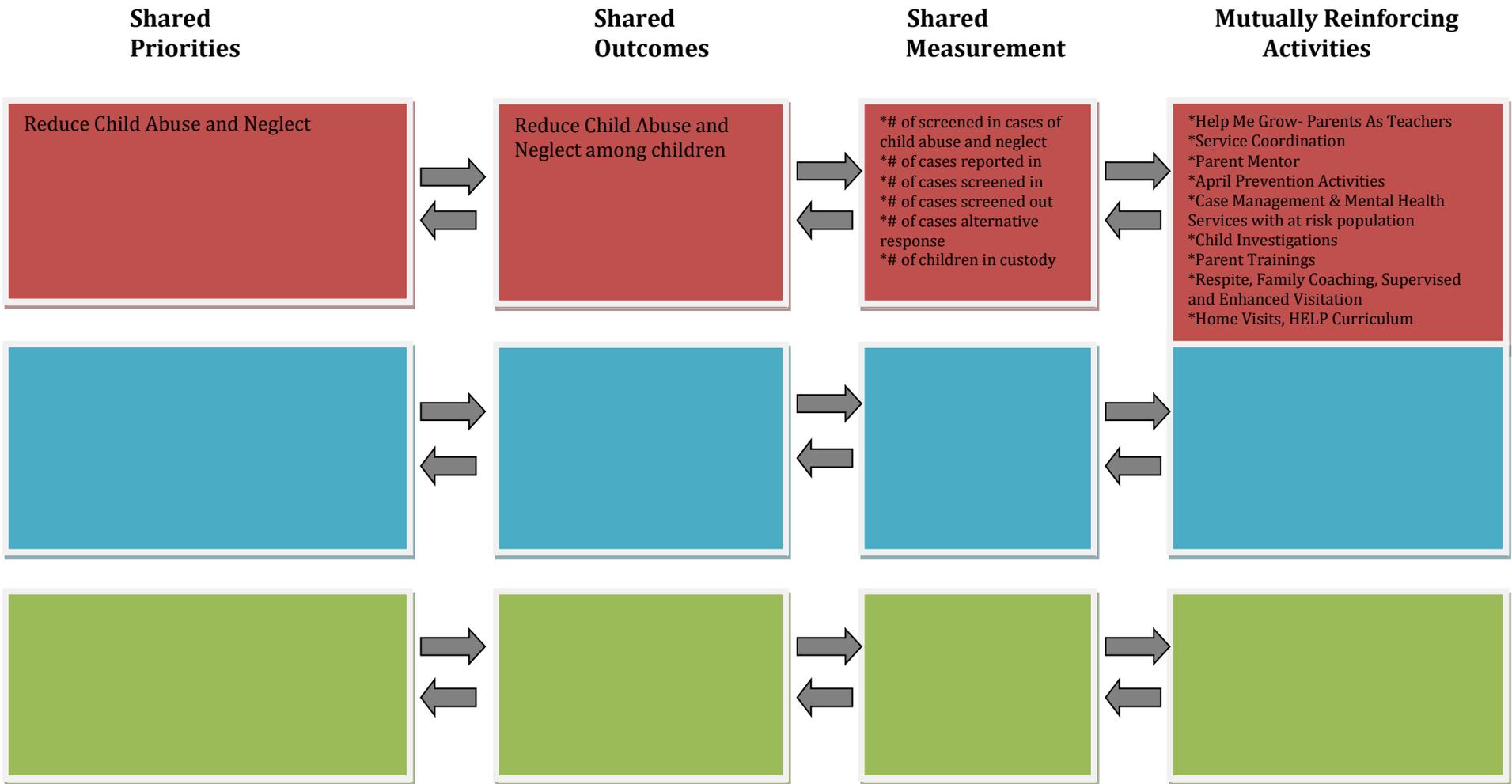


Paulding County Family and Children First Council Shared Plan Update for SFYs 17-19

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



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

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

Priorities

Outcomes

Indicators

X Strategies: We did not participate in ENGAGE in Paulding County.

