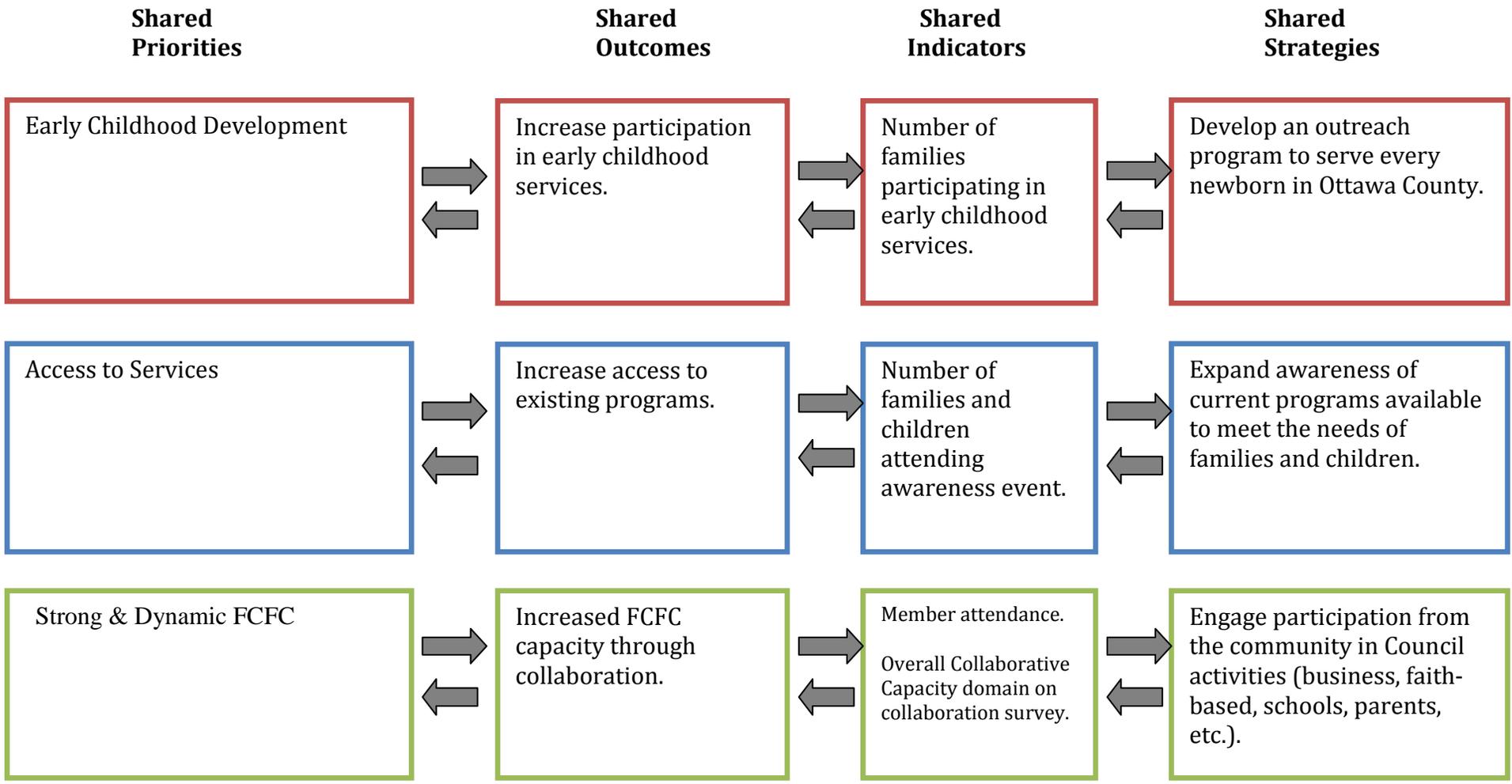


# Ottawa County Family and Children First Council Shared Plan for SFYs 16 - Shared Plan Update for SFY 16

**Current FCFC Initiatives:**  
 Service Coordination, Help Me Grow, Youth Leadership Group & Summer Camp, Parent’s Week, Parent Project, Ottawa County Family Fun Fair, Loving Solutions/Parent Project, Wrap Around



