**Alcohol Drug and Mental Health Services (ADAMHS)**

One of the unique functions and a mandate of the Ohio Family and Children First Cabinet Council and County Family and Children First Councils is to coordinate child and family serving partners to identify and address the needs of children and families through ongoing planning, implementing effective strategies, monitoring & reporting, and evaluating progress toward achieving desired outcomes.

**Why you are here.**

* To promote overall health and wellbeing of families and children in the community.
* To identify needs and gaps of mental health (MH) services for families and children.
* To identify the impact of mental health conditions on families and the impact of community/environmental/needs on the mental health of families/children; provide leadership in supporting mental health support efforts
* To bring awareness of mental health and addiction services, funding sources, and advocacy for the families served.
* To assess the services provided by our council and advise us of the mental health needs of children and families in our community. Provide representative for Clinical Committees and other Council committees. Encourage coordinated efforts.
* To provide the bigger picture of mental health and drug addiction needs, services and supports within the county.
* To encourage coordinated efforts within service coordination. Provide information and updates on your system of care, best practices, and the projects you are working on that others can assist with or simply need to be aware of.
* To fulfill governance and fiduciary responsibilities with respect to the operational and fiscal operations of the council.

**How you can support the system of care efforts in our community.**

* Share funding opportunities and data related to trends regarding what is needed in your community (homelessness, teen pregnancy, infant death, opiate epidemic, etc.), incidence and prevalence of mental health/substance abuse issues, behavioral health trends and disparities, as well as community service utilization and outcome data.
* Provide guidance on MH treatment for youth placed in residential with [Multi-System Youth (MSY) funds](https://fcf.ohio.gov/msy-ta-and-funding-applications).
* Provide leadership on mental health needs, available supports/services; funding/structure/guidance on building capacity for supports and services.
* Share your needs assessments and strategic plans. Information on successful programs. Provide indicators for the [shared plan](https://fcf.ohio.gov/fcfc-resources/shared-plan-and-updates/shared-plans-and-shared-plan-update).
* Share information regarding funding and grant collaborations you maintain with other counties.
* Provide in-kind support with technology, trainings, payroll, office space, and/or supplies.