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



**COUNTY: Pickaway**

**MISSION STATEMENT / LOCAL FOCUS:**

Pickaway County Family and Children First Council is a community collaboration which coordinates services to support and empower children and families. In order to achieve our mission, the Pickaway County FCFC recognizes the following guiding principles: 1) Collaborate to provide effective, accessible, and efficient services for children and families; 2) Affirm that all families are partners in defining the issues as well as planning the solutions; 3) Focus on prevention and the family's strengths, priorities, and concerns; 4) Develop community awareness of the various systems that provide services and supports; 5) Ensure family-centered, culturally sensitive, individualized services and supports.

**OPERATING STRUCTURE:**

The Pickaway County FCFC has 36 members and 10 other non-voting community members. Council includes a chairperson, vice-chairperson, and secretary. A Council Coordinator is employed to oversee the coordination of Council activities and the Service Coordination component. Council consists of standing committees, functional committees, and various programs.

Standing Committees: Executive Committee, Bylaws Committee, Finance Committee, Service Coordination Committee, Mobilization Workgroup, Evaluation Workgroup, and Assessment Workgroup  
Functional Committees: Early Childhood Coordinating Committee, Teen Task Force, Parent Advisory Committee, Ad Hoc Committees (as needed)

Programs: TEAM for Youth, Help Me Grow, Children's Trust Fund

**LOCAL FCFC CORE RESPONSIBILITIES:**

- **Community Capacity Building/Planning:** strategies and outcomes  
Pickaway County was a 2006-07 Partnerships for Success (PfS) grant county. We are using the PfS Strategic Action Identification Plan as the HB 289 Plan. We are also implementing the tools and procedures of Partnerships for Success for planning and for outcome measurement. We will also use the PfS Social Marketing Plan developed during PfS to continue outreach and education activities.
- **Service Coordination:** strategies and outcomes  
The Pickaway County FCFC works collaboratively with other agencies and systems to facilitate and support referrals for service coordination. Pickaway TEAM for Youth ensures that children (birth up to the age of 22) and their families receive adequate and appropriate services. Immediate plans include exploring ways to measure and manage information at a program level and community level.
- **Family Empowerment:** strategies and outcomes  
The Pickaway FCFC works with other agencies and organizations in Pickaway County to improve circumstances and conditions for families. The FCFC supports the activities of the Faith-Based Summit Family Connections Workgroup, the Summit for Children Planning Committee, Children's Trust Fund plan to implement the Incredible Years, and the FCFC Parent Advisory Committee.
- **Early Childhood System of Care:** strategies and outcomes  
The Pickaway County FCFC is responsible for monitoring service provision and fiscal accountability of the Help Me Grow Program. Help Me Grow is implemented through a contract with Pickaway County MRDD. The Pickaway County Early Childhood Coordinating Committee is a functional committee of FCFC and advises the Council on early intervention matters.

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

- **Child Abuse and Neglect Prevention:** strategies and outcomes  
The Pickaway County FCFC recently assumed oversight for the Children's Trust Fund responsibilities. In SFY 2009, the Incredible Years parenting series will be implemented to meet gaps in services, prevent child abuse and neglect, and coordinate with HB 289.

**OTHER LOCAL INITIATIVES:** strategies and outcomes

Pickaway County has an active Faith-based and Community Project. One of the workgroups of the project is implementing the Getting Ahead in a Just Getting-By-World program to improve the situations of people in poverty. Several grants are supporting the program which is a collaborative effort of FCFC, JFS, Head Start, and a local domestic violence shelter. Another workgroup of the Faith-based and Community Project has obtained a grant to support a Homeless Prevention Pilot.

**FUNDING:**

The Pickaway County FCFC receives the \$20,000 Operational Capacity Building Grant. Council has recently requested financial support from mandated members to support the activities of the council.

**STAFFING:**

Pickaway County FCFC has one full-time coordinator for coordinating council activities and service coordination.

**CHALLENGES:**

Current challenges for Pickaway County include funding to support the activities of a full-time coordinator. There is also an increase demand for service coordination services. Systematic conflicts are also a barrier for collaborative efforts.

**FUTURE PLANS:**

Pickaway County FCFC will continue to increase its accountability through comprehensive planning. The planning process will allow us to establish local priorities and develop indicators to monitor the progress towards achieving child well-being.

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