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



COUNTY: FULTON

MISSION STATEMENT / LOCAL FOCUS:

The Fulton County Family & Children First Council will create an environment where families can identify and maximize their strengths in order to achieve their fullest potential to view the future with hope and direction.

OPERATING STRUCTURE:

The Fulton County FCFC has 24 members with 7 committees working on an on-going basis to improve child and family well being within the county.

LOCAL FCFC CORE RESPONSIBILITIES:

- **Community Capacity Building/Planning:** strategies and outcomes
Over the past three years, we have focused our efforts on encouraging healthy behaviors in youth with a specific focus on underage alcohol consumption. This endeavor has resulted in substantial decreases in underage alcohol consumption as well as other associated risky behaviors.
- **Service Coordination:** strategies and outcomes
Within the last year, the Fulton County FCFC partnered with Job and Family Services, the Four County ADAMhs Board and the Four County Family Center to provide Wrap Around Service Coordination. These partners in coordination with the Board of Developmental Disabilities, the Fulton County Help Me Grow Program, the Northwest Ohio Educational Resource Center, and the Health Department actively worked together to facilitate individual family supportive services for service coordination families and other families with children with complex needs.
- **Family Empowerment:** strategies and outcomes
Parents are an integral part of our council. Parent representatives regularly work along side regional and local professionals on council itself and on council's committees. Family representatives also assist with our community capacity building and planning work.
- **Early Childhood System of Care:** strategies and outcomes
As of June 30th, the Fulton County FCFC partners with the Health Department and the Board of Developmental Disabilities to provide our county Help Me Grow Program. Additionally, over 20 parents and agency representatives participate regularly in our Early Childhood Collaborative Committee and its Parent Advisory Group. Our program serves over 150 children, well above our state target numbers.

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

- **Child Abuse and Neglect Prevention:** strategies and outcomes
The Fulton County FCFC partners with the county Ohio State University Extension Office to provide parenting classes for families with limited resources who have young children. These classes are structured to increase parental knowledge of child development and positive discipline as well as to increase parental self esteem. Ultimately, these parenting educational sessions will work to prevent child abuse among our young, at-risk families through education and increased community support.

OTHER LOCAL INITIATIVES: strategies and outcomes

Partnership for A Drug Free Fulton County: A county-wide collaborative of over 20 parents and professionals actively working together on an on-going basis to promote healthy, chemical-free lifestyles in county teens and eventually our county adults.

FUNDING:

The Fulton County FCFC budget shall be based upon available funding for this state fiscal year.

STAFFING:

The Fulton County FCFC has two part time staff.

CHALLENGES:

There is a need for flexible state and federal funding.

FUTURE PLANS:

Continue with our community capacity building and planning in order to maximize our existing resources and continue to strive to obtain additional funding.

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