



FAIRFIELD COUNTY FAMILY, ADULT AND CHILDREN FIRST COUNCIL

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2022 ANNUAL REPORT



**“HELP OTHERS AND GIVE SOMETHING BACK. I GUARANTEE YOU WILL DISCOVER THAT
WHILE PUBLIC SERVICE IMPROVES THE LIVES AND THE WORLD AROUND YOU, ITS
GREATEST REWARD IS THE ENRICHMENT AND NEW MEANING IT WILL BRING YOUR OWN
LIFE.” – ARNOLD SCHWARZENEGGER**

**FAIRFIELD COUNTY
FAMILY, ADULT AND CHILDREN FIRST COUNCIL
2022 ANNUAL MEETING & AWARD PRESENTATIONS
NOVEMBER 17, 2022, 8:30 A.M.**



Welcome and Introductions

Heather O'Keefe, JFS Deputy Director
FACFC President

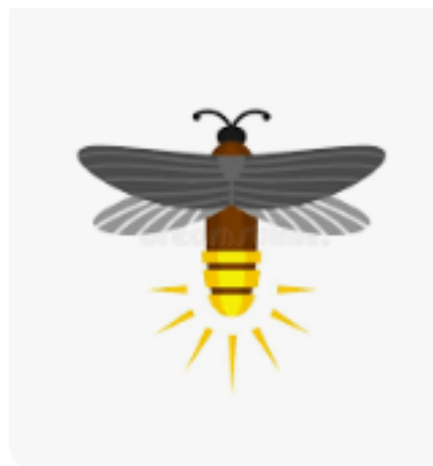
Business Meeting

Nominating Committee Report
Election of Officers for 2022

- Carrie Woody, CEO of United Way, President
- Jeanette Curtis, Executive Director of Fairfield County 211, Vice President

Presentation: Judge Terre Vandervoort

**FACF Council Annual Report,
2022 Firefly Award Presentations
Recognitions**



FAIRFIELD COUNTY FAMILY, ADULT AND CHILDREN FIRST COUNCIL MISSION

The Council creates and facilitates a coordinated system of services that responds to the strengths and needs of our community. It 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 strives 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 is steered by its Executive Committee, which includes representation from: parents, Board of County Commissioners, Mayor of the City of Lancaster, Educational Service Center, Pickerington Schools, Lancaster City Schools, Ohio Guidestone Mental Health, Fairfield County Board of DD, Job and Family Services, Fairfield Community Health Center, Early Childhood Programs of Lancaster-Fairfield Community Action Agency, United Way, Fairfield County 2-1-1, Fairfield Health Department, ADAMH Board and Juvenile Court. The Fairfield County Board of Commissioners is the FACFC's administrative agent Fairfield County Auditor is the Fiscal Agent.

MARY GOOD HUMANITARIAN SERVICE AWARD 2022

The 20th annual Mary Good Humanitarian Award is being awarded to **Sharon Elder** is a kindergarten teacher at St. Bernadette Elementary School in Lancaster. Sharon was nominated by Melissa Roundhouse. Melissa describes Sharon as dedicated to her students and families and goes well beyond any educator that she has ever encountered. Sharon's dedication to her students and families goes well beyond any educator I have ever come in contact with.

Sharon is described in her nomination as generous, dedicated to her students and the community, attends students extracurricular events to support them along with her husband and has a zest for helping. Her energy, positivity, and patience is something every child should have the opportunity to experience.



The FACF Council created the award as a tribute to Mary Good for her 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.

