



**Family &
Children First**
COUNCIL OF TRUMBULL COUNTY

Planting the seeds of change to nurture the future.

ANNUAL REPORT
FOR 2023



DIRECTOR'S STATEMENT

The Trumbull County Family & Children First Council (TCFCFC) is proud to be celebrating nearly 30 years of ensuring that families and children have access to programs and services to improve their daily lives!

Council provides a venue for family and child-serving providers to collaborate, identify challenges, share information and formulate practical solutions to eliminate barriers to care for families and youth.

Trumbull County Family & Children First Council sponsors or participates in many initiatives and projects that benefit the community including:

- High-Fidelity Wraparound – An intensive, cross-system, family-centered planning process for children and youth with complex needs.
- Countywide Orientation – A quarterly two-day virtual tour of twenty community agencies.
- Trauma Informed Care Initiative – Creating awareness of ACEs (Adverse Childhood Experiences) and resilience.
- Early Childhood Coordinating Committee – Sharing information and resources with a focus on early childhood.

Council also sponsors or participates in a variety of other community initiatives including Voices of Youth, Kindergarten Transition, Candyland Lane, and GRAND Support. In Fiscal Year 2023, Council partnered with the Mahoning County Family & Children First Council and received funding from Ohio Mental Health and Addiction Services (OhioMHAS) to provide respite events for youth in our communities with developmental delays, disabilities and/or behavioral health needs.

Other projects included our observance of World AIDS Day and Operation: Baby Bundle, which provided diapers, car seats and pack and plays to over a dozen airmen stationed at our Youngstown Air Reserve Base.

Additionally, Council was integral in the formation of the local Communities of Support Network, an inclusive interagency group formed to ensure the successful rollout of OhioRISE in our community.

The Communities of Support grant has provided an opportunity for amazing collaboration. Meetings are monthly, hosted by CSB, and every seat at the table is filled with leaders from a variety of our local family and child-serving agencies. At a recent meeting, our county juvenile court judge shared how participating in these meetings has helped him on the bench. He knows what a CANS (Child and Adolescent Needs and Strengths) assessment is and he has a better understanding and appreciation for youth with Behavioral challenges. He also knows what resources are available in our community and feels comfortable and confident making referrals. This is truly the power of community and collaboration – all of our agencies working together for the good of our families and youth.

Council currently consists of approximately forty member agencies and organizations, including parent/family representatives, who meet every other month. Meetings are open to the public and visitors are welcome! An Executive Board meets monthly to make business decisions and offer guidance to the Council. We appreciate the Trumbull County Mental Health and Recovery Board for serving as our fiscal and administrative agent for the Council.

I invite you to visit Council's website at www.familyfirsttrumbull.org. We also have a Facebook and Instagram page.

Please don't hesitate to direct questions about the Council to me. I can be reached at 330-675-2765, ext. 109 or bwilson@trumbullmhrb.org

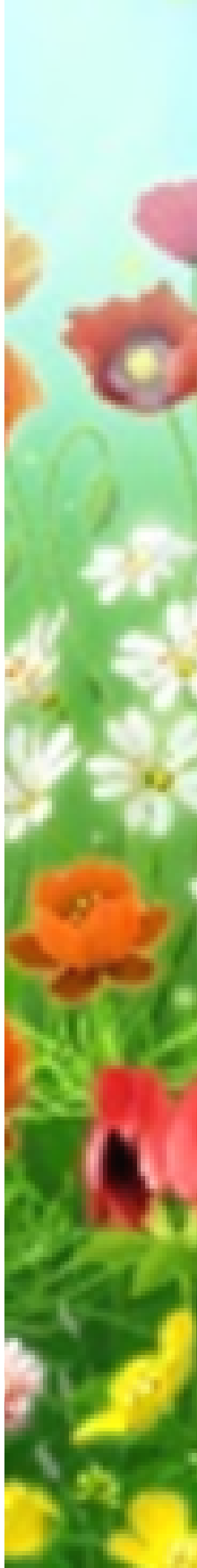
We look forward to serving our amazing community for many years to come!

