The FACFC Council created a tribute to Mary M. Good for her years of compassion and service to the community on behalf of children and families.

Mary Good was a teacher with the Lancaster City Schools, Christian educator at St. Bernadette Catholic Church, park leader with the United Way Summer Park program in Pleasantville, Peace School coordinator, social worker and scout leader. Mary's life was cut short in January of 2002, leaving a void in the community. This award encourages and recognizes others who emulate Mary M. Good's zest for helping children and families.

#### Award Recipients

|      |                  |      |                 |
|------|------------------|------|-----------------|
| 2003 | Keith Tremblay   | 2011 | T. Ryan Snyder  |
| 2004 | Debby Rockwood   | 2012 | Cathy Crawford  |
| 2005 | Jenny Ruff       | 2013 | Michael Orlando |
| 2006 | Carol Wagner     | 2014 | Diana Williams  |
| 2007 | Cyndi Laver      | 2015 | Andy Phillips   |
| 2008 | Amanda Wilkins   | 2016 | Melodi Slater   |
| 2009 | Phil Mackie      | 2017 | Holly Bennett   |
| 2010 | Jack Blankenship | 2018 | Johanna Pearce  |



## 2018 FACF COUNCIL EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE

President: Marie Ward, Ph.D., Superintendent, Fairfield County Educational Service Center

Vice President: Rhonda Myers, Executive Director, ADAMH Board

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| Aundrea Cordle                     | Director of Job and Family Services                 |
| Chris Briggs , Ed.D./ Gary Barstow | Pickerington Schools Superintendent                 |
| Dave Levacy                        | Fairfield County Commissioner                       |
| David Scheffler                    | Lancaster City Mayor                                |
| John Pekar                         | Board of Developmental Disabilities Superintendent  |
| Kim Devitt                         | Community Action-Early Childhood Programs Director  |
| Kristi Burre                       | Deputy Director of Protective Service               |
| Lisa Evangelista                   | Fairfield Community Health Center CEO               |
| Mary Jo Smith                      | Lancaster Community Development Executive Director  |
| Melissa Newman                     | Family Representative                               |
| Phil Pack                          | New Horizons Mental Health CEO                      |
| Scott Reed                         | United Way CEO                                      |
| Steve Wigton                       | Lancaster City Schools Superintendent               |
| Terre Vandervoort                  | Juvenile & Probate Court Judge                      |
| Tiffany Nash                       | Fairfield County Health Department Nursing Director |

## FACF COUNCIL STAFF

Donna Fox-Moore, Executive Director

Amanda McCrady, Fiscal & Administrative Specialist

Ann Probasco, Injury Prevention & Safe Communities Coordinator

Pam Redding, Parent Education Coordinator & Parent Project Facilitator

Cindi West, Multi-System Youth Coordinator

Tiffany Wilson, Help Me Grow Contract Manager & Triple P Facilitator

### Family and Children First Council Responsibilities as specified in

#### O.R.C. 121.37:

- Referrals to the cabinet council of those children for whom the county council cannot provide adequate services;
- Development and implementation of a process that annually evaluates and prioritizes services, fills service gaps where possible, and invents new approaches to achieve better results for families and children;
- Participation in the development of a countywide, comprehensive, coordinated, multi-disciplinary, interagency system for infants and toddlers with developmental disabilities or delays and their families, as established pursuant to federal grants received and administered by the department of health for early intervention services under the Education of the Handicapped Act Amendments of 1986;
- Maintenance of an accountability system to monitor the county council's progress in achieving results for families and children;
- Establishment of a mechanism to ensure ongoing input from a broad representation of families who are receiving services;
- Participate in the development of a county service coordination mechanism;
- An interagency process to establish local indicators and monitor the county's progress toward increasing child well-being in the county;
- An interagency process to identify local priorities to increase child-wellbeing. The local priorities shall focus on expectant parents and newborns thrive; infants and toddlers thriving; children being ready for school; children and youth succeeding in school; youth choosing healthy behaviors; and youth successfully transitioning into adulthood and take into account the indicators established by the cabinet council;
- An annual plan that identifies the county's interagency efforts to increase child well-being in the county;
- On an annual basis, the county council shall submit a report on the status of efforts by the county to increase child well-being in the county to the county's board of county commissioners and the cabinet council.