MARY GOOD HUMANITARIAN SERVICE AWARD RECIPIENTS

2003	Keith Tremblay	2013	Michael Orlando
2004	Debby Rockwood	2014	Diana Williams
2005	Jenny Ruff	2015	Andy Phillips
2006	Carol Wagner	2016	Melodi Slater
2007	Cyndi Lavere	2017	Holly Bennett
2008	Amanda Wilkins	2018	Johanna Pearce
2009	Phil Mackie	2019	Kevin Boyer
2010	Jack Blankenship	2020	Jennifer Beckley-Watson
2011	T. Ryan Snyder	2021	Heather Pool
2012	Cathy Crawford	2022	Sharon Elder

MULTI-SYSTEM YOUTH INITIATIVE
SHANNON EADS MSY SERVICE COORDINATOR
LAURIE CLARK, MSY SERVICE 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. Service Coordination provides a broad and effective perspective by bringing the efforts of all case managers and others important to family success. Fairfield County pools its resources and efforts to provide service coordination, as well as a broad range of support and evidence-based interventions.

Reducing out of home placements for high-need youths, and serving families and youth in the least restrictive setting is one of the goals of this program. During FY 2022, **179 youth** were served. Youth in out-of-home placement represented **3.1%** of those served. Most youths exiting service coordination achieved all of the goals of their service plan.

Multi-System Youth Committee Structure

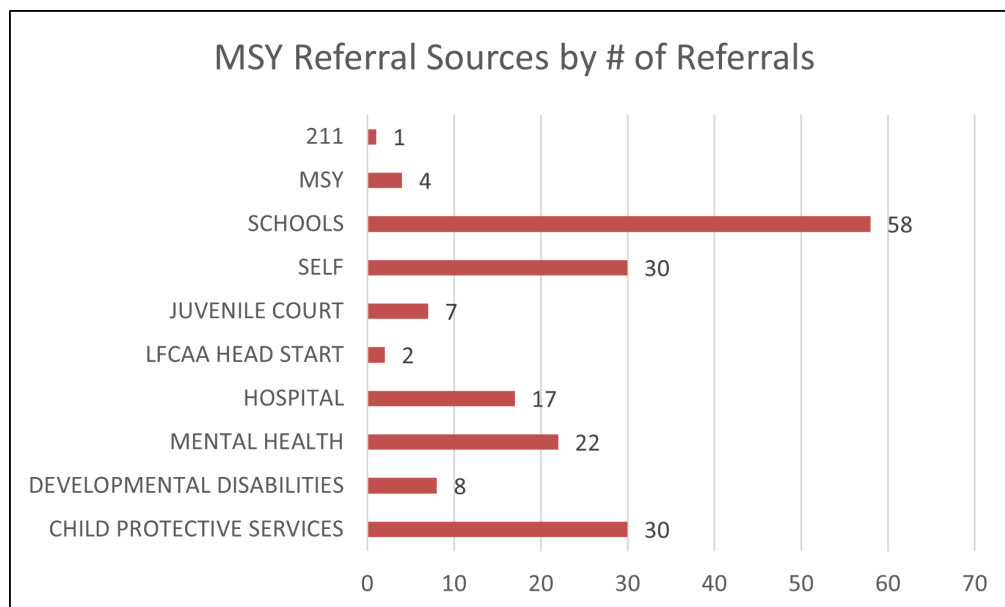
- Interdisciplinary Team for youth from birth up to age 21
- Executive Cluster for out-of-home placements and overall strategies

Multi-System Youth Services Pooled Funding Partners

- ADAMH
- Juvenile Court
- Board of Developmental Disabilities
- Fairfield County Job and Family Services
- Board of County Commissioners

Highlights during FY 2022

- Ohio Automated Service Coordination Information System (OASCIS)
- Child and Adolescent Needs and Strengths Assessment Certification
- CANS Assessment IT system entry
- Service Coordination Plans for every family being served
- Monthly Family Team Meeting for every youth
- Brain Mapping collaboration with Albany Counseling Services
- Clinical Supervision provided for staff



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

Help Me Grow Early Intervention (EI) serves children birth to three years of age who may have developmental delays and disabilities by providing assessments, evaluations, and coordinated services. 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. The team continues to offer services virtually or in-person to meet the needs of all families.

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 service coordinator and service providers. An Individualized Family Service Plan (IFSP) is developed collaboratively. 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.

In SFY 22, **423 children and their families were served**. Most of the **196 children exiting the program transitioned successfully to preschool**. Reports indicate that all children exiting demonstrated substantial progress with social and emotional skills, acquisition and use of knowledge and skills, and taking action to meet needs.

