**Non-Profit Agency**

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 resource mobilization and funding for community programs.
* To foster collaboration among various entities and advocate for policies and practices that support low-income families and children, raising awareness about critical issues affecting the community.
* To ensure families are aware of services available and how to get involved.
* To identify and fill nontraditional service gaps between county government systems - connecting with families that might not trust government agencies.
* To work in partnership with many of our systems and service providers to ensure families are accessing services available to them.
* 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 data regarding community needs and gaps in services.
* Share the number of youths involved and needs.
* Share number of youth/families served by a service; work to develop additional services/supports alongside system partners.
* Share your needs assessments and strategic plans. Share information on successful programs and provide indicators for the [shared plan](https://fcf.ohio.gov/fcfc-resources/shared-plan-and-updates/shared-plans-and-shared-plan-update).
* Bring perspective of emerging practices, policies and programs that may be emerging in other areas of the state.
* Provide in-kind supports with technology, office space, and/or supplies.