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



COUNTY: HENRY

MISSION STATEMENT / LOCAL FOCUS:

All families are the foundation and future of Henry County. Our mission is to provide services and education, to promote stronger, healthier, and nurturing families. This will be accomplished through a comprehensive, coordinated, interagency system for supporting families and individuals from birth to adulthood.

OPERATING STRUCTURE:

The Henry County FCFC has 15 mandated members and in addition to this we have 18 at-large members who sit on Council. We also have a steering committee that is responsible for making decisions for Help Me Grow, Wraparound, and Family and Children First. The steering committee is made up of 12 members.

LOCAL FCFC CORE RESPONSIBILITIES:

- **Community Capacity Building/Planning:** strategies and outcomes
Henry County recently finished year one of Parenterships for Success, in the past year we have focused our efforts on youth choosing healthy behaviors; specifically reducing youth alcohol use. The Henry County Family and Children First continues to work closely with local agencies and providers to build working relationships to further community and operational capacity.
- **Service Coordination:** strategies and outcomes
The Henry County council provides service coordination through the Wraparound model, which is contracted through a local mental health agency. Also, Henry County Family and Children First Council works closely with the local Juvenile Probation Court, Department of Job and Family Services, a local mental health agency, and the Board of MRDD in delivering service coordination in our county. These agencies work together to coordinate services for multi-systemic youth and families with complex needs.
- **Family Empowerment:** strategies and outcomes
Parent representatives regularly collaborate with regional and local agencies on council itself and on council's workgroups. Family representatives also assist with our community capacity building and planning work. Henry County Family and Children First works closely with local agencies such as the local Juvenile Probation Courts, DJFS, local mental health agencies, the Board of MRDD and the local ADAMHS Board through our Resource Management Process to improve daily living circumstances for families in Henry County.
- **Early Childhood System of Care:** strategies and outcomes
Henry County Family and Children First implements the Help Me Grow Program, along with the help of our local Board of MRDD, in our county. Currently, we serve 101 children in the Help Me Grow Program. Our local FCFC employs four Help Me Grow staff and the Board of MRDD employs two Service Coordinators.

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

- **Child Abuse and Neglect Prevention:** strategies and outcomes
In 2009, the Henry County Council took over the Ohio Children's Trust Fund from the local board. After reviewing local data, the council has chosen to focus on preventing child abuse in the 0-5 population. The council will partner with The Center for Child and Family Advocacy, a local dual-

diagnosis agency, to provide education to parents, as well as educating organizations and corporations that serve children and youth.

OTHER LOCAL INITIATIVES: strategies and outcomes

In the next year Henry County Family and Children First Council would like to strengthen relationships with the local school districts as well as the faith community. Another key initiative continues to be reducing underage drinking as well as drinking and driving, and other risky behaviors associated with alcohol consumption. This initiative surfaced after completing the HB 289 and PfS processes.

FUNDING:

For SFY 09 Henry County Family and Children First received \$255,000 from state and local funding. Funding includes the State Capacity Grant, Help Me Grow grants, FAST, and ABC.

STAFFING:

There are five staff members in the Henry County Family and Children First Office. One staff member is the FCFC Coordinator, and four part-time employees work under the Help Me Grow Program.

CHALLENGES:

Our main challenge is maintaining family membership on our local Family and Children First Council. Another challenge we face in our county is securing local funding from county agencies for our FCFC programming.

FUTURE PLANS:

Henry County Family and Children First Council will continue to work on our HB 289 and Partnerships for Success initiatives which focuses on decreasing underage drinking in our county. It is our goal in the next year to continue to build our community coalition and implement prevention programming in at least one school district.

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