Percentage of children that substantially Improved Social-Emotional skills		Percentage of children that substantially improved in Acquiring and Using Knowledge and Skills		Percentage of children that substantially improved in Taking Appropriate Action to Meet Needs	
Fairfield	State of Ohio	Fairfield	State of Ohio	Fairfield	State of Ohio
69.66%	54.34%	74.65%	60.37%	73.65%	61.16%
Percentage of children that left the program at age expectation in Social Emotional		Percentage of children that left the program at age expectation in Acquiring and Using Knowledge skills		Percentage of children that left the program at age expectation in Taking Appropriate Action to Meet Needs.	
Fairfield	State of Ohio	Fairfield	State of Ohio	Fairfield	State of Ohio
33.11%	54.30%	31.79%	44.67%	34.44%	48.51%

Eligibility Reason	#	%	Exit Reason	#	%
One or More Substantial Delay(s)	237	56%	Reached age 3	131	67%
One or More Mild Delay(s)	48	11%	No longer eligible prior to age 3	24	12%
Informed Clinical Opinion	65	15%	Withdrawn by parent before age 3	25	13%
Eligible Diagnosis on DODD List	73	17%	Lost Contact	13	7%
Other Diagnosis on approved Form	0	0%	Moved out of state	3	2%
SFY22 Cumulative Count	423		Total Exits	196	

FAIRFIELD COUNTY EARLY INTERVENTION TEAM

<u>FAMILY ADULT AND CHILDREN FIRST COUNCIL</u>	<u>FAIRFIELD COUNTY BOARD OF DEVELOPMENTAL DISABILITIES</u>	
DUMITRU SABAUDUC, FACFC EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR	JENNA TRAGER, EI SUPERVISOR	JUDY JONES, OCCUPATIONAL THERAPIST
TIFFANY WILSON, EI CONTRACT MANAGER	LAURA MORRISON, EI ASSISTANT	AMY PATTERSON, OCCUPATIONAL THERAPIST
	LINDSAY LEE, DEVELOPMENTAL SPECIALIST	KAREN WIDEMAN, SPEECH THERAPIST
<u>LANCASTER-FAIRFIELD COMMUNITY ACTION AGENCY</u>	LINDSAY MORRISON, DEVELOPMENTAL SPECIALIST	VICTORIA NADLER, SPEECH THERAPIST
KIM DEVITT, EARLYCHILDHOOD DIRECTOR	MELISSA SHERRER, DEVELOPMENTAL SPECIALIST	
MARGIE PARTRIDGE, HELP ME GROW SUPERVISOR	ERICA NEAL, DEVELOPMENTAL SPECIALIST	
SHELLY WRIGHT, SERVICE COORDINATOR	TISH WIEST, DEVELOPMENTAL SPECIALIST	
ERIN BORROR, SERVICE COORDINATOR	TONYA SPENCE, DEVELOPMENTAL SPECIALIST	
STACEY RAUCH, SERVICE COORDINATOR	MICHELLE HUTCHISON, OCCUPATIONAL THERAPIST	

PERINATAL CLUSTER INITIATIVE—TIFFANY WILSON, COORDINATOR

The Fairfield County Perinatal Cluster is a group that was formed to support and plan for healthy pregnancies especially for women struggling with challenges like homelessness, addiction, lack of access to prenatal care and transportation issues. The Perinatal Cluster is comprised of experts and caring service providers from the medical, social services, mental health and treatment communities who meet to share creative solutions, explore resources and assist women with maintaining a healthy pregnancy and healthy birth. Through cross-system collaboration, the perinatal cluster assists in ensuring delivery of comprehensive services outlined in Plans of Safe Care.

During 2022 we served a total of **32 mothers**. The adversity that impacted the mothers and their children are: substance use, poverty, homelessness and mental health.

WHAT IS A PLAN OF SAFE CARE (POSC)?

