

# FAIRFIELD COUNTY FAMILY, ADULT AND CHILDREN FIRST COUNCIL

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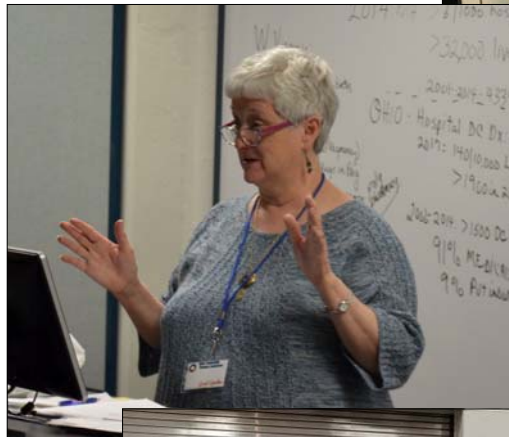
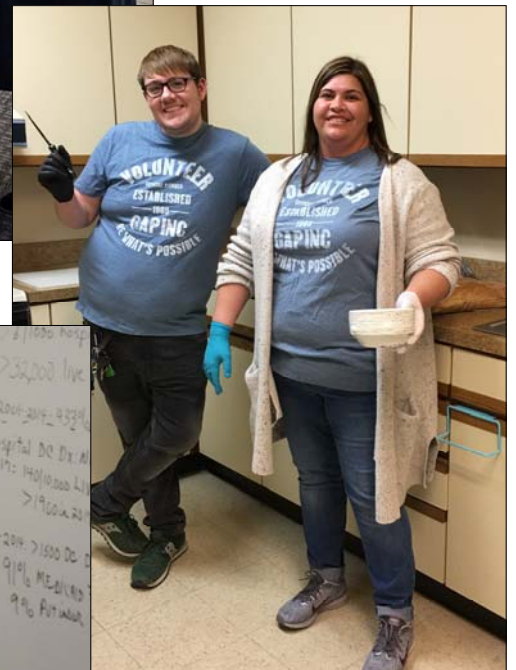
## 2019 ANNUAL REPORT



### GIVING THANKS FOR OUR CARING COMMUNITY

*When I was a boy and I would see scary things in the news, my mother would say to me, 'Look for the helpers. You will always find people who are helping.' To this day, especially in times of 'disaster,' I remember my mother's words and I am always comforted by realizing that there are still so many helpers – so many caring people in this world.*

— Fred Rogers



**FAIRFIELD COUNTY  
FAMILY, ADULT AND CHILDREN FIRST COUNCIL  
2019 ANNUAL MEETING  
NOVEMBER 15, 2019, 8:30 A.M.  
STANBERRY SCHOOL**



**Welcome and Introductions**

Rhonda Myers, Executive Director, Fairfield County ADAMH Board  
FACF Council President

**Business Meeting**

Nominating Committee Report—Rhonda Myers  
Election of Officers for 2020

**Breakfast Buffet**

Created, prepared and served by  
Lancaster High School Culinary Arts Students

**FACF Council Annual Report & 2019 Firefly Award Presentations**

Our Firefly Award recipients are recognized for lighting the way for others to succeed; 2019 recipients are:

- \* Debra Bates, Lancaster City Schools, Culinary Arts Program
- \* Elyssa Wanosik, Fairfield County Job and Family Services-Child Protective Services
- \* Jenna Dodson, Fairfield County Department of Developmental Disabilities
- \* Jessica McCoy, The Recovery Center
- \* Kate Varga, Fairfield County Job and Family Services-Child Protective Services
- \* Lt. Shad Caplinger, Ohio State Highway Patrol

**Closing**

Rhonda Myers

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**2020 FACF COUNCIL MEETING SCHEDULE**

**Full Council Meetings**

January 16, 2020  
March 19, 2020 – Fairfield County Records Center  
May 21, 2020  
July 16, 2020  
September 11, 2020  
November 19, 2020 (ANNUAL MEETING, Location pending)

**Executive Committee Meetings**

February 21, 2020  
April 17, 2020  
June 19, 2020  
August 21, 2020  
October 16, 2020  
December 18, 2020

All meetings begin at 8:30 a.m. and will be held at the Agricultural Building, 831 College Avenue, Lancaster, Ohio, unless otherwise indicated.

**ON THE COVER**

- ★ Aden Moges from New Horizons Mental Health at the Community Trauma Conference
- ★ 2018 Firefly Award recipients: Resa Tobin, Fairfield Medical Center; Kim Chilcote, Fairfield County Juvenile Court; Becky Schaade, Fairfield County District Library; Toni Ashton, Fairfield County ADAMH
- ★ Volunteers from the Old Navy store in Lancaster—Brendon Barnhill and Nicole Shafer—helped prepare and serve dinner for Parent Project participants
- ★ Charli Dresbach—retired from Fairfield Medical Center as Case Manager and Utilization Review Coordinator for Maternity, GYN and Pediatrics—Community Trauma Conference presenter on meeting the needs of substance-affected infants
- ★ Students from Fairfield Union High School at the Prom Promise

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## 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.

