

### **Family Representatives**

The role of the family representative is two-fold:

- Ensure council actions take into consideration the needs of the people who will use the services.
- Model partnership and communication to other parents as well as to the public and private agencies represented by Council.

### **Application Process**

Interested family members should submit a completed Family Representative Application available on the FCFC website.

As openings occur, prospective applicants will be presented to the full Council at a regularly scheduled meeting for approval. Candidates are selected to ensure balanced representation from throughout Warren County.

### **Responsibilities**

- Attend Council meetings regularly giving voice to insights and perspectives unique to families.
- Join a committee to support the work of council and to help council agencies work more effectively with families.
- Communicate to other families about FCFC work, Ohio's Commitments to Child Well-being and local initiatives.
- Be involved in the work of identifying and training potential family representatives.

### **Meetings**

Regular meetings are typically held on the third Thursday of each month at 9:00 a.m. Standing committees are encouraged to meet on a regular basis and are scheduled by the committee -- usually during the day.

### **Mandated Members**

- Director, Children Services
- Director, Human Services
- Superintendent, Educational Service Center
- Superintendent, Department of Developmental Disabilities
- Superintendent of largest school district
- Director, Health District or representative
- County Commission Chair or representative
- Representative of largest city
- Executive Director, Recovery Services
- Representative, Ohio Dept of Youth Services
- Representative, Head Start
- Representative, Early Intervention/Early Childhood Collaborative
- Family Representatives

### **Other Voting Members**

- Representative, Child Support Enforcement
- Representative, United Way
- Representative, OSU Extension
- Representative, WC Community Services
- Representative, Abuse & Rape Crisis Center
- Representative, Juvenile Court
- Representative, 4C for Children
- Representative, each of the county school districts and the Career Center
- Lebanon Optimist Club
- Solutions Community Counseling and Recovery Centers
- Beech Acres Parenting Center

### **Supportive members**

While they do not have voting privileges, Supportive Members attend regular meetings, share opinions and serve on committees.

Supportive members of Council include:

- members of families who have received services from mandated Member agencies, or
- representatives from a local public or private agency or group that funds, advocates or provides services to children and families.



## **Warren County Family & Children First Council**

*... 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.*

## Ohio County Family and Children First Council

Created by state law in 1992, Ohio Family and Children First is a partnership of government agencies and community organizations committed to improving the well-being of children and their families. Leadership is made up of State Cabinet Council and the directors of state agencies providing service to families and their children:

Alcohol and Drug Addiction Services  
Education  
Health  
Job and Family Services  
Mental Health  
Department of Developmental Disabilities  
Youth Services

### FCFC Commitments to Child Well-Being:

- Expectant Parents and Newborns Thrive
- Infants and Toddlers Thrive
- Children are Ready for School
- Children and Youth Succeed in School
- Youth Choose Healthy Behaviors
- Youth Successfully Transition into Adulthood.

There are Family and Children First Councils in all of Ohio's 88 counties. Each council determines a local course of action to enable children and families to succeed.

## Warren County Family and Children First Council

The county Council is not a program or an agency but a process to identify shared assets and goals to more effectively serve children and families.

As a multi-agency umbrella, the FCFC in Warren County focuses on bringing individuals, agencies and organizations together to share information, seek partnership opportunities, and examine the systems by which services are delivered.

Through group interaction, strategies are explored to leverage resources in order to improve and expand the services while controlling costs.

Member agencies are listed in the brochure. Insights from individuals who use member agency services are always sought through Family Representative membership.

### What's my role?

- If you work for a member organization, support the work of Warren County FCFC by attending or assuring a representative regularly attends and serves on a committee.
- Consider joining as a Family Representative – details in this brochure.
- Let others know that FCFC is a vital collective team and has influence on services and policy.

## Warren County FCFC Standing Committees

**Clinical Committee** is responsible for the coordination of services for multi-need children.

**Early Childhood Coordination Committee** advocates for services to enhance the lives of young children and their families.

**Success for School-Aged Youth Committee** collaborates with schools, youth, families and youth-serving agencies to identify gaps, needs and services.

**Support and Outreach Committee** promotes FCFC and its member agencies and researches and publishes data vital to community planning.

Find out more about the Warren County Family and Children First Council:

Visit our website at:

[www.co.warren.oh.us/fcfc](http://www.co.warren.oh.us/fcfc)

Or call 513-695-1679