



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



COUNTY: COSHOCTON

MISSION STATEMENT / LOCAL FOCUS:

The vision of Coshocton County's Family and Children First Council is stronger and healthier families with brighter futures.

The mission of the Family & Children First Council is to coordinate and pool efforts and resources, to develop comprehensive community programs to strengthen, educate and empower families, encourage families to develop, strengthen and utilize informal support systems, assist families to access established systems, and pool community resources to provide assistance to families.

OPERATING STRUCTURE:

The Coshocton County Family and Children First Council has 20 voting members with an additional 11 community members. Standing Committees: Executive, Finance, Personnel, Membership, and Early Childhood Coordinating

LOCAL FCFC CORE RESPONSIBILITIES:

- **Community Capacity Building/Planning:** strategies and outcomes
Council Director serves on multiple county committees and oversees the Family & Children First Council committees to analyze and address local concerns, needs, and services.
- **Service Coordination:** strategies and outcomes
The Coshocton County Service Plan focuses on coordinating services for children abused, neglected, dependent, unruly, and delinquent as well as families voluntarily seeking services. Families voluntarily seeking services will be defined as those whose children are at-risk for becoming abused, neglected, dependent, unruly or delinquent.
- **Family Empowerment:** strategies and outcomes
The Coshocton County Family and Children First Council actively collaborates with local agencies and school districts to improve conditions and circumstances for children and families.
- **Early Childhood System of Care:** strategies and outcomes
The Coshocton County Family and Children First implements the Help Me Grow program countywide. The FCFC does not provide any direct services. The Help Me Grow program received 288 referrals, and 173 Newborn Home Visits were completed in 2007.

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

- **Child Abuse and Neglect Prevention:** strategies and outcomes
Nurturing Parenting Program for families with children ages 0-18

OTHER LOCAL INITIATIVES: strategies and outcomes

The Care Team concept is being used in four school buildings in Coshocton County. Care Team Collaborative is an integrated system of care (schools, mental, physical and behavioral health, child protection, juvenile court, law enforcement, child development) that provides school-based prevention and intervention services to all children and families to build Developmental Assets in youth, increase student achievement, decrease duplication of services among care providers, build stronger family relationships, more effectively connect the resources of schools, families and the surrounding community, and ultimately decrease risk factors thus creating a stronger, healthier community.

FUNDING:

OCBF, HMG, Membership Contributions, State Grants, Local Grants

STAFFING:

The Coshocton County Family and Children First Council staffs one full time Director and a part time Administrative Assistant.

CHALLENGES:

Funding.

FUTURE PLANS:

Enhance the FCFC and services to the families of Coshocton County by increased collaboration with the private sector/ businesses in the community.

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