The Fairfield County FAF 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 facilitates a local community collaborative 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 inter-agency 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 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 is the FAF Council's administrative agent.

## MARY GOOD HUMANITARIAN SERVICE AWARD

The Fairfield County FAF Council was privileged to recognize the recipient of the 17<sup>th</sup> annual Mary Good Award -- Kevin Boyer, social worker at Gorsuch West Elementary School. The award was presented by nominator Jessie Burr from Pickerington Local School District and Gorsuch West Elementary School Principal Terri Garrett on January 30 at the Fairfield County United Way Awards banquet.

The FAF Council created the award as a tribute to Mary 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. This award encourages and recognizes others who emulate Mary Good's zest for helping children and families.

Photo: Jessie Burr (left) with Kevin Boyer and his family (right) at the United Way Awards Banquet



### Mary Good Humanitarian Service Award Recipients

2003	Keith Tremblay	2012	Cathy Crawford
2004	Debby Rockwood	2013	Michael Orlando
2005	Jenny Ruff	2014	Diana Williams
2006	Carol Wagner	2015	Andy Phillips
2007	Cyndi Lavere	2016	Melodi Slater
2008	Amanda Wilkins	2017	Holly Bennett
2009	Phil Mackie	2018	Johanna Pearce
2010	Jack Blankenship	2019	Kevin Boyer
2011	T. Ryan Snyder		



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

The Multi-System Youth (MSY) program provides the service coordination system for multi-need youth that organizes agencies, people and services to support the individual needs of children and families. With the family's involvement, a coordinated service plan is formulated to increase efficiency and responsiveness to each family's unique needs. Fairfield County pools its resources and efforts to provide service coordination, a broad range of support and evidence-based interventions. Three Multi-System Youth Committees, facilitated by MSY Coordinator Cindi West, meet monthly. We are grateful for the collaboration that takes place through these committees, and thank everyone for their involvement and commitment.

<p><b>Early Childhood Committee for children ages birth through 8</b></p> <p><b>ADAMH</b> — Maureen Muth  <b>Fairfield County Board of DD</b> — Michelle Snyder, Tiffany Booze, Jenna Dodson &amp; Kathleen Carlson  <b>Pickerington School District</b> — Jessie Burr  <b>Fairfield County Child Protective Services</b> — Elyssa Wanosik  <b>Community Action Early Childhood Programs</b> — Maureen Tennant &amp; Margie Partridge  <b>Ohio Guidestone</b> — Shannon Mendes  <b>Lancaster City Schools</b> representatives  <b>New Horizons Mental Health</b>— Chip Chapman &amp; Tylana Pillay</p>	<p><b>Interdisciplinary Team for youth ages 9 through 21</b></p> <p><b>ADAMH</b> — Maureen Muth  <b>Fairfield County Board of DD</b> — Michelle Snyder &amp; Amber Mallory  <b>Fairfield County Juvenile Court</b> — Joseph Bennett, Molly Clark &amp; Jennifer Beckley-Watson  <b>Fairfield County Child Protective Services</b> — Kate Varga  <b>Lancaster City Schools</b> —Kristen Dewey  <b>Ohio Guidestone</b> — Jennifer Saelens  <b>Pickerington School District</b> — Jessie Burr &amp; Gary Barstow  <b>Big Brothers Big Sisters</b> — Jolyn Pugh  <b>New Horizons Mental Health</b>— Chip Chapman &amp; Tylana Pillay</p>	<p><b>Executive Cluster for residential placements and overall strategies</b></p> <p><b>ADAMH</b> — Maureen Muth  <b>Fairfield County Board of DD</b> — Wendy Ricker  <b>Fairfield County Child Protective Services</b> — David Henwood  <b>Fairfield County Juvenile Court</b> — Makaila Tussing  <b>New Horizons Mental Health</b>—Marcy Fields</p>
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### 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

Priority 1	Drug addiction prevention and care for adults, children, infants and families
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 Youth Behavior Survey Data

Frequent Use (30-day) of Selected Substances	2004	2006	2008	2010	2012	2014	2016	2018
Alcohol	37.9	34.9	31.2	21.1	21.1	19.6	19.1	21.8
Marijuana	18.8	14.4	15.8	20.3	16.4	14.2	14.6	18.2
Other People's Prescriptions	9.3	8.5	7.2	5.7	2.4	.4	1.0	.8

Priority 2	Services for at-risk youth involved in multiple community systems
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.