Sincerely,

Bonnie

BONNIE WILSON

Director







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Executive Board

Chair, Tim Schaffner
Executive Director
Trumbull County Children Services

April Caraway
Executive Director
Trumbull County Mental Health and Recovery Board
Administrative/Fiscal Agent for FCFC

Judy Valenti
Parent/Family Representative

Kathleen Vilsack
Director of Pupil Services
Trumbull County Educational Service Center

Stacy Ziska
Administrator
Trumbull County Family Court

Edward Stark
Superintendent
Trumbull County Board of Developmental
Disabilities

Vice Chair, Matt Kresic
CEO
Cadence Care Network

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Parent/Family Representative
Director of Pupil Services, LaBrae School District

Attorney John Gargano
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Trumbull County Job and Family Services

Jill Merolla
Supervisor of Community Outreach
and Grant Development
Warren City School District

Frank Migliozi
Health Commissioner
Trumbull County Combined Health District

Bonnie Wilson
Director
Trumbull County Family & Children First Council

With approval by the Executive Board, the Administrative Agent shall develop an annual budget. The budget will guide the expenditures of the Administrative Agent on behalf of the Council.

The Executive Board of Council shall review and approve annual budgets for the following funds under the management of the Administrative Agent:

- Operational Capacity Building Fund Grant
- Family Centered Services and Support
- Wraparound Pooled Fund
- Early Intervention
- Any and all other grants and funds accepted by Council through a vote according to the By-Laws and rules of Council

The Executive Board of Council shall provide oversight and monitoring of all programs and services under the auspices of the Council, in consultation with the Administrative Agent.

The Executive Board of Council shall provide access to any books, documents, papers and records which are directly pertinent to the Agreement for the purpose of making audits, examination, excerpts and transcriptions. This access shall be given to any federal, state, or county agency or any of their duly authorized representatives. The Council shall maintain all required records for three (3) years after the completion of an audit conducted by or on behalf of the Ohio Auditor's Office.

The Executive Board shall have and exercise all powers of the Council in the conduct of Council business and affairs.

The Executive Board shall conduct interim business and resolve Council disputes. The Executive Board will develop policies and procedures for dispute resolution.

The Executive Board shall report all business conducted on behalf of Council during regular Council meetings.

The Chair and Vice-Chair of the Executive Board may approve requests for letters of support from Council member organizations on behalf of the Board.

All members of the Executive Board are subject to an unconditional requirement to maintain confidentiality regarding child and family information. Any breach of confidentiality may result in removal by an affirmative vote of the majority of members at any meeting of the Executive Board called for that purpose.



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Nearly thirty years ago, in 1994, a case manager from Valley Counseling Services began the first Wraparound team in Trumbull County. Over the next three decades, Trumbull County established itself as a leader in the field of Wraparound implementation, developing a unique and highly effective model.

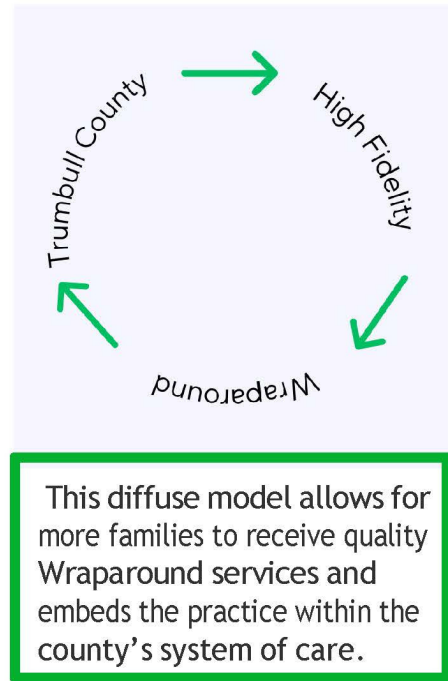
With FCFC as the hub, numerous child-serving systems began implementing High Fidelity Wraparound for youth and families with complex, multi-system needs. This diffuse model helped to integrate the Wraparound process and principles throughout the Trumbull County System of Care, priming the county for the implementation of a statewide specialized managed care program for multi-system youth.

After decades of advocacy and efforts to establish Wraparound as a Medicaid billable service, this became a reality at the beginning of Fiscal Year 2023, with the launch of OhioRISE (Resilience through Integrated Systems and Excellence). Cadence Care Network was chosen as the Care Management Entity for the catchment area of Trumbull and Mahoning Counties, and began delivering Care Coordination using High Fidelity Wraparound to hundreds of youth and families. Cadence was an ideal choice for this role, as they have a longstanding history of delivering the Wraparound Process under the FCFC umbrella.

