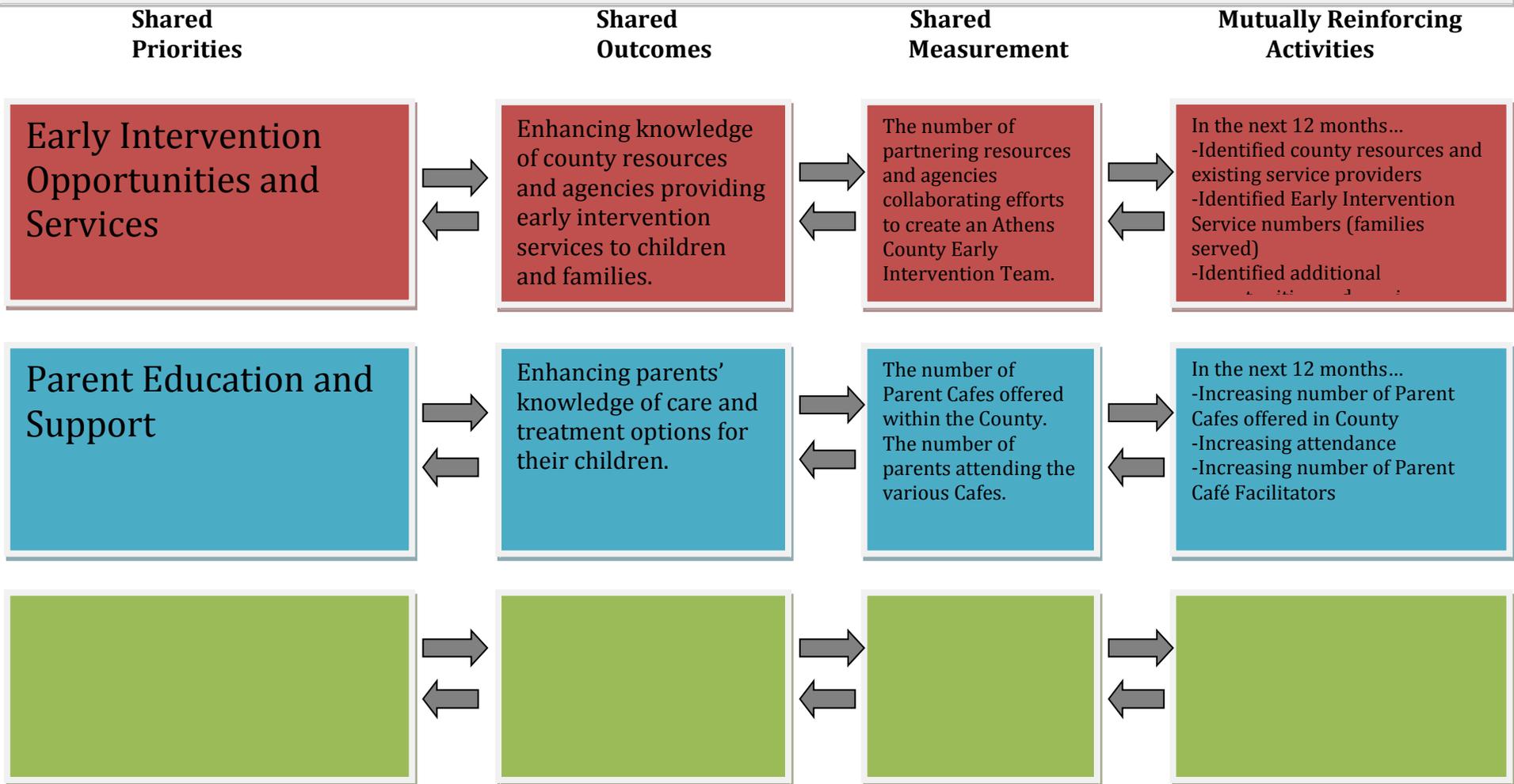


# ATHENS County Family and Children First Council Shared Plan **Update** for SFYs 17-19

**Current FCFC Initiatives:** Service Coordination Mechanism for 78 youth, 57 (73%) approved for FCSS funds. Strengthening Families Framework with HMG and Athens Head Start Program, Help Me Growth Central Coordination and Early Invention Program. Suicide Prevention Coalition. Integrating Professional of Appalachian Children (IPAC) activities. Athens Community ENGAGE Wraparound Service Coordination. Athens County Healthier Buckeye Council. Parent Cafes. Child and Family Services of Athens County Collaborative. Athens County Re-Entry.



**Were there any modifications from last year's plan? Yes** **No XXX**  
**If yes, please identify the types of changes made by checking the appropriate boxes below:**

*No changes or modifications to the plan.*

1. Identify any barriers in implementing the plan (i.e. data collection, data tracking, funding, infrastructure, etc.)  
Barriers to implementing the plan: Data tracking was the largest barrier. Data was collected, however, the collaborative group did not have the expertise to track and utilize the data collected.
2. Identify any successes/how implementing this plan has worked to strengthen the council and county collaboration.