## SFY 2019 MSY Family Centered Services and Supports Annual Report Summary

**Multi-System Youth Services are supported by partners that pool resources:**

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

### MSY Program Notes of Gratitude

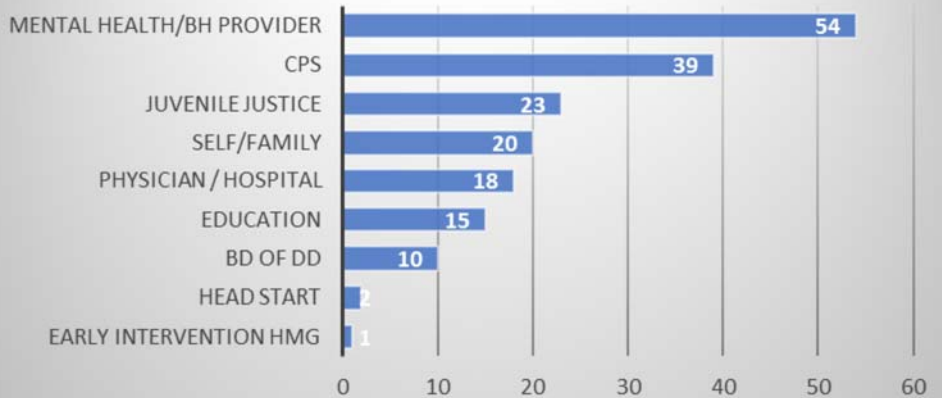
#### From a mother -

*The last couple of years have been very difficult with our daughter. We greatly appreciate that you and the FACFC saw the need and provided an in-home counselor for us. You made us aware of the Youth Mobile Crisis Unit. This has also been a helpful resource for us. You and the FACFC have been a huge encouragement to us at a time when we felt so unsure what to do or where to turn. You provide a valuable service to our county.*

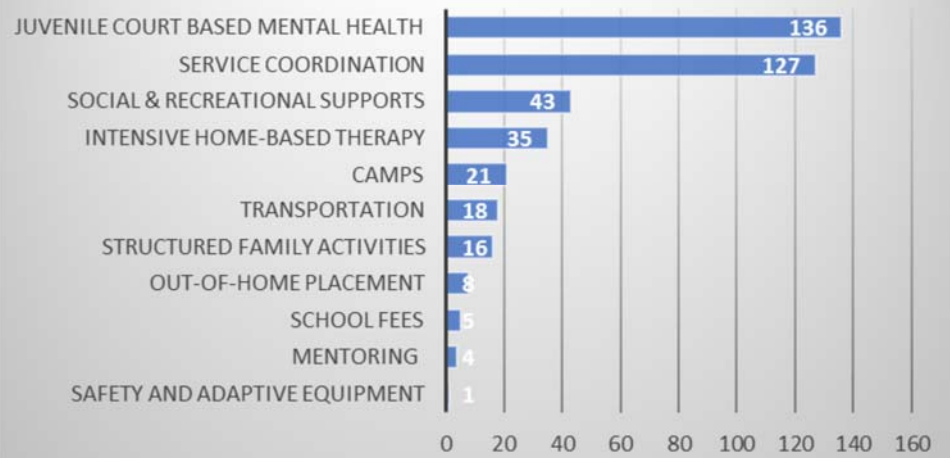
#### From her daughter -

*Thank you for paying for Camp NuHop. I challenged myself a lot that week to do the giant swing, hiking and much, much more. The second time of doing the giant swing I went all the way up. For me hiking is very hard since I'm not very active and I had rolled my ankle on the hike, but my new friends helped me all the way back to camp. We also got to go to Malabar Farm and saw and fed many animals. I definitely loved feeding the baby goats. Thank you so much. I had an absolute blast.*

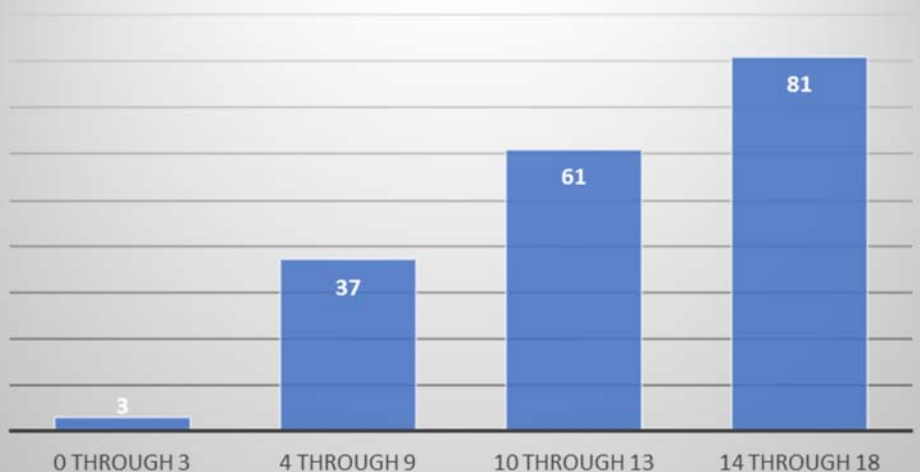
### MSY REFERRALS BY SYSTEM



### MSY SERVICES AND SUPPORTS



### AGES SERVED



## SAFE KIDS & SAFE COMMUNITIES COALITION—ANN PROBASCO, COORDINATOR

The Safe Kids Coalition expanded its membership and mission this year to include the Safe Communities Coalition. The Safe Communities Coalition is a community based program designed to promote safe driving practices and create awareness and prevention of injuries caused by traffic crashes.