This transition to OhioRISE has resulted in a year of transition for Family and Children First Councils; however, it has been exciting and rewarding to partner with Cadence Care Network and OhioRISE in expanding the Wraparound reach to hundreds more families. Trumbull County FCFC continues to deliver the Wraparound process to those who do not qualify for OhioRISE or who choose to receive their care coordination from Council. FCFC has also been able to use pooled funding to support youth engaged in care coordination through OhioRISE.

Our Trumbull County Wraparound Partners include:

- Family & Children First Council, Chair
- Alta Care Group
- Belmont Pines Hospital
- Cadence Care Network
- Coleman Health Services
- Trumbull County Children Services Board
- Trumbull County Mental Health and Recovery Board
- Trumbull County Family Court
- Trumbull County Board of DD
- Trumbull County Job and Family Services
- Trumbull County Educational Service Center



Trumbull County's structure is unusual but highly effective in that it supports trust, true collaboration and partnerships. Currently, there are Wraparound Facilitators in the following systems:

- **Mental Health**
- **Child Welfare**
- **Juvenile Justice**



Mike DeWine, Governor | Maureen Corcoran, Director
Jon Husted, Lt. Governor

In FY 2023 Trumbull County received \$740,220.06 in MSY funds. That included \$259,174 from MSY funding for 14 youth served by FCFC for residential placement.



OhioRISE launched in 2022. **Cadence Care Network** was selected and serves as the Care Management Entity (CME) for Trumbull and Mahoning County.

Wraparound Program SFY 2023 Data Sharing Report

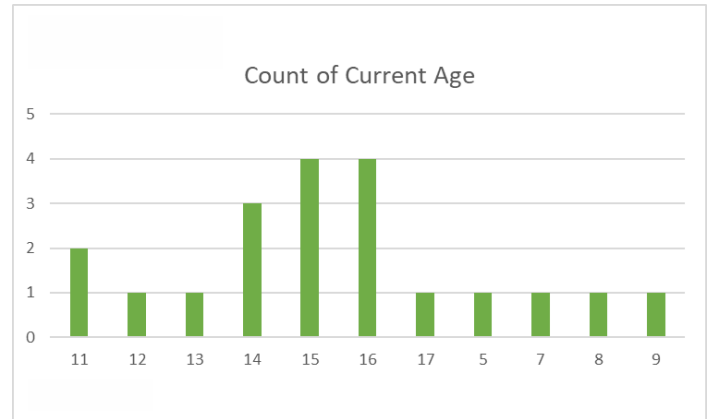
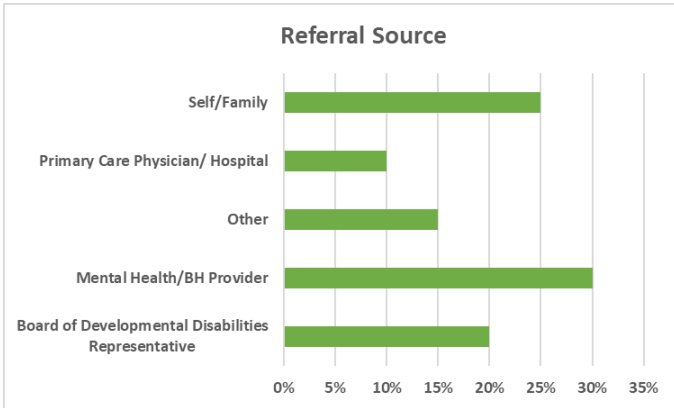
59 FAMILIES SERVED
23 NEW FAMILIES REFERRED
35 CASES CLOSED

