



**OFCFCA**  
**Promoting healthy children, strong families,  
and thriving communities county by county.**



**COUNTY: ADAMS**

**MISSION STATEMENT / LOCAL FOCUS:**

Service Coordination is critical between and among the community organizations of health and human services. FCFC focuses on having a positive impact on families served while assisting them in the navigation of the health and human services system. Many of our clients are burdened with a number of challenges resulting in the involvement of more than one agency. The goal of FCFC is to support and strengthen this teamwork.

**OPERATING STRUCTURE:**

The Adams County FCFC has 35 members who serve on five committees which identify community strengths and needs, gaps and priorities, research and identify evidence-based practices, negotiate available resources, and implement improvement strategies by partnering with the community.

**LOCAL FCFC CORE RESPONSIBILITIES:**

- **Community Capacity Building/Planning:** strategies and outcomes  
The Adams County FCFC works with all of the county agencies and many private service agencies to build community and service capacity. Example: Partnering with the Juvenile Court and local mental health clinic to offer and support Functional Family Therapy for those families who have been ordered into intense family counseling.
- **Service Coordination:** strategies and outcomes  
Adams County Family & Children First works closely with the public schools, Children's Services, Job & Family Services, MR/DD, Mental Health Juvenile Court, and public health departments to facilitate and support families referred for service coordination. The team works closely with agencies and families to navigate barriers and offer solutions to families in difficult situations.
- **Family Empowerment:** strategies and outcomes  
Adams County Family & Children First works with a team comprised of family members and also with agencies to address issues to empower families to make system navigation less cumbersome.
- **Early Childhood System of Care:** strategies and outcomes  
Adams County Family & Children First implements the Help Me Grow program county-wide through contracted providers. The FCFC is currently preparing to implement the Incredible Years program for preschool age children and their families.

**LOCAL CHILDREN'S TRUST FUND RESPONSIBILITIES (As Applicable):**

- **Child Abuse and Neglect Prevention:** strategies and outcomes  
The Adams County Family & Children First oversees the Ohio Children's Trust Fund and is presently contracting with a provider for county-wide implementation of Incredible Years.

**OTHER LOCAL INITIATIVES: strategies and outcomes**

Youth Successfully Transition into Adulthood - working with a tutoring program to increase the grade average of the at-risk students and increase school attendance at the same time.

**FUNDING:**

The Adams Co. Family & Children First Council is funded by the Operational Capacity Building Grant from the state along with Help Me Grow and any other state monies made available to councils.

**STAFFING:**

An Intersystems Coordinator is employed by the FCFC.

**CHALLENGES:**

Increasing needs for federal and state supports in order to support staff increase, thus being able to be more active within the community.

**FUTURE PLANS:**

The Adams County Family & Children First will continue to work within the community to build initiatives and strengthen the community while supporting the Commitments to Child Well-Being based on community needs and priorities.

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