The goal of a POSC is to strengthen the family and keep the child(ren) safely at home.

- It is a written list of resources that can support a mother's needs during pregnancy and after the birth.
- It is written with the help of one or more people involved in providing health care or other services to the mother and child.
- A POSC can help with identifying appropriate support and intervention for expectant mothers.



WHEN IS A POSC DEVELOPED?

Ideally, a POSC should be developed during pregnancy but must be developed at the earliest point that it is suspected that the infant has been exposed to a substance in utero. If a POSC has not been developed during pregnancy, it can be written after delivery and must be developed before leaving the hospital.

WHAT DOES A POSC DO?

- It focuses on the health and development of the baby.
- It makes sure that the mother and baby remain healthy and safe.
- It works with the mother and family to identify overall needs.
- It offers referrals and links to needed services.

WHAT SERVICES ARE IN A POSC?

BASIC NEEDS: Safe housing, food, utilities, transportation, medical care and coverage, mental health and substance use treatment, help with baby.

INFANT'S NEEDS: Identify what is needed and how to obtain items like pediatric care, diapers, cribs, car seats, breastfeeding support, formula, childcare plan, and other needed **items**.

DELIVERY PLAN: Delivery location, transportation to hospital, information needed at hospital, toiletry and clothing for hospital stay, transportation with infant from hospital, Medically Assisted Treatment Plans, Education about CPS Involvement. Support After Delivery: Referral to a home-visiting program, education on impact of substance exposure on infant, resources to help.

WHO IS RESPONSIBLE FOR DEVELOPING A POSC?

A Plan of Safe Care should include input from all service providers involved in the mother's care to promote the best health outcome for mother and infant. This could include:

- Medical staff including OB/GYNs, nurse practitioners, or midwives or others
- Substance use treatment providers
- Child Welfare Providers
- Mental health providers
- Early childhood intervention staff
- Home visitors
- Public health providers

PARENT EDUCATION COOPERATIVE—BRANDY HEETER, COORDINATOR

Parent education curriculums of the FACFC include: The First Five Years, Active Parenting, Active Parenting for Stepfamilies, Loving Solutions, Parent Project, Positive Parenting Program (Triple P) Level 3 and Triple P Level 4, and Positive Parenting Primary Care. During FY 22, **103 parents** completed one of the curriculums offered, most of which involve a commitment to complete multiple sessions.

These are made possible through the support of the Fairfield County ADAMH Board and Fairfield County (Regional Planning Commission) CDBG grant. Nationwide Children's Hospital sponsors Power of Positive Parenting—"Triple P" — discussion groups and brief interventions.



To meet families' needs of parenting support during the virtual methods of service delivery were implemented to provide parent education classes and discussion groups through live-virtual and web-based platforms. This allowed families flexibility during the pandemic as well.

The Fairfield County Parent Education Cooperative meets quarterly to review availability, optimal scheduling, and gaps in population-specific education. This is an important advisory group to inform the direction of our parenting support activities in our community. We value and appreciate their willingness to offer their advice and expertise.

The development and distribution of the quarterly Family Resource Calendar continued to be a priority for 2022. The resource guide is available on the Council's website, and 1,500 copies are printed each quarter and distributed throughout Fairfield County.

SAFE COMMUNITIES COALITION—BRANDY HEETER, COORDINATOR

The Safe Communities Coalition promotes safe driving practices and creates awareness of behaviors that prevent traffic crashes, injuries, and fatalities. Safe Communities Coalition initiatives are made possible through a grant from the Ohio Traffic Safety Office and in-kind support from local community partners.

Despite the unforeseeable challenges presented by the pandemic, the Safe Communities Coalition increased its membership and was able to reach more people than ever through virtual technology. Primary traffic safety messages promoted by the Coalition are: *Click It or Ticket, Drive Sober or Get Pulled Over, Don't Text and Drive, and Watch Out for Motorcycles.*



The volunteerism of community members and law enforcement makes the Safe Communities Coalition successful in promoting traffic safety in Fairfield County.