GENDER

FEMALE	MALE
25%	75%

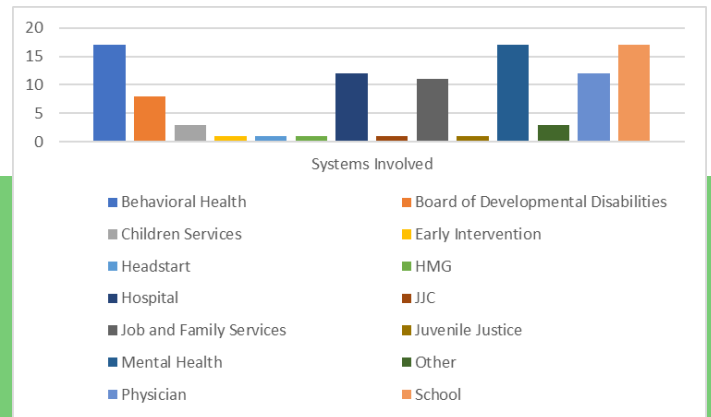
RACE

MUTLI RACIAL	BLACK/ AFRICAN AMERICAN	WHITE
10%	15%	75%



Top 5 Diagnosis for Children Served in FY2023

- Attention Deficit Disorder
- Adjustment Disorders
- Anxiety Disorders
- Depressive Disorders
- Conduct Disorders



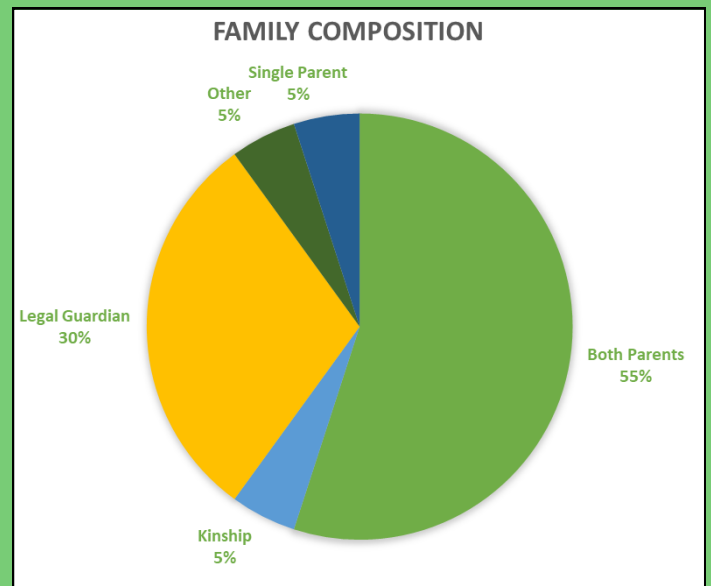
In FY23 we worked with 14 youth who were placed in residential treatment facilities. Those included:

- Belmont Pines Hospital
- Youth Intensive Services
- Boundless
- All for You
- New Path
- Redemption House
- Youth Intensive Services
- Safe House
- Foundations for Living

We spent \$246,743 from our Pooled Fund.

Other expenses covered by our Pooled Fund included:

- MST (Multi-Systemic Therapy)
- Therapeutic Respite
- American Sign Language/Interpreter
- Behavioral Supports
- Graduation Party, family funeral expenses, clothing and cheerleading items





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The Trumbull County Family & Children First Council currently consists of approximately forty member agencies and organizations including Mandated Members, Associate Members and Parent/Family Representatives, who meet every other month, on even numbered months, to share information, talk about creative solutions to community concerns and learn about services that are available. Meetings are open to the public and visitors are welcome.

Council Members

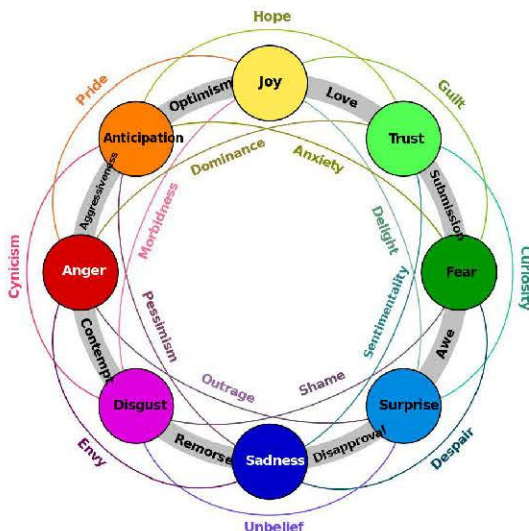
- Alta Care Group, Inc.
- Belmont Pines Hospital
- **Big Brothers Big Sisters**
- Cadence Care Network
- Coleman Health Services
- COMPASS Family & Community Services
- Early Childhood Resource Center
- **Easter Seals of the Mahoning Valley**
- Emmanuel Community Care Center
- Help Network of Northeast Ohio
- I am Boundless
- Meridian Health Care
- NOAS
- Ohio Department of Youth Services
- One Health Ohio
- OSU Extension Trumbull County
- Potential Development School for Autism
- PsyCare, Inc.
- Someplace Safe & Solace Center
- Trumbull Community Action Program
- Trumbull County Board of DD
- Trumbull County Children Services
- Trumbull County Combined Health District
- Trumbull County Commissioners
- Tr. County Dept. of Job and Family Services
- Trumbull County Educational Service Center
- Trumbull County Family Court
- Trumbull Metropolitan Housing Authority
- United Way of Trumbull County
- Valley Counseling Services
- Warren City Health District
- Warren-Trumbull County Public Library
- Western Reserve Independent Living Center

