

Effective Practice Model for County FCFC

Core Function: Coordinating Systems and Services (Macro Level)

Statute Requirements

- Designation of an Administrative Agent who:**
- handles expenditures in accordance with policies, procedures, and activities.
 - receives by gift, grant, devise, or bequest any moneys, land, or both property for the establishment of a FCFC.
 - enters into agreements and administer contracts with public and private entities.

Streamline and coordinate existing government services for families seeking services for their children.

Participate in the development of a countywide, comprehensive, interagency system for infants and toddlers with developmental disabilities and delays.

Establish local indicators and monitor progress toward increasing child well-being.

Implement a process that annually evaluates and prioritizes services, fills service gaps where possible, and invents new approaches to achieve better results for families and children.

ORC 121.37(B)(5)(a); (B)(5)(a)(iii); (B)(2); (B)(2)(c); (B)(5)(a)(i); (B)(3)(a); (B)(2)(b)

Cross-System Principles

- System of care development
- Elimination of duplication
- Cost efficiency
- Program and process monitoring and evaluation
- Comprehensive strategic planning and reporting
- Effective communication
- Meaningful positive relationship development

Effective Practice Strategies

- Formal agreement exist between FCFC and administrative agent which delineates roles and responsibilities
- Accountability exists through contracts, MOU, interagency agreements, reporting, etc.
- Development of guiding values and principles
- Cross-system policy development
- Seek creative means to achieve flexible and/or pooled funding
- Common cross-system assessment tool
- Cross-system exchange of information
- Diverse representation in all aspect of FCFC work, including families and youth
- Regular meetings with cross-system partners regarding issues
- Development of trusting professional relationships
- Manage multiple priorities by monitoring strategy outcome based results
- Create a profile of existing programs, services, and activities that exist to address the selected priorities
- Assess formal & informal resources by continuum of care, target populations, and evidence of effectiveness
- Identify gaps
- Evaluate outcomes
- Ongoing data collection and analysis occurs
- Develop effective committees with members that bring skills and expertise that inform the Executive Committee and FCFC of macro level system issues

Outcomes

- Collaboration exists across agencies at policy, management and service levels
- Shared outcomes and ownership across systems exists and reflects community values
- Coordinated, cross-system service delivery system
- Funding and resources aligned

Local Level Challenges & Barriers:

- Alignment of funding to achieve flexibility can be challenging due to restrictions and limited resources
- Collaboration is required and difficult to obtain at times to align resources, services, and priorities among and between local agencies to reduce gaps in services and strengthen the service delivery system for children and families.
- State pilots, initiatives, and bureaucratic requirements inhibit successful collaboration and alignment at the local levels.