



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



**COUNTY: CLINTON**

**MISSION STATEMENT / LOCAL FOCUS:**

Through collaboration provide quality support services for the well being of children and families.

**OPERATING STRUCTURE:**

Our administrative agent is Clinton County Department of Jobs and Family Services. Our council meets monthly. We have approximately 25 members and we have 9 different committees of which members generally serve on more than one committee. Membership agencies pay dues yearly.

**LOCAL FCFC CORE RESPONSIBILITIES:**

- **Community Capacity Building/Planning:** strategies and outcomes  
Clinton County's HB289 strategy is to help support F.A.S.T.(Families and Schools Together) in local elementary schools. The program is an evidenced based program to increase parental involvement in schools and has been proven to decrease substance abuse issues. F.A.S.T. is offered to second graders. FCFC will continue to support the F.A.S.T. program in Clinton Co. and encourage other school districts to implement the F.A.S.T. program. FCFC uses United Way funds for the F.A.S.T. program as well as other donations from area service groups and businesses.  
  
Clinton County FCFC now has a web page as a result of grant funding from CDP bridgeworks, <http://co.clinton.oh.us/family-and-children-first-council/family-and-children-first-council>
- **Service Coordination:** strategies and outcomes  
Clinton County serves approximately 29 children and youth through service coordination known as Child Intervention Team. We utilize shared funding including the Medicaid match. We have an intensive home based program through our local mental health provider. According to the Ohio Scales Outcomes scores reported to ODMH for this population, substantial improvement has been displayed. The ABC and FAST funds support IHB services with the local mental health center, psychological assessments, reunification services for families of children returning from out of home placements, respite, incentives and help with transportation.
- **Family Empowerment:** strategies and outcomes  
Through the funding we receive in Clinton County from the Ohio Children's Trust Fund, (\$15,000), we support Kinship Care which is a support group of caregivers raising children who are not their biological children. The program consists of 3 components: care group support monthly meetings, respite, and camps for children.
- **Early Childhood System of Care:** strategies and outcomes  
Our HMG staff works extremely well as a team to provide service for families with children 0-3 despite the issues of restructuring at the State level and funding cuts.

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

- **Child Abuse and Neglect Prevention:** strategies and outcomes  
Kinship Care is the strategy chosen in Clinton County for child abuse and neglect prevention. The program is a support group of caregivers who are raising children who are not biological children as a result of death of parents, biological parents being incarcerated or missing, etc. Kinship Care increases the caregiver's knowledge of agencies and assistance for monetary needs of the family. The group meets monthly and includes speakers. There is always a family

meal and time for caregivers to share issues and information while the children are meeting for play and recreation. Kinship also offers respite time for caregivers and camp opportunities for the children.

**OTHER LOCAL INITIATIVES:** strategies and outcomes

Strengthening Families which was originally funded through ABC and continues, which is an evidenced based parenting class for parents of 10-14 year old children.

Clinton Community Dental Service continues to provide dental services for the uninsured and underinsured and Medicaid population.

**FUNDING:**

1. Dues from members
2. OCBF: \$20,000 (may be cut to \$16,300)
3. OCTF: \$15,000 (\$14,250 goes directly to the Kinship program.)
4. United Way of Clinton County
5. Other grant funding

This year we received \$9000 from the County Commissioners. We received \$2600 from United Way of Clinton County for F.A.S.T.

**STAFFING:**

Clinton County FCFC has one full time coordinator and one part time service coordinator.

**CHALLENGES:**

Our biggest challenge continues to be the loss of jobs due to the closing of the airpark which has impacted each agency's ability to provide services and each individual who lives or works in our county.

**FUTURE PLANS:**

The challenge is to do more with less through collaboration and innovative new approaches which do not rely on funding.

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