

# Paulding County Family and Children First Council Shared Plan for SFYs 12-16

## Shared Plan Update for SFY 16

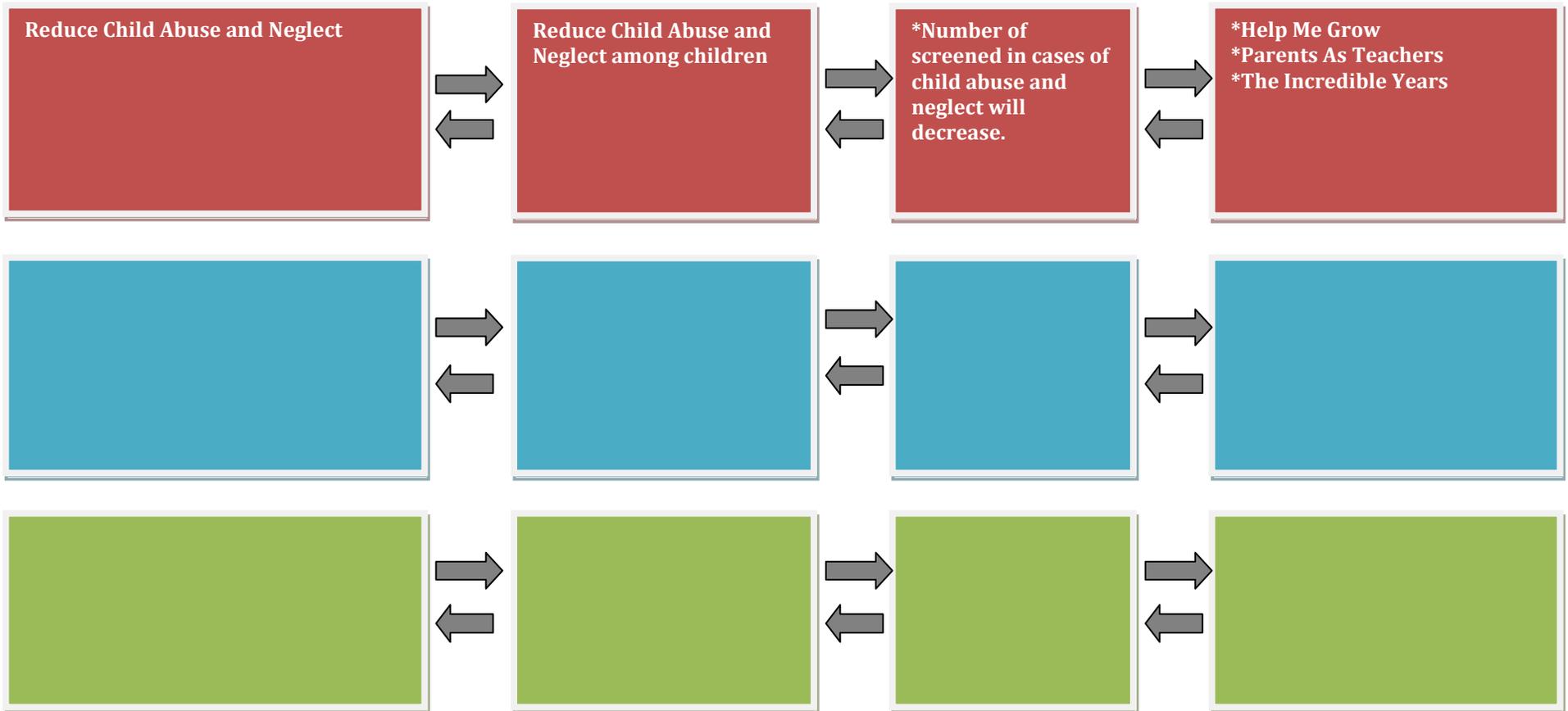
Current FCFC Initiatives: Reduce child abuse and neglect in Paulding County by providing families educational services through Help Me Grow, Ohio Children's Trust Fund and Service Coordination.