Special campaigns were conducted for *Click It or Ticket* and *Drive Sober or Get Pulled Over*. Twelve outreach events were conducted, reaching thousands of people in Fairfield County with key safety messages.

A Fatality Review Committee was formed to analyze factors contributing to fatal crashes in Fairfield County and to develop prevention strategies. Representatives participated from the Fairfield County Engineer's Office, Fairfield Department of Health, Ohio State Highway Patrol, Pickerington Police Department, Lancaster Police Department, Fairfield County Sheriff's Office, Baltimore Police Department and Lithopolis Police Department.

According to the University of Akron's observational study, seat belt usage in Fairfield County increased in 2018 to 86.8%—up from 82.8% the prior year.

The Safe Communities program is supported by grant funds passed through the Ohio Traffic Safety Office OTSO from the National Highway Traffic Safety Administration (NHTSA), and are awarded competitively by OTSO.

### Coordination of Plans of Safe Care

Through a new partnership with Fairfield County Juvenile Court and Fairfield County Child Protective Services, the Injury Prevention Coordinator has been working closely with the Perinatal Leadership Group on the community's implementation of Plans of Safe Care. These plans are required under the Comprehensive Addiction and Recovery Act in an effort to address the needs of substance-affected infants.

Two community training events sponsored by the Perinatal Leadership Group were conducted this year on developing Plans of Safe Care.

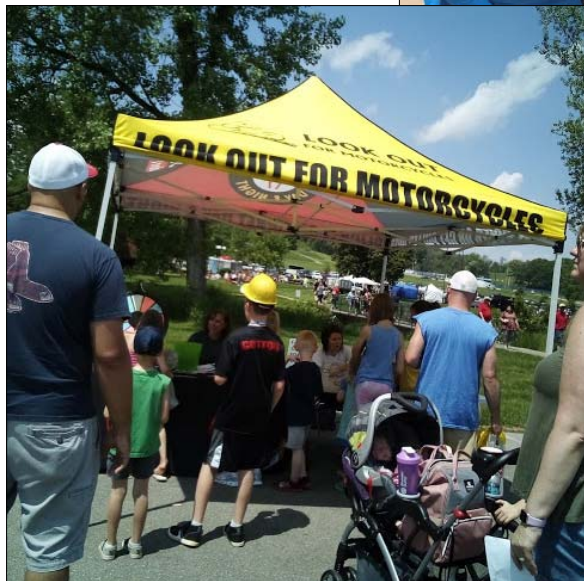


**Above and left:** Program Coordinator Ann Probasco promotes safe driving practices at the True American Haunt.



**Below left:** Safe driving messages were promoted at Kids 'N Cops Day.

**Below right:** Members of the Coalition wear blue at the April meeting for awareness of child abuse prevention.





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

The Help Me Grow Early Intervention (EI) program serves children birth to three years of age who may have developmental delays and disabilities by providing the needed assessments and coordinated services. EI is an evidenced based program that believes children learn best from familiar people in familiar settings.

Every family in the EI program has a team that consists of a service coordinator, service providers and the family. This team works together to create a coordinated plan called an Individualized Family Service Plan (IFSP). The team works in the child's natural environment, using the family's existing supports and resources to enhance the child's learning and development. Service Coordinators guide families through every aspect of the EI 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 19, 352 children were served. Most of the 192 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.

Help Me Grow Early Intervention is funded by a grant from the Ohio Department of Developmental Disabilities.

### HELP ME GROW EARLY INTERVENTION TEAM

#### FACF Council Contract Manager

\* Tiffany Wilson

#### Fairfield County Board of Developmental Disabilities

#### Early Intervention Supervisor

\* Jenna Dodson

#### Developmental Specialists

\* Molly Fender  
\* Lindsay Lee  
\* Erica Neal  
\* Carol Sayre  
\* Melissa Sherrer