**Were there any modifications from last year's plan? Yes X No**

**If yes, please identify the types of changes made by checking the appropriate boxes below:**

n/a Priorities

n/a Outcomes

n/a Indicators

n/a Strategies

**1. Identify any barriers in implementing the plan (i.e. data collection, data tracking, funding, infrastructure, etc.)**

After having quick success with implementing an expanded home-visiting program in SFY 12, FCFC continued to see a need to expand home-visiting in Ottawa County. In an attempt to do so, additional funds were used to attempt to expand the program in hopes to add an additional home-visitor. However, the funding that was available was not enough to create a full-time position. The current HMG Home Visiting Provider (WSOS) felt it was difficult to sustain the program and ceased operations on 3/30/2015. Ottawa County FCFC is working with Ohio Department of Health Home Visiting Consultants to find a provider to continue the original collaborative effort for the home-visiting program. While we were successful in implementing strategies to increase FCFC collaborative capacity, there were some barriers that limited that success. Members who have been in their respective agency for a couple of years are more likely to attend and participate in FCFC. However, FCFC members who are new to their position in their agency and are learning a new role are less likely to make FCFC a priority. While there have been efforts to inform and encourage new member participation, these efforts have yet to bring positive results.

**2. Identify any successes/how implementing this plan has worked to strengthen the council and county collaboration.**

Our access to services priority has had continued success. The success of the Ottawa County Family Fun Fair as a way to expand awareness of current programs for families has not only achieved that goal, but it has also been an opportunity for local program providers to network. The relationship building that has occurred through the collaborative effort to implement this event has strengthened the council and county collaborative efforts.

Through the planning of the Ottawa County Family Fun Fair and Early Childhood Committee of FCFC, a collaborative connection between The United Way of Ottawa County and the Ida Rupp Library was fostered. From this collaborative relationship, the "Campaign to Recruit Readers and Tutors" was launched and continues to be successful, by expanding to additional school districts. This effort has placed volunteer readers into pre-school classrooms to contribute to a child's academic success and engagement. This is an example of the increased capacity for council and county collaboration and our success in our priority to have a strong and dynamic FCFC.

**Report on Indicator Data** (Provide data for each outcome indicator listed on the Shared Plan. List only ONE outcome per page. This page can be duplicated as needed).

Shared Outcome: **Increase participation in early childhood home-visiting services.**

Indicator(s):	Baseline Data	Current Year Data	Direction of Change (+, -, NC)
Number of families participating in expanded early childhood home-visiting services.	Data: 0 Year of Data: SFY 2011	Data: 0 Year of Data: SFY2015	-
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3. List the data source(s) for the indicator(s):

No data source listed as program is currently ceased operations.

4. Identify any key findings (explanation of data findings; FCFC actions taken in response to key findings, etc.):

While a gap has been filled in Ottawa County with the implementation a home-visiting expansion program, FCFC's attempt to continue to add to the expansion through other funding streams was not as successful as hoped. The program ceased operations as of 3/30/15 due to funding issues. It is apparent that there is a need to continue to serve this population as referrals are made to the program. FCFC will focus on sustaining the original program.

**Report on Indicator Data** (Provide data for each outcome indicator listed on the Shared Plan. List only ONE outcome per page. This page can be duplicated as needed).

Shared Outcome: **Increased access to existing programs.**

Indicator(s):	Baseline Data	Current Year Data	Direction of Change (+, -, NC)
Number of adults attending programs and services awareness event.	Data: 81 Year of Data: April 2013	Data: 61 Year of Data: May 2015	+
Number of children attending programs and services awareness event.	Data: 157 Year of Data: April 2013	Data: 83 Year of Data: May 2015	+

5. List the data source(s) for the indicator(s):

Registration for Ottawa County Family Fun Fair held in the month of May.

