

**FCFC ASSURANCE STATEMENT FOR FCSS FUNDING – Attachment 8**

The Family Centered Services and Supports funding is made available to county Family and Children First Councils (FCFC) via their administrative agent for purposes outlined in the Family Centered Services and Supports (FCSS) Guidance document. The official name of these funds is “Family-Centered Services and Supports” and they are a combination of federal child welfare dollars, Social Security Act Title IV-B funds from ODJFS [75%] and general revenue funds from OhioMHAS, ODYS and ODODD [25%]. The 75% federal portion of these funds should be reported as 11% for CFDA #93.645 [Part 1] and 89% for CFDA #93.556 [Part 2], with the entire Part 1 percentage of the total allocation used in the first quarter. In order to access the FCSS dollars, the county FCFC assures that the following service coordination components are in place and will be available in SFY 2018. These components are to be a part of the local FCFC Service Coordination Mechanism approved by Ohio Family and Children First. The county FCFC further assures that any changes or revisions to the OFCF approved county Service Coordination Mechanism will be submitted to OFCF within 10 working days of the FCFC’s approval of the revised document.

**Please check the appropriate box to indicate status of each required Service Coordination component:**

REQUIRED SERVICE COORDINATION COMPONENTS FOR FCSS FUNDING	COMPONENT CURRENTLY IN PLACE
Access to FCFC service coordination process is available to children and youth (0 through 21) with multi-systemic needs	
Clear referral process is established that can be accessed by youth (YYAT), families and agencies.	
Youth (YYAT)/Families are expected and encouraged to fully participate in all family service coordination plan meetings.	
Team meetings are individualized to include appropriate agency/ school staff, and family-identified support persons. The teams are reflective of the youth (YYAT)/family needs, in order to assist with the most appropriate individualized family service coordination plan.	
Meetings take place before non-emergency out-of-home placements and within 10 days of emergency placements.	
Issues pertaining to confidentiality, least restrictive environment and cultural sensitivity are addressed in all phases of the service coordination process.	
A standardized process is used to assess the needs and strengths of the youth (YYAT)/family.	
An individual, approved by the youth (YYAT)/family, is designated to track the progress of the plan, schedule reviews, and facilitate the service coordination plan meetings.	
Individualized Family Service Coordination Plans are developed and executed for and with each youth/family.	
Individualized safety plan/programming with clear delineated strategies is developed for and with each youth (YYAT)/family.	
Individualized crisis response plan detailing options for preventing known short-term crisis situations based on family need.	
A dispute resolution process is available that can be accessed by youth (YYAT), parents and agencies.	
Youth (YYAT)/Families may utilize the Parent Advocacy Connection where available, or may invite a family advocate, mentor, or support person to participate in service coordination plan meetings.	

*On behalf of the County Family and Children First Council, I (we) assure that the above components are currently in place as part of our local FCFC Service Coordination Mechanism (SCM) and will notify OFCF of any changes to the mechanism within 10 working days. The county FCFC understands that removing any of the above components from our FCFC SCM may jeopardize access to FCSS funding.*

**Required Signatures:**

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 FCFC Administrative Agent

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 Date

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 FCFC Coordinator

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 Date