#### Lancaster-Fairfield Community Action Agency Early Childhood Programs

#### Director

\* Kim Devitt

#### Service Coordinator Supervisor

\* Margie Partridge

#### Intake and Support Specialist

\* Vicki Smith

#### Service Coordinators

\* Cindy Bauers  
\* Erin Borrer  
\* Shelly Wright

### EI CHILD OUTCOME SUMMARY

Social Emotional Improved			
Target 2018	State 2018	Fairfield 2018	Fairfield 2019
63.00%	54.04%	56.72%	75.00%
Social Emotion Exit with age expectations			
Target 2018	State 2018	Fairfield 2018	Fairfield 2019
70.00%	67.72%	64.57%	78.00%
Knowledge and Skills Improved			
Target 2018	State 2018	Fairfield 2018	Fairfield 2019
63.00%	60.73%	60.00%	76.00%
Knowledge and Skills Exit with age expectations			
Target 2018	State 2018	Fairfield 2018	Fairfield 2019
64.00%	60.81%	60.63%	70.00%
Appropriate Behaviors Improved			
Target 2018	State 2018	Fairfield 2018	Fairfield 2019
68.00%	63.82%	54.78%	79.00%
Appropriate Behaviors Exit with age expectations			
Target 2018	State 2018	Fairfield 2018	Fairfield 2019
68.00%	58.10%	37.01%	58.00%



## PARENT EDUCATION COOPERATIVE— PAM REDDING, COORDINATOR

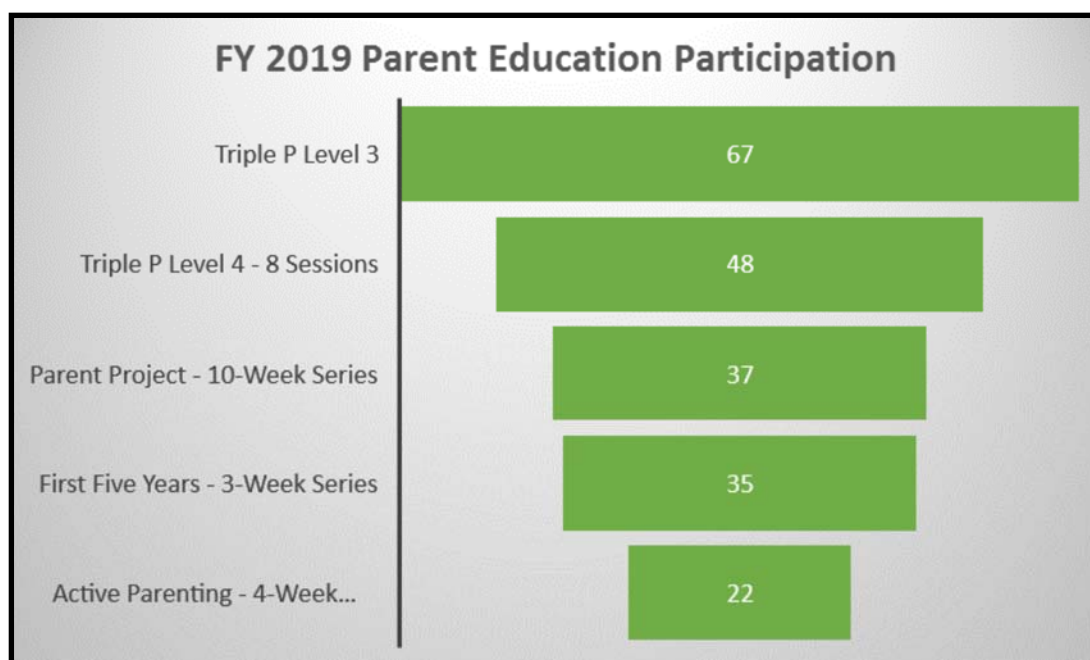
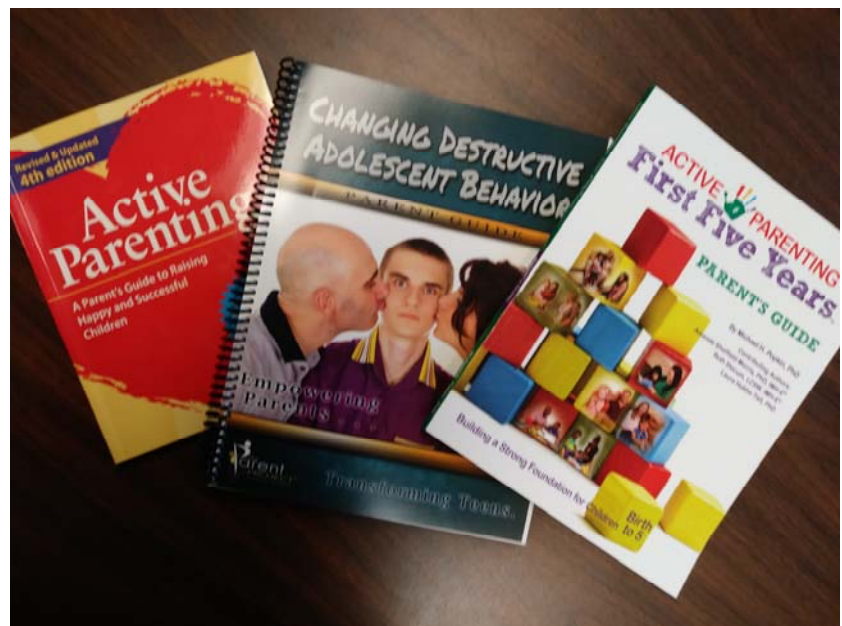
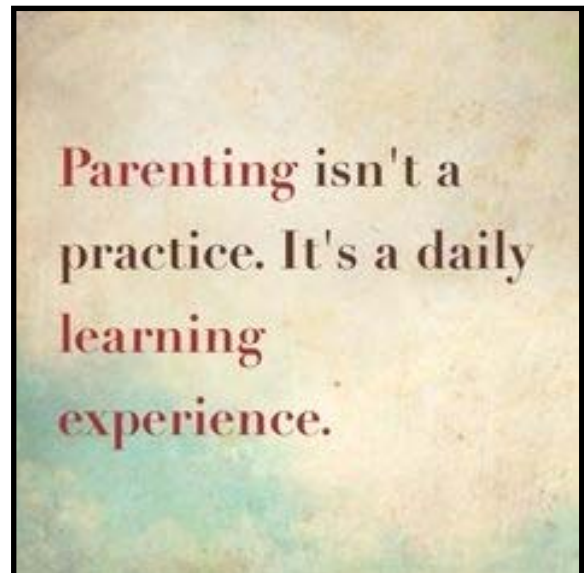
The Fairfield County Parent Education Cooperative meets quarterly to review availability, optimal scheduling, and gaps in population-specific education.