During this 12-month time period, Athens County's collaborative efforts were greatly strengthened. As Council pulled together the local early intervention programs and resources, partnerships began to form, goals and objectives were identified, and momentum for increasing services to children and families emerged. Because of these efforts, Council believes more families were served in this time period. Furthermore, the collaborative group collected data and three action teams emerged with specific goals and objectives. These action teams and their goals and objectives create shared priorities for year two of Council's Shared Plan.

Regarding Parent Café offerings and attendance: Because of collaborative efforts over the 12-month period and the Athens County Healthier Buckeye Council grant funding, 18 new Parent Café facilitators were trained. Fifty-two cafes were held countywide in the following locations: churches, community action offices, apartment complex shared meeting rooms, community centers, school cafeterias, and homeless shelters. Ten organizational partnerships were formed (with signed MOUs) and 490 parents attended countywide. Parent Café participants were biological mothers/fathers, kinship relatives with legal custody, adoptive/foster parents, and single parents. Infrastructure is now in place to continue efforts.

**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: **Enhancing knowledge of county resources and agencies providing early intervention services to children and families.**

Shared Measurement Indicator(s):	Baseline Data	Current Year Data	Direction of Change (+, -, NC)
The number of partnering resources and agencies collaborating efforts to create an Athens County Early Intervention Team.	Data: 2 resources/agencies Year of Data: June 2016	Data: 17 agencies form the collaborative group Year of Data: July 2017	+ 15 agencies
	Data: Year of Data:	Data: Year of Data:	
	Data: Year of Data:	Data: Year of Data:	

3. List the data source(s) for the indicator(s): Monthly meeting attendance and monthly collaborative efforts.

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

Two agencies, Hopewell Health Centers Early Childhood Programs and Athens County FCFC began conversations around collaborative ideas in early 2016. The purpose of the conversations was to partner with local agency resources in attempts to expand access to early childhood resources within Athens County. Once Athens FCFC prioritized collaborative in the SFY17 Shared Plan (year one), these two agencies took on the task of bringing other child and family serving agencies together to form a larger collaborative group to partner with local agency resources in attempts to expand access of early childhood resources within Athens County. The Child and Family Services of Athens County Collaborative was formed in the summer of 2016. This early intervention team has been meeting on a monthly basis. Each month membership seems to continue to grow. A needs assessment was completed. The county needs were the following: increasing families’ awareness of available resources and supports, creating “hubs” for families to receive resources and supports, ongoing collaborative efforts of provider agencies, and transition planning around children’s development and education. A core team emerged to lead the larger collaborative group efforts. This team applied for Rural Impact Community Coaching opportunity through the Robert Wood Foundation. This opportunity was granted in the fall of 2016. The core group continues to work with the Rural Impact Community Coach on a monthly basis.

In review of the year one's shared priorities' successes and ongoing objectives, fifteen additional agencies (sharing resources) joined the collaborative efforts forming the Athens County Early Intervention Team. This team's creation and focus enhances knowledge of community resources and agencies which provide early intervention services to children and families. The collaborative will continue to meet and work towards year two's goals and objectives through the guidance of Council.

The Athens County Early Intervention Team is made up of the following agency representatives: Hopewell Health Centers Early Childhood Programs, Integrated Services Behavioral Health Help Me Grow Home Visiting, Athens County Family and Children First Council, Athens County Healthier Buckeye Council, Corporation of Ohio Appalachian Development Early Care and Education Division, Integrated Professionals for Appalachian Children, Ohio University College of Health Sciences, Athens City Schools, Athens-Meigs Educational Service Center, Athens City-County Health Department, Athens County Children Services School Outreach, Athens County Commissioners, Hocking/Athens/Perry Head Start, Athens County Board of Developmental Disabilities, Health Recovery Services, and Athens County Child Advocacy Center.

**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: [Enhancing parents’ knowledge of care and treatment options for their children.](#)

Shared Measurement Indicator(s):	Baseline Data	Current Year Data	Direction of Change (+, -, NC)
The number of Parent Cafes offered within the County.	Data: 3 Parent Cafes countywide Year of Data: June 2016	Data: 43 Parent Cafes countywide Year of Data: July 2017	+40 Parent Cafes held throughout Athens County
The number of parents attending the various Cafes.	Data: 21 parents attended countywide Year of Data: June 2016	Data: 490 parents attended various countywide Year of Data: July 2017	+469 parents attended various countywide Cafes
	Data: Year of Data:	Data: Year of Data:	

5. List the data source(s) for the indicator(s): Athens County Healthier Buckeye Council grant reporting on a monthly basis.

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

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