Fairfield County increased public awareness goal for FY 2022 due to monthly events, media, material distribution and banners posted within our county. For FY22, Fairfield County was able to reach **40,292 people** through monthly events, **9,904 people** through Facebook, **3,096 people** through material distribution and even more that pass the banners on high traffic streets. Totalling events, Facebook and material distribution, Fairfield County was able to reach **53,292 people** which surpasses our goal number.

OHIO BUCKLES BUCKEYES (OBB) PROGRAM

The Ohio Department of Health's child passenger safety (CPS) program, Ohio Buckles Buckeyes (OBB), provides child safety seats and booster seats to eligible, low income families in all Ohio counties. The overall goals of this program are to increase the availability of child safety seats for families who could not otherwise afford them and to increase correct installation and proper use of child safety seats. In order to receive an OBB seat, income eligible families must attend an educational class provided by trained local CPS staff. In this session, the parent/caregiver(s) receive important education on how to properly use the car seat for their child, and they are instructed on how to correctly install the seat in their vehicle. This program provides: child safety seats, child booster seats and CPS education.



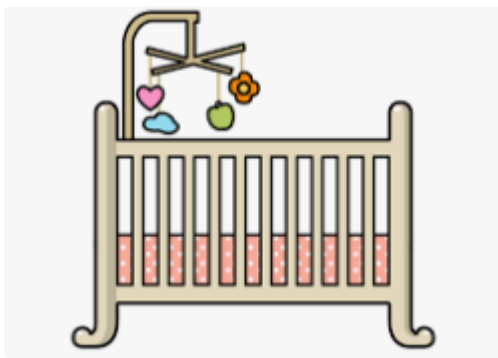
During 2022 we provided **33 car seats** to families.

EARLY CHILDHOOD SAFETY INITIATIVE (ECSI)

As Ohio's sole public funding source dedicated to child abuse and neglect prevention, the Ohio Children's Trust Fund (OCTF) is at the forefront of prevention activities throughout the state. OCTF continues to work with organizations across the state to provide the ECSI initiative. FACFC is a Provider for ECSI.

By increasing the distribution of parent education materials related to topics like infant safe sleep practices, childhood development and child safety as well as increasing access to concrete safety-related supports we can: better support new parents, decrease risk factors related to infant and child mortality and potentially prevent injury-related deaths.

During 2022 we served **65 parents** that needed identified safety items. Over **200+ safety items** were purchased for these parents. These safety items equated to **\$13,320.88** spent during FY22.



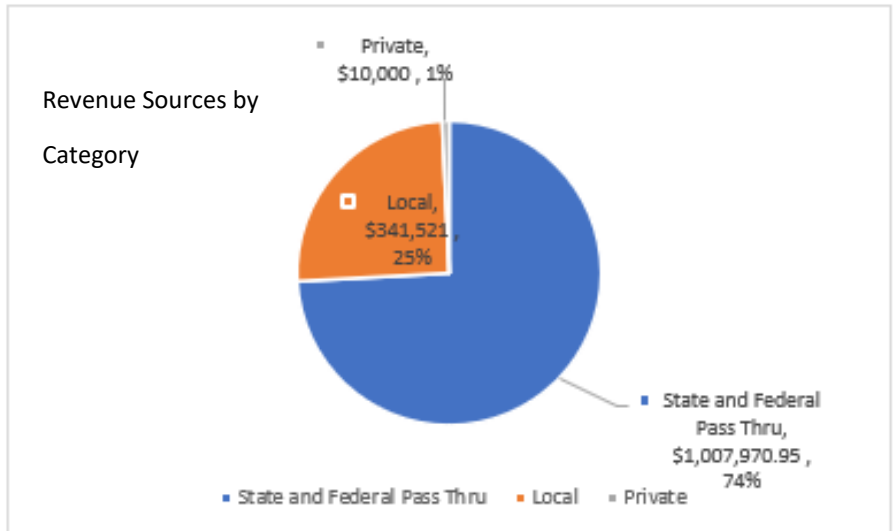
FAMILY, ADULT & CHILDREN FIRST COUNCIL STATE FISCAL YEAR 2022 FINANCIAL REPORT

The Fairfield County FACF 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 FACF Council's services to the community. Services provided to youth with multi-system needs in our community are largely made possible through local partners that work collaboratively and pool funding and other resources.

