



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



COUNTY: GALLIA

MISSION STATEMENT / LOCAL FOCUS:

Gallia County Family and Children First will strive to develop community based awareness of various systems that provide services and supports to families; focus on a system that pools and maximizes county resources and utilizes local dollars to access state and federal funds; affirm that the community is a part of the solution, and that public/private partners will commit their time and resources; ensure family centered, culturally sensitive, individual services and supports based on strengths and needs; measure and promote the effectiveness of the services offered in achieving results for families and children; and empower families to identify their strengths, priorities, concerns and needs.

Gallia FCFC will also focus on a continuum of services for multi-need children and families of Gallia County; ensure availability of service coordination in a consumer friendly, non-categorical approach; affirm that all families are partners in defining the issues for planning a solution, using the least restrictive community based services and supports; and develop programming that wraps services around the family with a nonjudgmental approach.

OPERATING STRUCTURE:

The Gallia County FCFC is made up of 28 members. There are five standing committees within the Council, and special committees may be deemed necessary and appropriate to carry out the purpose and mission of the Council.

LOCAL FCFC CORE RESPONSIBILITIES:

- **Community Capacity Building/Planning:** strategies and outcomes
Gallia County FCFC works closely with community agencies in building capacity and working with the limited resources of a small, rural county. Strategic planning and collaboration are a must when working with limited capacity and resources. Gallia County has a history of collaborative community planning and capacity building.
- **Service Coordination:** strategies and outcomes
The Gallia County FCFC works actively with local agencies- including but not limited to- the mental health provider in the county, juvenile court, school districts, ADAMHS Board, CDJFS and CSB to facilitate and support referrals and family teams. The Leadership and Review Team helps to oversee functions of Service Coordination and assists with the most difficult cases.
- **Family Empowerment:** strategies and outcomes
Gallia County FCFC works closely with agencies and individual families in Gallia County to ensure family centered, culturally sensitive, individual services and supports based on strengths and needs. Empowering families in our community to identify their strengths, priorities, concerns and needs is a top priority of the Gallia County FCFC.
- **Early Childhood System of Care:** strategies and outcomes
The Gallia County FCFC implements the Help Me Grow program through contracted providers. While no direct services are provided by FCFC, the Council works closely with HMG through program monitoring and reporting.

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

- **Child Abuse and Neglect Prevention:** strategies and outcomes
The Gallia County FCFC contracts with a local agency to provide open parenting classes to the community. The agency uses the Positive Parenting curriculum, an evidence based program, to teach the course.

OTHER LOCAL INITIATIVES: strategies and outcomes

Under the Gallia County FCFC's House Bill 289 plan, needs in the county were identified and strategies were decided upon to beginning filling the gaps. With the loss of ESCORE (Electronic Service Coordination, Outcomes, Research, and Evaluation), Gallia FCFC has been working with staff from the Center for Learning Excellence (CLEX) from OSU to collect and evaluate data related to service coordination activities and outcomes associated with those efforts in Gallia County. County entities involved with Service Coordination are working collaboratively to gather data and track outcomes for the children and families involved in Service Coordination.

FUNDING:

The Gallia County FCFC is funded through the \$20,000 Occupational Capacity Building Fund as well as other state and federal grants and monies received, for example: HMG, FAST, Ohio Children's Trust Fund. These funds cover the Council coordinator position and duties associated with the job.

STAFFING:

The Council employs one full-time coordinator. The secretary of the administrative agent for the Council also acts as the secretary for the Council, although is not paid through Council funds.

CHALLENGES:

One of the biggest challenges facing the Gallia FCFC is the overall lack of basic needs being met for the children and families in our county. It is difficult to address behavioral health or mental health issues when children are hungry or doing without their basic needs being fulfilled. Another challenge is lack of flexible state and federal funding.

FUTURE PLANS:

Gallia County FCFC will continue collaborative planning efforts and working toward the goal of all "Children and Youth Succeeding in School", the Commitment to Child Well-Being chosen by the county during the HB289 process. Gallia County FCFC will continue to be an advocate for local families.

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