6. Identify any key findings (explanation of data findings; FCFC actions taken in response to key findings, etc.):

The Ottawa County Family Fun Fair continues to be a success. Since the pilot event in 2011, more and more families are coming out to the event to learn about the programs and services available in Ottawa County and the surrounding area. In addition to the increased attendance, exhibitors (programs & services) and families that attend the event are able to provide feedback through a survey. The survey this year offered a lot of positive feedback. The families rated the event as "Excellent" or "Good" (we did not receive any "Fair", "Poor" or "Terrible" ratings from the families). The families also offered ideas to help improve the event in the future. For example, we offered free food at the event which included chicken sandwiches, popcorn & bananas (all donated by community stores). Families appreciated the light lunch, but wanted healthier options and better options for vegetarians.

We continue to have the event at a local school district elementary building. We are able to use the building as the location for the event, which seemed to encourage more families that attend or would be attending that elementary school to also feel welcome to come to the event. In the past, the event was held at the local high school. One family survey comment even mentioned this change noting that it was "not as loud or crowded" as it had been in the high school. So eventhough we had more families come to the event we had access to more space which made the event more enjoyable for the families.

Of course, the event isn't just for families to have fun. While we certainly encourage it! We also want families to learn about the programs and services available to them and make informal connections to those supports. We measure this aspect of the event with feedback from the survey families take. One of the questions asks what the families plan on doing with the information they received from the exhibits. Many of the families were seeking out information for their own use, others planned on sharing the information with people they knew, others were making plans to contact one of the agencies for help, and families also learned about services they didn't know existed in our community. By increasing the families awareness of the services that are available, we feel we are increasing their access to the existing programs.

As each year passes we have noticed that word of mouth and the reputation of the event are what contribute greatest to the increased attendance. Additionally, local media outlets and schools have also been supportive in getting the information out to the community. We have found that this event is more successful and reaches more families if held in the spring and on the east end of the county. However, that event was not well attended. The Early Childhood Coordinating Committee will continue to look at other options to increase access to existing programs through awareness events that are better suited to the portion of the community we haven't been able to reach yet.

**Report on Indicator Data** (Provide data for each outcome indicator listed on the Shared Plan. List only ONE outcome per page. This page can be duplicated as needed).

Shared Outcome: **Increased FCFC capacity through collaboration.**

Indicator(s):	Baseline Data	Current Year Data	Direction of Change (+, -, NC)
Overall Collaborative Capacity domain on the PFS collaboration survey.	Data: 3.8 Year of Data: Feb 2011	Data: 4.4 Year of Data: Feb 13	+
Mandated Member Attendance per ORC 121.37 (B)(5)(a)	Data: 40% (6 of 15) Year of Data: 2010	Data: 87% (13 of 15) Year of Data: 2012	+
Invited Member Attendance per ORC 121.37 (B)(5)(a)	Data: 40% (2 of 5) Year of Data: 2010	Data: 60% (3 of 5) Year of Data: 2012	+

7. List the data source(s) for the indicator(s):

FCFC regular meeting sign-in sheet/attendance record from minutes.

8. Identify any key findings (explanation of data findings; FCFC actions taken in response to key findings, etc.):

We have yet to reach 100% in Member Attendance and participation in FCFC. With the turnover of staff in the coordinator position and members who participated felt "conditions need to promote effective collaboration to build sustainable community change" and the hope is to improve this in the coming years.

In SFY 2012, FCFC was presented with portions of the Effective Practice Model at each Council meeting in order to build a foundation for improving our FCFC's ability to fulfill its purpose and mission. An increased effort to provide focused and productive meetings encouraged increased participation and discussion from the Council members, which is reflected in the increased score on the Overall Collaborative Capacity domain on the PFS collaboration survey.

In the next year, it is important to continue with focused efforts to improve Member attendance and participation in FCFC. FCFC is an essential collaborative agency to support the development of youth in our county. Increasing the strength of this team will increase the successful impact these leaders can make on the families and children in Ottawa County.