

About Children & Families First Council (CFFC)

Our mission is building our community's capacity, coordinating systems and services, and engaging and empowering families.

An association of public and non-profit organizations, schools, clergy, parents, and elected officials, Licking County CFFC is committed to strengthening families and improving services by working together and sharing resources. CFFC focuses on providing assistance to families who voluntarily seek services for their children up to age 21 who have multi-system needs. Our goal is to maintain children in their homes whenever possible.

Community Support Teaming (CST)

Community Support Teaming (CST) provides High Fidelity Wraparound (HFW) and Service Coordination for children with needs in more than one service system and/or at risk of out-of-home placement.

Community Support Teaming

89 children served

62 families participated in family-centered, strengths-based CST.

100+ organizations and schools participated on CST Family Teams.

At the time of their referral to CST, 89 youth were involved with 278 systems.

Youth Involved in Community Support Teaming

Age 14-17	38
Age 9-13	37
Birth - 8	14

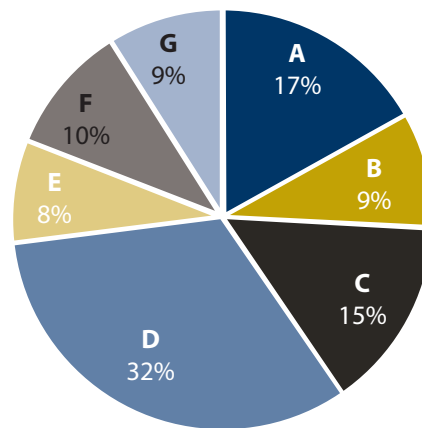
Risk for Out-of-Home Placement at Intake

Medium risk	11
High risk	78



Referral Sources

A LC Juvenile Court	15
B Parent, self, or community member	8
C LC Board of Dev. Disabilities	13
D Mental health providers	29
E Hospital / physician	7
F LCJFS Children Services	9
G Schools	8
TOTAL	89



Children referred who had a history of out-of-home placement

Hospitalization	24
Group home	1
Therapeutic residential care	12
Detention	14
TOTAL	51

76% of youth involved in CFFC family teaming were diverted from out-of-home placement. 92% of youth involved in CFFC family teaming remained in their parent/family's custody.

Early Intervention (EI) Services is provided by the Licking County Board of Developmental Disabilities for children from birth to age 3 who are at risk for, or have developmental delays. Children are linked with resources and providers to meet their specific needs. EI services enhance development of children, minimize the need for special education and enhance the family's ability to meet their child's developmental needs.

The ENGAGE committee works to improve cross-system coordination, communication and collaboration by providing system and agency updates, resource sharing and hosting presentations on topics important to older youth/young adults.

CFFC Family Representatives provide a family perspective on CFFC policies and activities and educate CFFC members on how to work more effectively with families and children.

The Trauma Informed (TI) Care Committee shares resources and information to increase use of trauma-informed practices and trauma-informed environments for staff and those being served.

Clinical Committee and Early Childhood Clinical Committee (ECCC) coordinate services among multiple partners, provide case consultations to providers, approve CFFC funds for youth/family services and increase availability and utilization of services and supports to stabilize youth so they remain safely in their homes.

Funding Sources

Funders support staffing, administration and services for families.

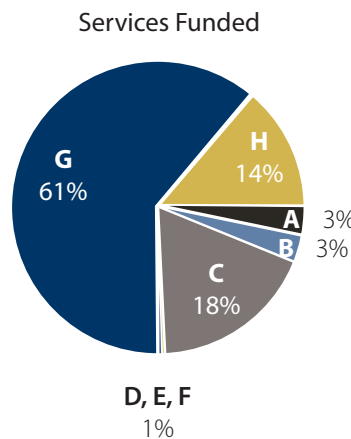
Local funders include:

- Members (Membership Contributions)
- Licking County Board of Developmental Disabilities
- Licking County Job & Family Services
- Licking County Juvenile Court
- Mental Health & Recovery for Licking & Knox Counties
- United Way of Licking County

State Funders include:

- Ohio Department of Medicaid
- Ohio Families and Children First Council
- Ohio Department of Developmental Disabilities

- 368** children referred to Early Intervention Services
- 148** children found eligible for services
- 275** children received Early Intervention Services
- 44** organizations & parent representatives served on the ENGAGE Leadership Committee
- 43%** of CST involved youth were transition age: 14-21
- 4** parent/youth representatives served as a liaison between families and CFFC
- 20** organizations are educating the community or parents/caregivers on trauma
- 41%** of responding organizations require all staff to be trained in trauma-informed practices
- 26** community partners successfully completed the Leadership Cohort cross-system training



Services Funded	SFY 2021
A Basic needs, transport	\$ 19,784
B Respite	\$ 18,167
C Parent/child coaching	\$ 111,164
D Parent / youth mentoring	\$ 1,121
E Safety equipment	\$ 771
F Social/rec supports	\$ 2,238
G Residential stabilization	\$ 376,844
H Intensive in home supports	\$ 85,571
TOTAL	\$ 615,660