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

Barriers this past year consisted of the regionalization of the Ohio Children's Trust Fund and ENGAGE. The HMG Contract Manager and FCFC Coordinator attended the first OCTF Regional Advisory Board meeting in June 2016. After this meeting and the extensive work that was originally expected of advisory board members, our HMG Contract Manager dropped out of representing Paulding County. Currently, OCTF has reassigned roles and it seems that services are moving forward. As the FCFC Coordinator, I am looking forward to being an active participant on this board and bringing the much needed child abuse and neglect prevention services to Paulding County.

The FCFC Service Coordinator and I attended the 3-day training on ENGAGE held in Findlay last spring. After attending the training and learning about the grant amount being awarded for participating in the 3rd Cohort, we didn't feel as though Paulding County had the shared resources and funding to serve the ENGAGE population at the high level of supports and services that ENGAGE requires.

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.

In February 2017, Judge Michael Wehrkamp, Paulding County Juvenile and Probate Judge, took office. The Paulding County FCF Coordinator reached out to welcome him to his position and to serve as a judicial advisor on our Paulding County Family and Children First Council. We met again in April and May and collaborated on three grant applications 1.) Competitive RECLAIM 2.) Diversion and Truancy Officer 3.) Probation Officer formal grant. He attended our June Council meeting and was an active participant in discussions and next steps for improving supports and services for the youth and their families in Paulding County.

Western Buckeye, ESC, in partnership with Wayne Trace Local Schools applied for a new 21st Century grant for Paulding County. These are federal grant dollars offered through the Ohio Dept. Of Education. The two sites included in this grant application are Wayne Trace/Grover Hill Elementary and Wayne Trace/Payne Elementary. The Paulding County Family & Children First Council is written in as the Community Based Organization.

The FCFC is a natural fit in regards to family engagement and youth development. The council serves as a resource center for families by providing/coordinating family-driven evidence-based programs within our community. This includes evidence-based parent trainings and community agencies that can offer educational opportunities for program participants. As the program staff completes their PEERS professional development projects, the program coordinator plans to have at least one site present their program highlights at a FCF council meeting. This will give the council a better understanding of what the after school programs look like at the school. Also, please consider a collaboration effort, agencies partnering for a family event, parent training, workplace tour, 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**

Shared Measurement Indicator(s):	Baseline Data	Current Year Data	Direction of Change (+, -, NC)
Number of screened in cases of Child Neglect	Data: 11 Year of Data: 2013	Data: 11 Year of Data: 2016	NC
Number of screened in cases of Child Physical Abuse	Data: 13 Year of Data: 2013	Data: 14 Year of Data: 2016	+
Number of screened in cases of Child Emotional Maltreatment	Data: 0 Year of Data: 2013	Data: 3 Year of Data: 2016	+
Number of screened in cases of Child FINS, Dependency & Others	Data: 3 Year of Data: 2013	Data: 4 Year of Data: 2016	+
Number of screened in cases of Child Sexual Abuse	Data: 23 Year of Data: 2013	Data: 19 Year of Data: 2016	-
Number of Children in Custody	Data: 40 Year of Data: 2001	Data: 11 Year of Data: 2016	-

3. List the data source(s) for the indicator(s):

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

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.

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 eager to work with Mercy Medical Center, as the new Regional Coordinator for the NWO Region. Meissa Klorer, MRC, will be the direct contact person for the Ohio Children's Trust Fund Grant. The three strategies that will provide services for Paulding County are:

1. Awareness campaign targeting families impacted by substance abuse issues
2. Trauma-informed consultations in childcare settings for early childcare providers
3. Parenting support and education services for vulnerable and isolated families

Cathy Ruiz, Paulding County Parent Mentor and FCSS Service Coordinator, is an active member 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. Ruiz'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.