

## **Overview of the Core Function: Shared Accountability**

### **Definition**

One of the unique functions and a required mandate of Ohio Family and Children First Cabinet Council and County Family and Children First Councils is to *monitor, evaluate, and communicate progress and successes with the commitments to assuring all families and children thrive.*

### **Mandated Responsibility**

The mandate for OFCF Cabinet and county FCFCs for shared accountability is centered on the core three functions of family and children first. OFCF Cabinet Council must report progress to improving child well-being to the Governor and General Assembly as well as advise and make recommendation to the Governor and General Assembly regarding the service provision to children.

### **Philosophy**

Shared accountability can only be achieved if the other three core functions are operationalized. Shared accountability rests on all family and children first council members (state and local) are committed and contributing to the work of building community capacity; coordinating systems and services; and engaging and empowering families. Therefore, a solid and funded infrastructure must exist for this work to be accomplished. This infrastructure is governed and supported by the Council members (state and local). The infrastructure also has mechanisms in place to allow for creative and innovative solutions that will streamline and strengthen the local delivery system for children and families.

### **State Sponsored Support**

Each OFCF Cabinet agency contributes a certain portion of funding to maintain and operate the OFCF Office. General Revenue Funds are allocated annually to the county FCF councils to maintain and operate the offices of county FCFC. At times, state sponsored initiatives are connected to and through county FCFCs, such as Access to Better Care and Help Me Grow.