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



COUNTY: LOGAN

MISSION STATEMENT / LOCAL FOCUS:

The Logan County Family and Children First Council's mission is to facilitate collaboration among child and family serving systems to plan, develop, and coordinate services and resources for children, youth, and their families in Logan County.

OPERATING STRUCTURE:

The Logan County FCFC has 16 mandated members and 20 non-mandated members making up the 36 members on Council. Three Council officers: the Chair, Vice-Chair, & Executive/Finance Committee Chair, form the Steering Committee. Mandated members serve on the Executive/Finance Committee and meet monthly. Quarterly, non-mandated members join mandated members for a full Council meeting. Project Child serves as the Early Childhood Coordinating Committee and oversees the coordination of strategies to fill gaps and needs for children under 6 and their families, including Help Me Grow. The Service Management Committee oversees the Service Coordination Mechanism and strategies to fill gaps and needs for school age children and their families.

LOCAL FCFC CORE RESPONSIBILITIES:

- **Community Capacity Building/Planning:** strategies and outcomes
Over the last year PROJECT CHILD has compiled a report on the local needs for expanded infant and toddler care and education and promoting this assessment in the community. The Committee is working with the local childcare center's roundtable to expand existing slots for infant/toddler care and education. Additionally, the Committee is holding Semi-annual informational meetings on how to become a certified home-based child care provider.

Over the last three years the SERVICE MANAGEMENT COMMITTEE has been striving to reduce substance abuse among youth in Logan County. To accomplish this, the following risk/protective factors have been identified along with programs that will help address these concerns. 1) Increase substance abuse resistance skills through LIFESKILLS TRAINING curriculum; 2) Increase monitoring and supervision of children through the STRENGTHENING FAMILIES PROGRAM; 3) Increase pro-social attitudes and positive school climate through the OLWEUS BULLYING PREVENTION PROGRAM; 4) Increase environmental conditions that encourage drug/alcohol free youth through the Logan County DRUG FREE YOUTH COALITION. In 2009 the Council began community planning round child sexual abuse.
- **Service Coordination:** strategies and outcomes
The Council Service Management Committee oversees the following initiatives. 1) SERVICE COORDINATION MECHANISM/ SYSTEM OF CARE DEVELOPMENT for the coordination of cross-systems services for families through Informal/Formal Child and Family Teams to decrease duplication of services and prevent out of home placement. An inter-system Triage of supervisors meet weekly to monitor this process. A Care Team process has been implemented at Bellefontaine City Schools. A CAST Family Court JDC placement response team has also recently began in response to timely release of children from JDC. 2) CROSS-SYSTEMS TRAINING orienting agency staff and community members of interagency resources. 3) BRIDGES OUT OF POVERTY TRAINING. 4) MOTIVATIONAL INTERVIEWING TRAINING.
- **Family Empowerment:** strategies and outcomes
Logan County FCFC strives to have family and community representation at all meetings. Stipends are provided to encourage participation. The following are also occurring: PARENT ADVOCACY services available for all Child & Family Teams; "GETTING AHEAD IN A JUST-GETTING BY WORLD" Program provides struggling families with tools they can use to get out of poverty.

- **Early Childhood System of Care:** strategies and outcomes
PROJECT CHILD oversees the following efforts to enhance service delivery and meet the needs of children ages birth to 6 and their families. 1)HELP ME GROW SYSTEM OF CARE for children ages birth to 3 and their parents including newborn home visiting, at-risk ongoing services, and early intervention services; 2) INTER-AGENCY CHILD FIND efforts for children ages birth to 6; 3) EARLY CHILDHOOD MENTAL HEALTH SERVICES including the Incredible Years Parenting Program; 4) UNITED WAY program supplying warm coats for young children, a Toy Lending Library, and Reading is Fundamental Program providing books to Help Me Grow Families, and Family Support Program.

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

- **Child Abuse and Neglect Prevention:** strategies and outcomes
To reduce family violence, the Incredible Year Program, and Help Me Grow Parents as Teachers program will educate parents about their child's development and how to implement positive parenting practices.

OTHER LOCAL INITIATIVES: strategies and outcomes

The Logan County Family and Children First Council office operates the following programs. HELP ME GROW ONGOING SERVICES (Parents as Teachers –PAT home visits; serving over 250 children per year); HELP ME GROW FAMILY SUPPORT SERVICES AND CENTRAL INTAKE AND REFERRAL (receiving over 500 referrals per year); HI-FIDELITY WEAPAROUND (Formal) Child and Family Teams and FLEXIBLE SERVICES AND FUNDING; DISABILITY AWARENESS PRESENTATIONS to over 800 students each year; TOASTY TOTS Program giving children ages birth to 6 warm coats in the winter; PLAY & LEARN LIBRARY offers the community materials that promote early childhood development. In 2008 and 2009, raised over \$50,000 for the 2008/2009 SUMMER ACADEMY extending the school year for 14- students on the Autism Spectrum.

FUNDING:

In State Fiscal Year 2009, the total Council budget was approximately 1 Million Dollars, of which 70% was state and federal grant funding for community projects/programs. Council member contributions made up 20% of the budget and Access to Better Care (ABC) funds total 8%. The state Administrative Grant accounts for \$20,000 or 2% of the Logan County Family and Children First Council Budget.

STAFFING:

There are 8 staff members in the Logan County Family and Children First Council Office including the Executive Director, Program Coordinator, Help Me Grow Project Director, Administrative Assistant, Family Support Specialist, and 3 Help Me Grow Home Visitors/Parent Educators.

CHALLENGES:

Shared state-wide youth survey of risky behaviors, flexible state and federal funding.

FUTURE PLANS:

Continue refining efforts to make an impact on child/family well-being.

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