Five parent education curriculums are offered to support parents with children of all ages and include: The First Five Years, Active Parenting, Parent Project, Positive Parenting Program (Triple P) Level 3 and Triple P Level 4. During FY 19, 209 parents completed one of the five curriculums offered.

The development and distribution of the quarterly Family Resource Calendar continued to be a priority for 2019. The calendar is available on the Council's website, and 1,500 calendars are printed each quarter and distributed throughout Fairfield County.

The Parenting Education program was made possible in FY 19 through funding from the ADAMH Board, Juvenile Court, Lancaster Community Development, Fairfield County CDBG, Fairfield County Foundation and Nationwide Children's Hospital.

We are grateful for community partners who took the time to share their knowledge and expertise with parents of teens during Parent Project classes: Toni Ashton from Fairfield County ADAMH; D.A.R.E. Officer Jim Marshall, and Makaila Tussing and Keith Tremblay from Fairfield County Juvenile Court.





## COMMUNITY INITIATIVES

### Fairfield County Perinatal Leadership Group

Chaired by Tiffany Nash, Director of Nursing at the Fairfield Department of Health, the Perinatal Leadership Group is addressing the issue of access to prenatal care for pregnant women who are actively using substances and the potential effects on infants. The group hosted two training sessions this year focused on community implementation of *Plans of Safe Care* for substance-affected infants. The training in July featured Dr. Ira Chasnoff, an expert on maternal alcohol and drug use on the newborn infant and child.

### 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. The Committee presented a Community Trauma Conference in March at Ohio University-Lancaster that was attended by approximately 250 participants. BTIS is chaired by Kim Devitt, Director of Lancaster-Fairfield Community Action Early Childhood Programs.

### 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; Randall Hunt, Housing Director 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 among 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. Co-Chairs are Linda McDonald & Jennifer Moore; Secretary is Kim Shook.



March 2019—BTIS Community Trauma Conference



September 2019—Community expert panelists, *Addressing the Needs of Substance Affected Infants*



July 2019—Dr. Ira Chasnoff, *The Mystery of Risk: Drugs, Alcohol, Pregnancy and the Vulnerable Child*



# FAMILY, ADULT & CHILDREN FIRST COUNCIL STATE FISCAL YEAR 2019 FINANCIAL REPORT

The Fairfield County 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.

Note: Charts reflect SFY 19 expenditures—July 1, 2018—June 30, 2019.

## Local Government Partnerships

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

## Local Philanthropic Partnerships

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

## State of Ohio & Other Partnerships

- Family and Children First
- Department of Developmental Disabilities
- Mental Health and Addiction Services
- Nationwide Children's Hospital

