

SFY 26 Fulton County Family and Children First Membership

Ohio Family and Children First (OFCF) is a partnership of state and local government, communities and families that enhances the well-being of Ohio's children and families by building community capacity, coordinating systems and services, and engaging families. OFCF's vision is for every child and family to thrive and succeed within healthy communities

The Fulton County Family and Children First Council (FCFC) is a group of local and state government agencies, private organizations and families that work together to improve services to children and families in Fulton County. Council works on hard-to-solve issues that are affecting Fulton County families. We address those concerns that need teamwork between agencies, programs and families to provide the best solutions. We work together to provide approaches that are family friendly and affordable for the county. Child and family well-being is the primary concern for Council.

Council has six commitments to child well-being:

1. Expectant parents and newborns thrive
2. Infants and toddlers thrive
3. Children are ready for school
4. Children and youth succeed in school
5. Youth choose healthy behaviors
6. Youth successfully transition into adulthood

Membership

Family and Children First Council

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<https://fultoncountyhealthdept.com/community-education-engagement/family-first-council>

ORC 121.37(B)(1) Each board of county commissioners shall establish a county family and children first council. The board may invite any local public or private agency or group that funds, advocates, or provides services to children and families to have a representative become a permanent or temporary member of its county council. Each county council must include the following individuals:

Family Representatives (a) At least three individuals who are not employed by an agency represented on the council and whose families are or have received services from an agency represented on the council or another county's council. Where possible, the number of members representing families shall be equal to twenty per cent of the council's membership.

Kimberly Wyse, Vice Chair

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The Four County ADAMHS Board (b) The director of the board of alcohol, drug addiction, and mental health services that serves the county, or, in the case of a county that has a board of alcohol and drug addiction services and a community mental health board, the directors of both boards. If a board of alcohol, drug addiction, and mental health services covers more than one county, the director may designate a person to participate on the county's council.

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Fulton County Board of Health (c) The health commissioner, or the commissioner's designee, of the board of health of each city and general health district in the county. If the county has two or more health districts, the health commissioner membership may be limited to the commissioners of the two districts with the largest populations.

Kimberly Cupp, Health Commissioner

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Fulton County Job and Family Services (d) The director of the county department of job and family services;

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<https://fultoncountyoh.com/1224/Job-Family-Services>

Fulton County Public Children Services Agency (e) The executive director of the public children services agency;

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<https://www.fultoncountyoh.com/1231/Children-Elderly-Services>

Fulton County Board of Developmental Disabilities (f) The superintendent of the county board of developmental disabilities or, if the superintendent serves as superintendent of more than one county board of developmental disabilities, the superintendent's designee;

Robin Shepherd

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<https://www.fultoncountyoh.com/91/Board-of-Developmental-Disabilities>

Wauseon Exempted Village Schools (g) The superintendent of the city, exempted village, or local school district with the largest number of pupils residing in the county, as determined by the department of education and workforce, which shall notify each board of county commissioners of its determination at least biennially;

Troy Armstrong

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North West Ohio Educational Service Center (h) A school superintendent representing all other school districts with territory in the county, as designated at a biennial meeting of the superintendents of those districts;

Kerri Weir

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City of Wauseon- Mayor's Office (i) A representative of the municipal corporation with the largest population in the county;

Kathy Huner, Mayor

mayor@cityofwauseon.com

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County Commissioners (j) The president of the board of county commissioners or an individual designated by the board;

Maurine Clymer, designee

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<https://www.fultoncountyoh.com/210/County-Commissioners>

Department of Youth Services (DYS) (k) A representative of the department of youth services or an individual designated by the department;

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NOCAC Head Start (l) A representative of the county's head start agencies, as defined in section 3301.32 of the Revised Code;

<https://nocac.org/early-childhood-education/head-start/>

Early intervention (m) A representative of the county's early intervention collaborative established pursuant to the federal early intervention program operated under the "Individuals with Disabilities Education Act of 2004";

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<https://ohioearlyintervention.org/>

Maumee Valley Guidance Center (n) A representative of a local nonprofit entity that funds, advocates, or provides services to children and families.

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For the complete Ohio Revised Code of Family and Children First Council, visit [Section 121.37 - Ohio Revised Code | Ohio Laws](#)

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non-mandated members

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Notwithstanding any other provision of law, the public members of a county council are not prohibited from serving on the council and making decisions regarding the duties of the council, including those involving the funding of joint projects and those outlined in the county's service coordination mechanism implemented pursuant to division (C) of this section. The county's juvenile court judge senior in service or another judge of the juvenile court designated by the administrative judge or, where there is no administrative judge, by the judge senior in service shall serve as the judicial advisor to the county family and children first council. The judge may advise the county council on the court's utilization of resources, services, or programs provided by the entities represented by the members of the county council and how those resources, services, or programs assist the court in its administration of justice. Service of a judge as a judicial advisor pursuant to this section is a judicial function.

(2) The purpose of the county council is to streamline and coordinate existing government services for families seeking services for their children. In seeking to fulfill its purpose, a county council shall provide for the following:

- (a) Referrals to the cabinet council of those children for whom the county council cannot provide adequate services;
 - (b) Development and implementation of 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;
 - (c) Participation in the development of a countywide, comprehensive, coordinated, multi-disciplinary, interagency system for infants and toddlers with developmental disabilities or delays and their families, as established pursuant to federal grants received and administered by the department of developmental disabilities for early intervention services under the "Individuals with Disabilities Education Act of 2004";
 - (d) Maintenance of an accountability system to monitor the county council's progress in achieving results for families and children;
 - (e) Establishment of a mechanism to ensure ongoing input from a broad representation of families who are receiving services within the county system.
- (3) A county council shall develop and implement the following:
- (a) An interagency process to establish local indicators and monitor the county's progress toward increasing child well-being in the county;
 - (b) An interagency process to identify local priorities to increase child well-being.
 - (c) An annual plan that identifies the county's interagency efforts to increase child well-being in the county.