



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



**COUNTY: WARREN**

**MISSION STATEMENT / LOCAL FOCUS:**

To promote and support strong and stable individuals and their families as well as a safe social environment that will encourage the success and resiliency of children, families, and communities. The identified targets for H.B. 289 are child/youth violence and child/youth mental health and these will be addressed by promoting emotional and social competence in parents/caretakers and children for the mental and physical well-being of children and youth in Warren County.

**OPERATING STRUCTURE:**

There are 33 FCFC council members (8 mandated entities, 5 mandated members, 13 other voting members, and 7 supportive members). There are four standing committees, Clinical, Early Childhood Coordination Committee, Success for School Age Youth, and Support and Outreach. There are also four Administrative Committees, Executive/Audit, Family Representation, Membership/Nominating and Policies and Procedures.

**LOCAL FCFC CORE RESPONSIBILITIES:**

- **Community Capacity Building/Planning:** strategies and outcomes  
The Support and Outreach Committee promotes FCFC and its member agencies. Its purpose is to identify, document, and report on the well being of children and families, establish indicators and priorities of well-being, leverage resources to further capacity of FCFC and its agencies, and communicate public value of FCFC. A major accomplishment was the research and publication of the 2008 Community Update on the indicators of well-being in Warren County. This undertaking was supported by the Warren County Commissioners and Warren County United Way.
- **Service Coordination:** strategies and outcomes  
Clinical Committee is responsible for administering comprehensive services for high-risk, multi-need youth. It uses a pooled funding model and participating agencies include MRDD, Juvenile Court, Children Services, and Mental Health. The coordination of Clinical Committee is provided by Coordinated Care which is a program provided by Warren County Educational Services Center and offers intervention and prevention services. The number of children needing to be referred to Clinical Committee has decreased because of the intensive services in the home and in schools by Coordinated Care.
- **Family Empowerment:** strategies and outcomes  
There is family representation on Council and in leadership roles. Currently recruiting for parent advocates for Clinical Committee.
- **Early Childhood System of Care:** strategies and outcomes  
The Early Childhood Coordination Committee provides a cross-section of representatives from the Health Department, the schools, Early Learning Centers (Head Start), 4C for Children, Mental Health, parents and interested community members. One undertaking was the publication and distribution of a local childhood resource list. The Service Coordination plans are shared and discussed. Help Me Grow reports regularly to FCFC on its service levels, outcomes, and parent satisfaction surveys.

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

- **Child Abuse and Neglect Prevention:** strategies and outcomes  
There is a local prevention advisory board.

**OTHER LOCAL INITIATIVES:** strategies and outcomes

The Success for School Age Youth Committee efforts include work done through a Learning Work Connection Grant that mapped and surveyed employers of teens, a development of a youth job tool-kit, mini-grant opportunities for promoting work skills, and providing Real Money, Real World in some of our schools as an active, hands on experience for life decisions and the subsequent financial realities, there were 1000 students who participated in 2008. Conducted the Ohio Youth Survey in 50% of the schools in Warren County with over 4000 youth participating. Uses SEARCH Institute 40 Developmental assets as a framework for initiatives, currently our local paper is publishing a weekly series about the assets and how they can be supported by the community.

**FUNDING:**

Operating budget for salary, administrative expenses, state audit, and committee support is \$44,835. There are pass through/ purchase services for ABC grant and Help Me Grow at \$601,625.

**STAFFING:**

1 part time coordinator at 25 hours a week.

**CHALLENGES:**

Capacity is a major issue because of unprecedented growth, limited resources, and the subsequent demand for increase participation without an increase in funding. Maintaining best practice models that usually require increased expenditures, monitoring, and reporting. Unfunded mandates that require community collaboration with overburdened systems that have a difficult time meeting their core responsibilities. Limited data available that can be tracked for 3-5 years in comparing county to county.

**FUTURE PLANS:**

Reporting the results of the 2008-2009 Ohio Youth Survey in order to establish a benchmark regarding school climate which can be measured over time. Linking with other partner initiatives such as the Violence Free Coalition and Suicide Prevention Coalition to maximize our resources. Participating in the implementation of the U.S. Department of Education Integration of Schools and Mental Health Systems collaborative grant that was awarded to Warren County in May, 2009.

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