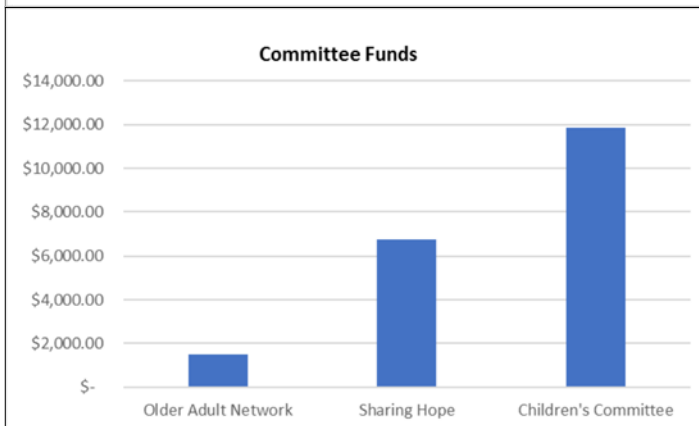
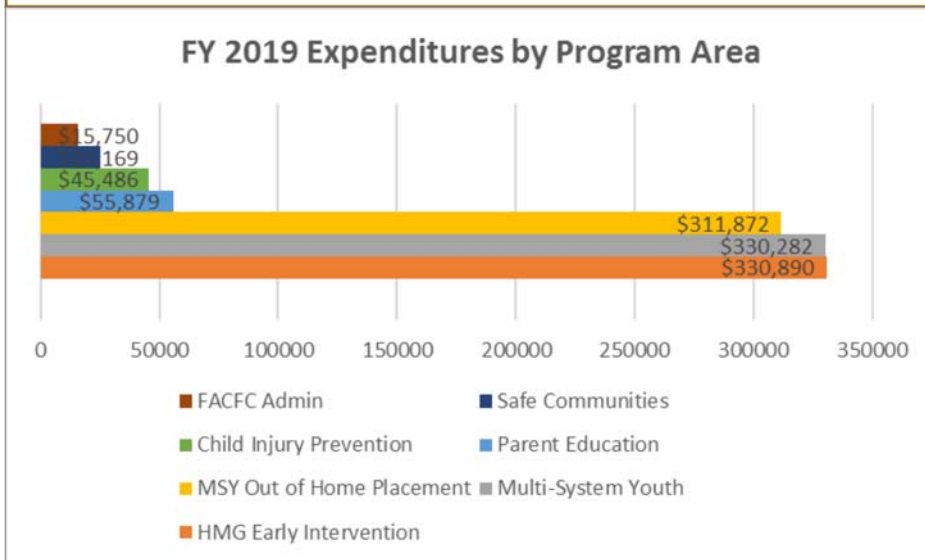
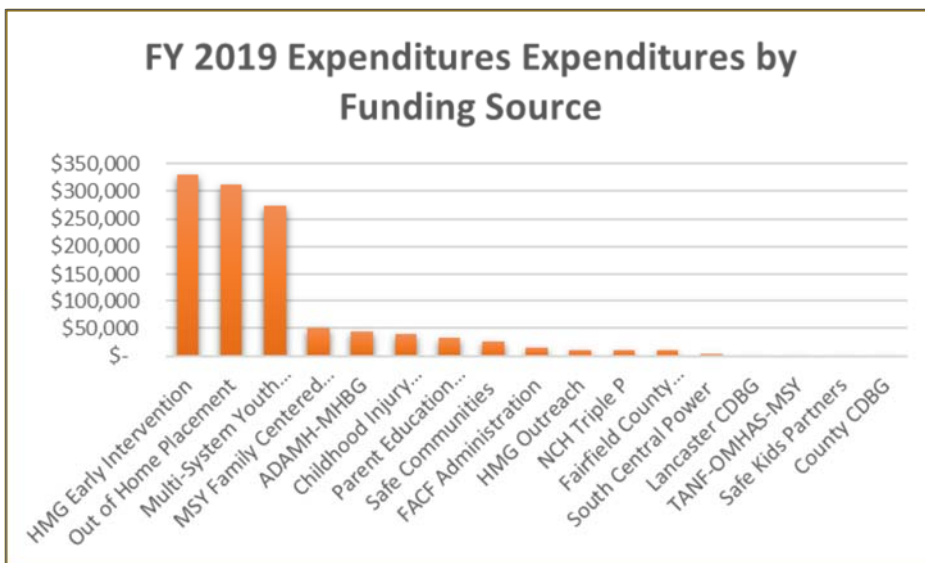
## Multi-System Youth Services Pooled Funding Partnerships

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.

## Committee Funds

The FAF Council administers funds on behalf of the Older Adult Network, Children's Committee and Sharing Hope.