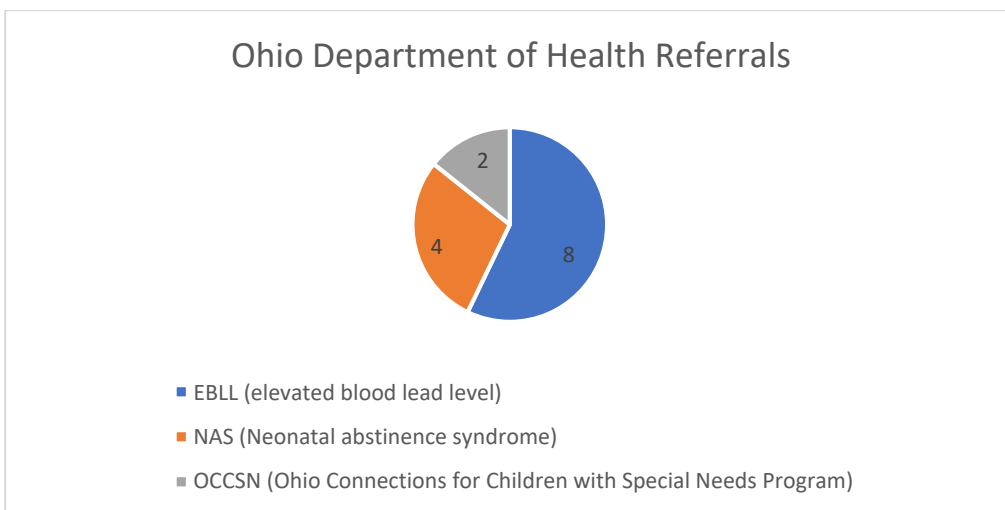
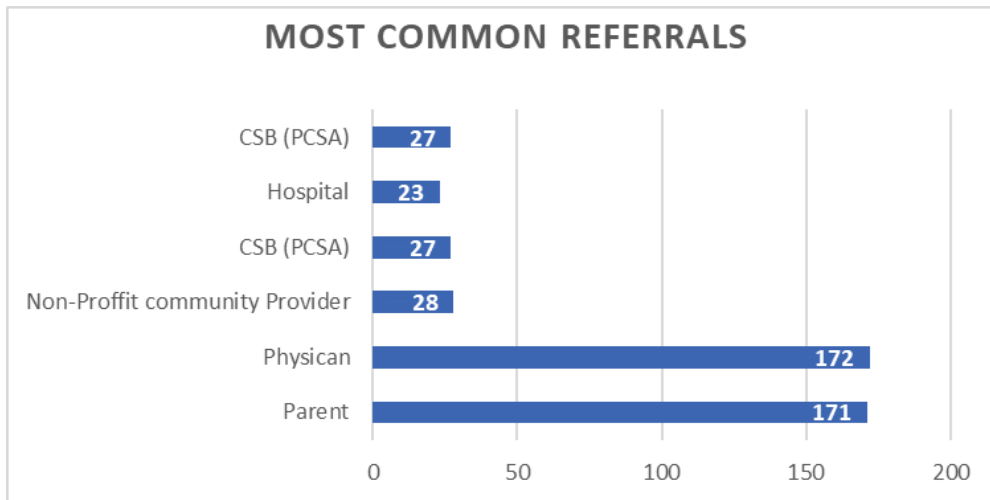
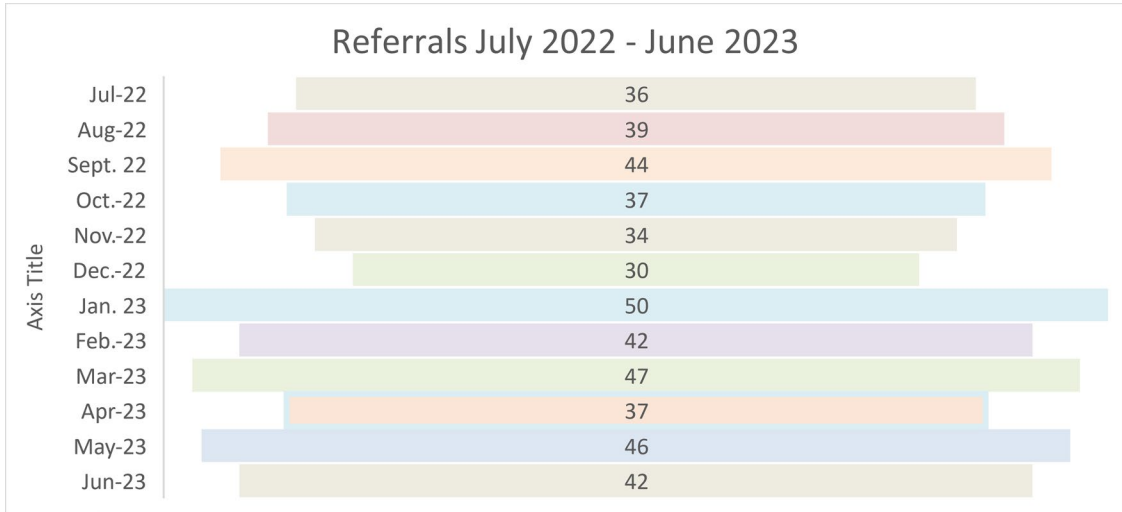
NEW MEMBERS IN GREEN