### Shared Priorities

### Shared Outcomes

### Shared Indicators

### Shared Strategies



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

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

Priorities

Outcomes

X Indicators

Strategies

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

In Paulding County, it was decided that there was a gap in parenting supports as families' transition from our Help Me Grow program into the public school system. Our council researched evidenced based programs for parents and found that The Incredible Years Preschool Basic Parent Program will best meet the needs of our county. Our target population was parents of children ages 3-6 years old. Priority was given to families with low socio-economic status; however we did include parents that were in need of acquiring the skills necessary to successfully parent children with aggressive behavior problems and ADHD. These activities provided to the public are designed to prevent or reduce the prevalence of child abuse and neglect before signs of abuse or neglect can be observed.

Our only barrier affecting the implementation of our new IY program was recruiting the target number of program participants. We completed the program with 7/20 regularly attending participants. For the first half of the program we had 10 participants. However, one moved to out of state, one started working outside of the home part-time, and the other lady broke up with her boyfriend and no longer has contact with his daughter. With this being the first year of offering the Incredible Years Parenting program, I am confident that our attendance will increase next year. I am positive that the IY curriculum will speak for itself, once we get the program out in the community. After reviewing the IY Parent Program Satisfaction Questionnaires I found that 7/7 of the participants would strongly recommend the program to a friend or relative.

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

As council members evolve, working through this shared plan has encouraged current members to focus on our specific county priorities, outcomes and strategies. This process has been especially valuable for our parent representatives, as they see and hear the services and supports that are available for the families in our community. Our bi-monthly council meetings have been a beneficial time for marketing upcoming parenting classes, summer food programs, awareness fundraisers, etc.

**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: Reducing child abuse and neglect among children

Indicator(s):	Baseline Data	Current Year Data	Direction of Change (+, -, NC)
Number of new reported cases of physical abuse	Data: 80 Year of Data: 2009	Data: 144 Year of Data: 2014	+
Number of children in custody	Data: 40 Year of Data: 2001	Data: 18 Year of Data: 2014	-
Total number of screened in cases of child neglect, physical abuse, emotional maltreatment, family in need of services, dependency, & others, and sexual abuse	Data: 32 Year of Data: <b>2014</b>	Data: Year of Data:	

3. List the data source(s) for the indicator(s): Defiance /Paulding Consolidated Job and Family Services

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

Category	# Reported	# Screened In	# Screened Out	# Alternative Response
Neglect	182	5	151	26
Physical Abuse	144	5	117	22
Emotional Maltreatment	25	1	23	1
Family in need of Services, Dependency & Others	5	4	1	0
Sexual Abuse	68	17	51	0
Totals	424	32	343	49

Year	# of children in custody
2001	40
2003	26
2005	26

2007	29
2009	14
2010	13
2011	12
2012	26
2013	17
2014	18

The number of children in custody has decreased in Paulding County since 2001. These numbers appear to indicate the Paulding County agencies are working together through FCFC in helping children remain in their homes with support services.

There have been several budget cuts in Paulding County affecting parent education. Paulding County FCFC has had several discussions on how to address the lack of parent education programs. With OCTF funding, The Preschool Basic parenting program curriculum will improve parent-child interactions, build positive parent- child relationships and attachment, improve parental function, and increase parental social support and problem solving.

Our council discussed that there has been an increase within our community in the number of reports of child neglect, physical abuse, sexual abuse, and families in need of services over the past year. The concern of drug abuse came up multiple times in our conversations. In recent years, we have noticed a dramatic increase in the amount of drugs found within homes with small children. Fathers, mothers, single parents, couples, regardless of ethnicity or social group; drug abuse destroys relationships. Most of all, young children and adolescents suffer the greatest from the effects of the abuse of alcohol and drugs in the family. According to the National Council on Alcoholism and Drug Dependence, Inc (NCADD) treatment programs, counseling, mutual aid/support groups are all options for getting help. As a follow-up to these conversations, our council is going to begin looking into potential funding/prevention programs to offer our young people.

Lisa Recker, Paulding County FCF Council Chair, was recently elected Co-President of the Six County NW Ohio Rescue and Restore Coalition. Their mission is to unite the community to respond to human trafficking through increased awareness for educators, health care providers, social service providers, law enforcement, and the general community while developing collaborative protocols and procedures to respond to victims, target demand, and prevent future victimization and exploitation. Mrs. Recker’s active participation on our Paulding County FCFC will assist in building community awareness of human trafficking through shared resources, upcoming events/trainings, and opportunities to volunteer.

