**General Health District/City Health District**

One of the unique functions and a mandate member 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 our community.
* To support mental and physical health services for families and children and identify needs and gaps.
* To identify the impact of health conditions on families and the impact of community/environmental/needs on the health of families/children.
* To advocate for health equity and promote access to comprehensive healthcare, preventative care and community programming; to provide leadership in supporting public health support efforts.
* To provide a critical perspective related to child, youth, and family issues from the lens of public health.  In the arena of early childhood, you are responsible for a part of the overall system with programs such as Women, Infants, and Children (WIC), and services such as vaccination and health screening, (e.g. lead screening).
* To fulfill governance and fiduciary responsibilities with respect to the operational and fiscal operations of the council.

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

* Provide representative for clinical committees and other council committees, health data and updates on health issues impacting our community, especially regarding children and families.
* Share data on public health needs and available supports/services including programming/clinics in the county.
* Provide funding/structure/guidance on building capacity for supports and services as indicated.
* Provide information on local health outcomes, social determinants of health, health disparities, and community feedback.
* Address the needs assessments and strategic plans of your local Community Health Improvement Plan (CHIP). Provide indicators for the [shared plan](General%20Health%20District/City%20Health%20District).
* Provide guidance on the overall health system that serves children, youth, and their parents or caregivers as well as information on incidence and prevalence of health practices (e.g., vaccinations) and health issues impacting individuals and families.
* Provide in-kind support with technology, payroll, office space, and/or supplies.