The Ohio Department of Medicaid provided the opportunity for Councils to apply on a family-by-family basis to fund creative services to avoid custody relinquishment.

Partnerships

- ADAMH Board
- Board of Developmental Disabilities
- Board of Commissioners
- Job and Family Services
- Juvenile Court
- Fairfield County Regional Planning Commission
- Lancaster-Fairfield Community Action
- South Central Power Foundation
- State Farm
- Family and Children First
- Department of Developmental Disabilities
- Department of Medicaid
- Job and Family Services
- Traffic Safety Office
- Nationwide Children's Hospital
- Ohio Children's Trust Fund
- Ohio University-Lancaster

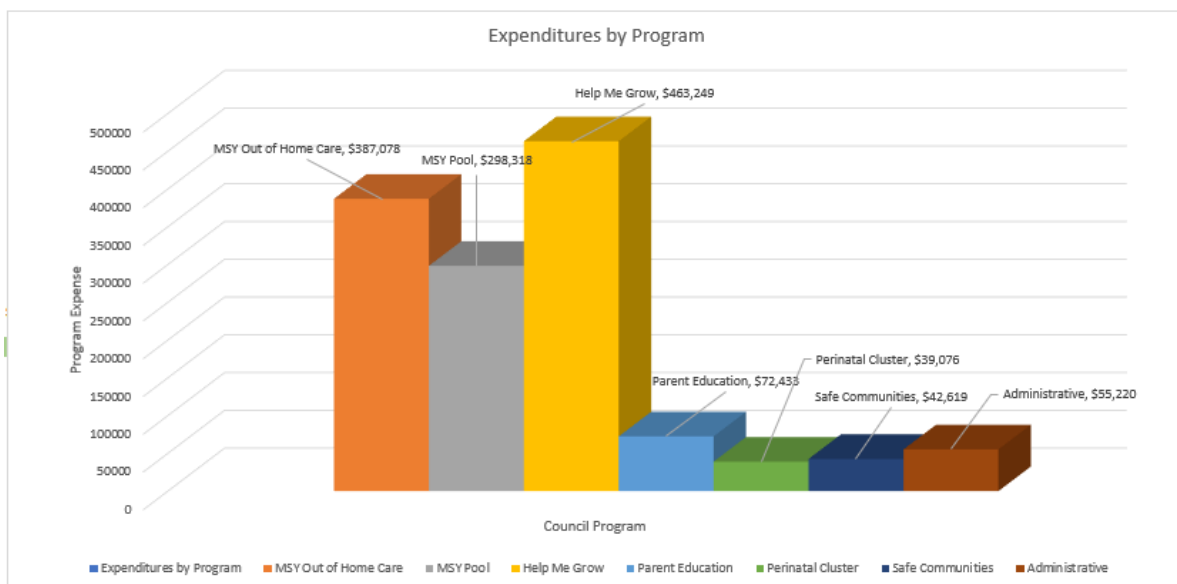


Revenue Sources by Category

State and Federal Pass Thru	\$1,007,970.95
Local	\$341,521
Private	\$10,000
TOTAL	\$1,359,491.48

Expenditures by Program

MSY Out of Home Care	\$387,078
MSY Pool	\$298,318
Help Me Grow	\$463,249
Parent Education	\$72,433
Perinatal Cluster	\$39,076
Safe Communities	\$42,619
Administrative	\$55,220
TOTAL	\$1,357,992



