



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



COUNTY: Belmont

MISSION STATEMENT / LOCAL FOCUS:

The purpose of the Family and Children First Council of Belmont County is to develop an integrative social services network for its multi-need and multi-system families and children.

OPERATING STRUCTURE:

The Family and Children First Council of Belmont County is comprised of the mandated members according to ORC 121.37 and an additional eleven non-voting interested community members. These members volunteer for FCFC committees to complete FCFC work.

LOCAL FCFC CORE RESPONSIBILITIES:

- **Community Capacity Building/Planning:** strategies and outcomes
The Family and Children First Council of Belmont County works with many agencies in and surrounding Belmont County to build capacity and planning.
- **Service Coordination:** strategies and outcomes
The Family and Children First Council of Belmont County provides advice to local agencies serving families on the coordination of service delivery to families and children.
- **Family Empowerment:** strategies and outcomes
The Family and Children First Council of Belmont County works with agencies in and around Belmont County to provide quality services to families and children.
- **Early Childhood System of Care:** strategies and outcomes
The Family and Children First Council of Belmont County provides oversight and monitoring to Help Me Grow operated by the Community Action Commission of Belmont County and the Belmont County Health Department.

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

- **Child Abuse and Neglect Prevention:** strategies and outcomes
The Family and Children First Council of Belmont County has contracted with Belmont County Student Services to provide child abuse and neglect prevention services. This year Student Services would like to implement the 'Child Lures' program and the 'Safe Dates' program for children in Belmont County.

OTHER LOCAL INITIATIVES: strategies and outcomes

The Family and Children First Council of Belmont County supports the establishment of community priorities relative to families and children and supports the efforts of direct service providers to assist children and families in referrals.

FUNDING:

The Family and Children First Council of Belmont County is funded by the \$20,000 OCBF.

STAFFING:

The staff of the Family and Children First Council of Belmont County consists of one contracted position.

CHALLENGES:

A challenge of the Family and Children First Council of Belmont County is to appropriately allocate the limited resources of Belmont County. These resources include funding, agency staff, directors availability, amount of time a family will dedicate to a programs, and time children can spend.

FUTURE PLANS:

The future plans of the Family and Children First Council of Belmont County include keeping current with changes at the state level and increasing number of the agencies that monitor outcomes of programs.

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