## UNITED WAY COMMUNITY CARE DAY—SEPTEMBER 2019

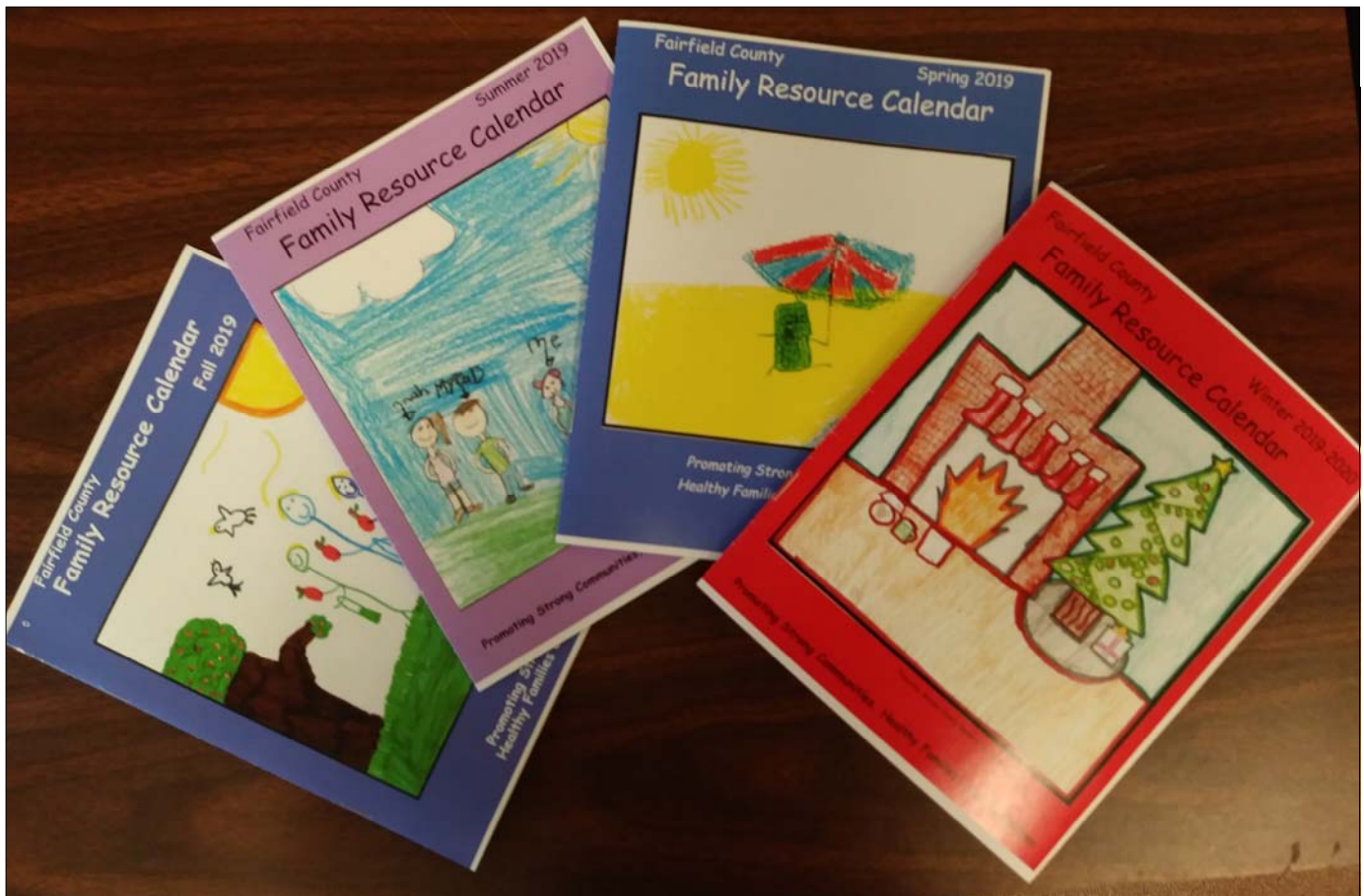
THANK YOU to Latina Duffy from Fairfield County ADAMH and Josh Stage from JobFusion for assisting the FACF Council on United Way's Community Care Day!



*We live in a world in which we need to share responsibility. It's easy to say 'It's not my child, not my community, not my world, not my problem.' Then there are those who see the need and respond. I consider those people my heroes.*

— Fred Rogers

**WE ARE GRATEFUL TO OUR FAMILY RESOURCE CALENDAR SPONSORS:** Fairfield County ADAMH and the Fairfield County Foundation. We are also grateful to the children who created the cover art: Winter—Devyn, age 11; Spring—Brooklyn, age 7; Summer—Alexis, age 10; Fall—Leah, age 7.





## 2019 FAIRFIELD COUNTY FACF COUNCIL EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE

President: Rhonda Myers, Executive Director, Fairfield County ADAMH

Vice President: Aundrea Cordle, Director of Fairfield County 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
Heather O'Keefe	Deputy Director of Protective Service
Lisa Evangelista	Fairfield Community Health Center CEO
Marie Ward, Ph.D.	Fairfield County Educational Service Center Superintendent
Mary Jo Smith	Lancaster Community Development Executive Director
Melissa Newman	Parent 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

## FAIRFIELD COUNTY FACF COUNCIL STAFF

Donna Fox-Moore, Executive Director

Ann Probasco, Injury Prevention & Safe Communities Coordinator,  
Triple P Facilitator

Pam Redding, Parent Education Coordinator & Parent Project Facilitator

Cindi West, Multi-System Youth Coordinator

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



Wearing blue in April for awareness of child abuse prevention: Cindi West, Brenda Shook, Donna Fox-Moore, Ann Probasco and Tiffany Wilson

Children  
are NOT a  
distraction  
from more  
important work.  
They are  
THE MOST  
important work.  
-C.S. Lewis