



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



COUNTY: WAYNE

MISSION STATEMENT / LOCAL FOCUS:

To promote coordination and collaboration among local government, not-for-profit organizations, businesses and parents for the benefit of Wayne County's Children. Focus: Families and Individuals Live in Safe and Supportive Communities.

OPERATING STRUCTURE:

Wayne County meets every other month and has 12 mandatory members, plus three parent representatives, and five not for profit voting members (20 voting members). Fifteen additional community partners attend our bi-monthly Council meetings. Committees do the large amount of the work of Council. Committees include: Executive, Resource and Grants Management, Communications, Planning, Prenatal-Five, and Parent Advisory Committee. Within these committees are work groups: School Readiness, Youth Asset Survey and Care Teams, Public Policy, and numerous others. All the work of committees is reported to Council. The Administrative Agent for Wayne County is: The Wayne-Holmes Mental Health and Recovery Board.

LOCAL FCFC CORE RESPONSIBILITIES:

- **Community Capacity Building/Planning:** strategies and outcomes
Planning Committee provides oversight of gap analysis and program outcomes. In June 2009, our third report to the county, "What's Up With Our Kids" was distributed. This has given Council an overview of progress being made in the Child Commitments to Well-being and offers Council direction for planning purposes. Children will be ready for school is a direct result of Council's 2006 "What's Up With Our Kids" and is the baseline by which 2009 progress will be evaluated.
- **Service Coordination:** strategies and outcomes
Service coordination has become a vehicle that is across systems and departments. Parents are as likely to request service coordination as is Juvenile Court or Children Services. Each parent is offered a Parent Advocate as provided by National Alliance on Mental Illness. Coordination has expanded to offer a specialty team approach for juvenile sex offenders, and offers these cases unique professional oversight and ongoing review. A systems strategy and approach has been developed as a result. 78 youth and 60 families are currently served by service coordination. Wayne continues to use its own data collection system for service coordination to augment our planning activities and direct the use of Diversion Funding for Wayne County youth.
- **Family Empowerment:** strategies and outcomes
Wayne County continues to work at increasing the participation of parent representatives on Council. The Parent Advisory Committee oversees parent engagement across Council, and looks at even representation on all Council Committees. Parent representatives are active in the Council's weekly radio show which airs every Monday. This show offers parents a chance to hear from other parents on a variety of concerns and topics. Parent Representatives have been instrumental in the delivery of HMG outreach, School Readiness initiatives, budget oversight, service gaps identification and policy development.
- **Early Childhood System of Care:** strategies and outcomes
Wayne County's ECCC is built into our Prenatal to Five Committee. This committee identifies and coordinates a continuum of services, identifies gaps, and develops a comprehensive plan for Prenatal to Five services. It provides oversight to the HMG program and provides a forum for all early childhood concerns. Focus in 2009 is on HMG to help parents understand "born learning" moments and that child care providers in Wayne County will meet Step Up To Quality standards.

Our H.B 289 2009 report indicates that we have made progress in these areas.

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

- **Child Abuse and Neglect Prevention:** strategies and outcomes
Wayne County's selected commitment for Child Well-Being is: Children will be Ready for School. Our Intermediate Outcome for OCTF is: To reduce the impact of child abuse and neglect on children's social/emotional ability to be ready for school. For SFY 2010 Wayne County has selected Evidence Based and Best Practices parenting programs to address a full spectrum of parenting education and intervention needs.

OTHER LOCAL INITIATIVES: strategies and outcomes

Wayne County FCFC also oversees the implementation of Wayne County's Child and Family Health Services Grant, which supports our yearly Community Health Assessment "What's Up With Our Kids." This program also supports a Community Health Outreach Worker, and Lead/Immunization Initiatives. In addition Council has administered the Safe Communities grant which impacts driver safety and supports law enforcement initiatives which address: Impaired Driving, seat belt usage, motorcycle safety and aggressive driving.

FUNDING:

Council operating budget is \$126,198.00: \$20,000.00- OCBF, \$81,588.00 - Local partner pooled support, \$16,587.00- Project surcharges. Council administers and manages funds totaling \$887,084.00 for the following: HMG; ABC/GRF funds, FAST 09 & ABC/Transformation (Svc Coord); Child Family Health Services; OCTF and Safe Communities grant. Council oversees joint funding agreements for services to children budgeted at 1.5 million dollars annually.

STAFFING:

Council has 1-FT Council Coordinator, 1-PT Secretarial Support, the Admin Agent (MHRB) offers fiscal oversight. Council sub-contracts the following positions: 1-FT HMG PD and program staff, 1-FT Child Family Health Services PD and program staff, 1-FT Service Coordinator, 1- Family Support Aid, 1- Data Consultant.

CHALLENGES:

More flexibility of state funds to better address identified local needs. Align data collection at both State and local levels. More cross systems and departmental aligned strategies and less duplication of requests for information (State and local). Maintain service delivery capacity, in all project areas, to serve families.

FUTURE PLANS:

County Wide School Readiness initiative. A pediatric initiative to offer parenting guidance during well child check ups and behavioral health referrals. Expansion of Service Coordination. County wide parent education and intervention (continued use of media and council radio show). Care Team implementation. Year three implementation of a ten year study of Youth Assesst Survey. HMG sustainability and private foundation support of a County wide early childhood project and continued outreach. Out of School Youth initiative.

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