2022 FAIRFIELD COUNTY FACF COUNCIL EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE

Carrie Woody	United Way CEO
Corey Clark	Job and Family Services Director
David Levacy	Fairfield County Commissioner
David Scheffler & Shannon Seesholtz	Lancaster City Mayor Office
Sarah Fortner	Deputy Director of Protective Services
Jeannette Curtis	Fairfield County 2-1-1 Executive Director
Joe Ebel	Fairfield County Health Department Health Commissioner
John Pekar	Board of Developmental Disabilities Superintendent
Dr. Cathy Ely & Dr. Chris Briggs	Pickerington Local School District
Kim Devitt	Community Action-Early Childhood Programs Director
Lisa Evangelista	Fairfield Community Health Center CEO
Dr. Marie Ward	Fairfield County Educational Service Center Superintendent
Melissa Newman	Parent Representative
Nathan Hale	Lancaster City Schools Superintendent
Amanda Wattenberg	Ohio Guidestone, Regional Vice-President
Terre Vandervoort	Juvenile & Probate Court Judge

2022 Outgoing Executive Committee Members:

Phyllicia Faieta, Lancaster City Mayor Designee

Heather O'Keefe, Assistant JFS Director

Phil Pack, New Horizon Mental Health

FAIRFIELD COUNTY FACFC STAFF

- Dumitru "Raz" Sabaiduc, Executive Director
- Tiffany Wilson, Team Lead, Help Me Grow Early Intervention, Perinatal Cluster, Fiscal Support
- Brandy Heeter, Parent Education and Safe Communities
- Shannon Eads, Multi-System Youth Program
- Laurie Clark, Multi-System Youth Program and Perinatal Cluster
- Dennis Surbaugh, Community –Based Attendance Program
- David Heeter, Community –Based Attendance Program
- Audra Wolf, Community –Based Attendance Program

Ohio University-Lancaster Interns

- Alyssa McNulty
- Shannon Eads

We extend thanks for the service of those who left FACF Council county service in 2022:

Cindi West, Multi-System Program

SHARED PLAN FY 2023 – 2025

Development of the Shared Plan is facilitated by the Fairfield County Family, Adult and Children First Council to help identify our community's shared priorities, outcomes, and strategies to increase the well-being of children and families. The complete plan is available online at www.facfc.org. Annually data indicators identified by the committee are reviewed to monitor progress toward achieving the desired outcomes.

Shared Community Priorities	Shared Outcomes
Complete continuum of care to meet the complex needs of families	Families have access to care to enable their children with complex needs to be served in their homes and in the least restrictive setting
Ensure that early intervention is being provided to families with children with disabilities and special needs	Children ages birth to 3 receive the support they need to succeed
Complete continuum of care to meet the complex needs of families.	Families have access to care to enable their children with complex needs to be served in their homes and in their community.
A community that is supportive in improving healthy birthing for pregnant mothers, through access to care and removal of stigma and supporting a healthy infant	Pregnant mothers and mothers with an infant are provided with a level of service and care coordination that benefits mothers and their infant
Parent Education that is supportive to parents by increasing knowledge and helps improve behaviors based on needs	To improve behavioral changes for parents and caregivers, to increase safety permanency for children, with evidence-based parenting curriculums
Community outreach that increases knowledge about safe driving habits to driving youth and adults	Provide safe driving education in the community to youth that are from 15 ½ and adults.
Provide a community-based attendance program for youth	Complete a clinical risk assessment model that assess families for their strengths and needs, guide families towards success and ensure their youth is attending school

2023 FACFC MEETING SCHEDULE

Mark your calendar and please join us. Go to www.facfc.org for location. Meetings begin at 8:30 a.m.

Full Council Meetings

January 19
March 16
May 18
July 20
September 21
November 16

Executive Committee Meetings

February 17
April 21
June 16
August 18
October 20
December 15

PARTNERSHIPS AND SPONSORS IN 2022



State Farm



Fairfield County Educational Service Center



Department of Public Safety



Department of Job and Family Services



Ohio State Highway Patrol



Ohio Children's Trust Fund
Ohio's Prevent Child Abuse America Chapter



ALBANY Counseling Services



NATIONWIDE CHILDREN'S
When your child needs a hospital, everything matters.



Ohio Guidestone
WHERE NEW PATHS BEGIN



Department of Health