Parent Representatives

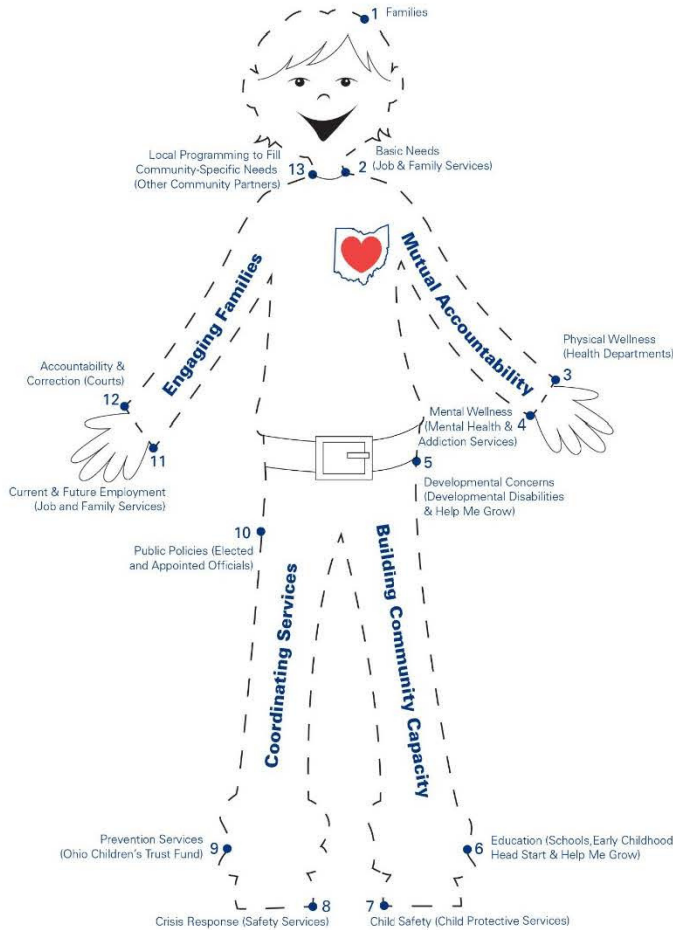
- Amy Frederick
- Judy Valenti
- Itarah Godbolt
- Tamara Ware





WE CONNECT THE DOTS.

YOUR COUNTY'S FAMILY & CHILDREN FIRST COUNCIL connects the dots to eliminate redundancy and bring resources together for planning, monitoring and improving outcomes for families and children.



Planting the seeds of change to nurture the future. We're here to help connect you to the resources you need.

Scan the QR code below with your smart phone to access resources or visit

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