



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



**COUNTY: MARION**

**MISSION STATEMENT / LOCAL FOCUS:**  
Youth Successfully Transition Into Adulthood

**OPERATING STRUCTURE:**

25 Council Members (18 mandated, 7 non-mandated). There are no standing committees (other than finance), just ad hoc.

**LOCAL FCFC CORE RESPONSIBILITIES:**

- **Community Capacity Building/Planning:** strategies and outcomes  
Director serves on multiple county committees and boards, as well as oversees MCFCFC committees, to analyze and address local concerns, needs, and services.
- **Service Coordination:** strategies and outcomes  
Provide community-wide service coordination for families that request it or are referred by local entities. Also is responsible for administering a portion of the county's FAST funds to families.
- **Family Empowerment:** strategies and outcomes  
The Strengthening Families Programs (for families with children ages 6-14) are operated directly out of the FCFC office. Among a myriad of benefits reaped, one is certainly family empowerment.
- **Early Childhood System of Care:** strategies and outcomes  
Responsible for the oversight and compliance of the Help Me Grow Program, which is contracted out to a local entity.

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

- **Child Abuse and Neglect Prevention:** strategies and outcomes  
Parenting classes for families with children ages 0-5.

**OTHER LOCAL INITIATIVES:** strategies and outcomes  
Truancy Prevention Through Mediation is operated directly out of the FCFC office.

**FUNDING:**  
OCBF, HMG, Local Grants, State Grants, Pooled Funding from Local Entities.

**STAFFING:**  
One full-time Director, one part-time contracted position, and two other contract positions.

**CHALLENGES:**  
Funding and time.

**FUTURE PLANS:**  
Continue the current programs and expand them to maximize the benefits to as many families and children as possible.

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