



Annual Report SFY 19-20



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Family & Children First Council

Huron County

The Huron County Family and Children First Council consists of representatives of mandated systems and government agencies, along with key community stakeholders, including family representatives whose families or they themselves have received services. Its purpose is to be in alignment with the Ohio Family and Children First Council to streamline and coordinate existing governmental services for families with children 0-21 years of age. Service Coordination and High-Fidelity Wraparound are available to children and families with multisystem needs and can be accessed by agencies or families voluntarily seeking services. The council also serves as the lead for Prevention efforts in the county

Our Mission

The mission of the Council is to support and strengthen families to meet their responsibilities by facilitating family-centered, coordinated, community-based, preventative and comprehensive services and programs that identify and respond to the health, human, and social service needs of Huron County families.

Purpose

- Provide ongoing identification and collaboration of current services available to families and children, ongoing identification of service gaps for multi-need children and young adults and ongoing development of specific goals and strategies for closing those gaps.
- Develop, implement and update one community-wide plan to achieve a system of service delivery that is family oriented and user friendly.
- Participate in the development of a county-wide, comprehensive, coordinated and multi-disciplinary, interagency system for infants and toddlers with developmental disabilities or delays and their families.
- Seek financial support from member organizations and agencies, and public and private funds to support the work of the Council and seek funds to match State and Federal dollars needed to implement the community plan.
- Enter into contracts through the Administrative Agent and administer grants to local agencies and organizations to plan and coordinate service delivery.
- Establishment of a mechanism to ensure ongoing input from a broad representation of families who are receiving services within the county system.

- Maintenance of an accountability system to monitor the Council's progress in achieving results for families and children.
- Provide referrals to the State Cabinet Council of those children for whom the Council cannot provide adequate services.

Guiding Principles

Huron County is committed to a system of services that will enhance collaboration and cooperation in achieving the best possible level of service for families and their children.

- The planning process and service delivery system(s) may be open and inclusive so that all agencies serving families and their children, as well as families receiving the target services, are given a voice in developing workable solutions to problems.
- Service needs shall be determined, and services provided without duplication of other service initiatives.

Executive Summary

It's been an eventful year as we have watched the Huron County Family & Children First Council start its transition towards positive change. As we continue to work towards creating an agency that Huron County businesses and families can turn to for guidance, we recognize that nothing comes without hard work. We have overcome hurdles over the past year but have hope for the future as we build staff and resource capacity within HCFCFC and the county. We have created new relationships and developed existing collaboratives. Our most prominent accomplishments over the past year include:

SUCSESSES

- Served 21 individual youth through Service Coordination
- Creation of a Council Director position
- 5-year Quad-County Prevention Collaborative-Strategic Prevention Framework
- Wraparound Facilitator Position-School Collaborative
- Creation of agency website & Facebook page
- Ohio Commission on Fatherhood Grant-Pedaling with Pops
- Creation of a Prevention & Recovery Care Coordinator position-HCDJFS Collaborative
- Updated Service Coordination Mechanism
- 3 staff members trained in Wraparound Facilitation
- Received \$15,000.00 Capacity Building Technology Funds-SFY21
- Obtained Trainer status for Developmental Assets (Director)
- Development of Shared Plan to include Prevention focus areas

CHALLENGES

- COVID-19 restrictions and limitations
- Uncertainty of available funds due to COVID-19 relief efforts

Interagency Collaboration- Service Coordination

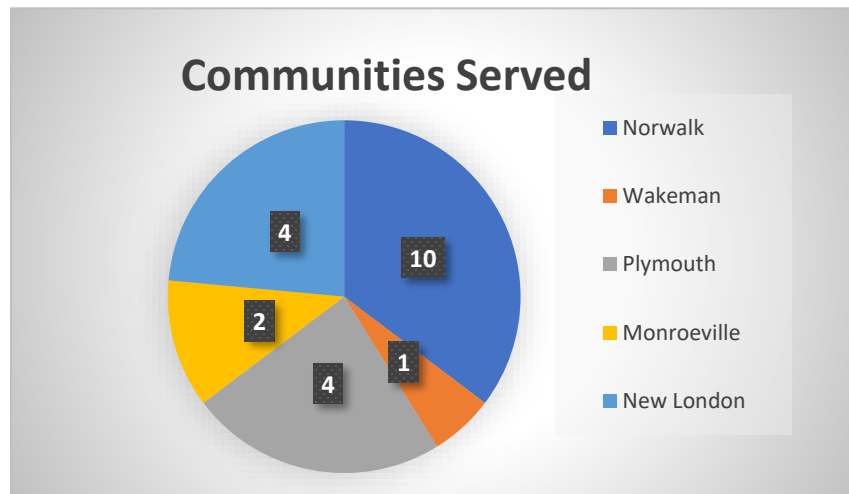
Service Coordination is a Family and Children First Council function which provides coordinated access to services for families with multiple system needs and to build upon the strength of services in the community that are already working for families. Families can be referred by another agency or make self-referrals for assistance in addressing current needs, barriers or obstacles to support and maintain personal and family stability. Service Coordination also serves as a neutral venue for families requiring services where their needs may not have been adequately addressed in traditional agency systems, thus requiring more intensive collaboration of multisystem providers. Each system has areas of responsibility and Service Coordination is not intended to override current agency systems, but to supplement and enhance supports that currently exist, or identify additional supports that are needed but are not currently utilized.

SFY20 Funds Received for Service Coordination:

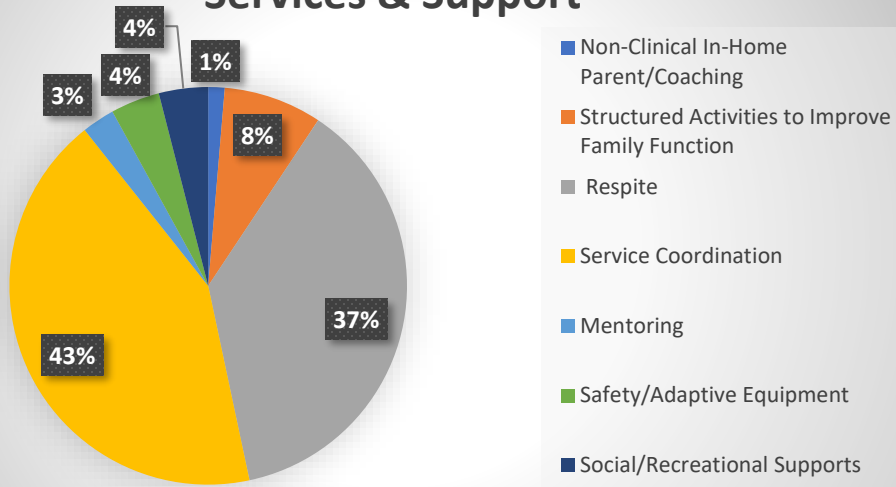
Fund:	Amount Awarded:	Source:
Family-Centered Services & Supports	\$21,110.00	Federal & State
Huron County Mental Health & Addiction Services Board	\$38,131.00	Local
Multi-System Youth Funds	\$5,967.00	State
TOTAL:	\$65,208.00	

Identified Need	Number Served
Mental Health	12
Developmental Disability	7
Autism Spectrum	1
Child Neglect	<u>1</u>

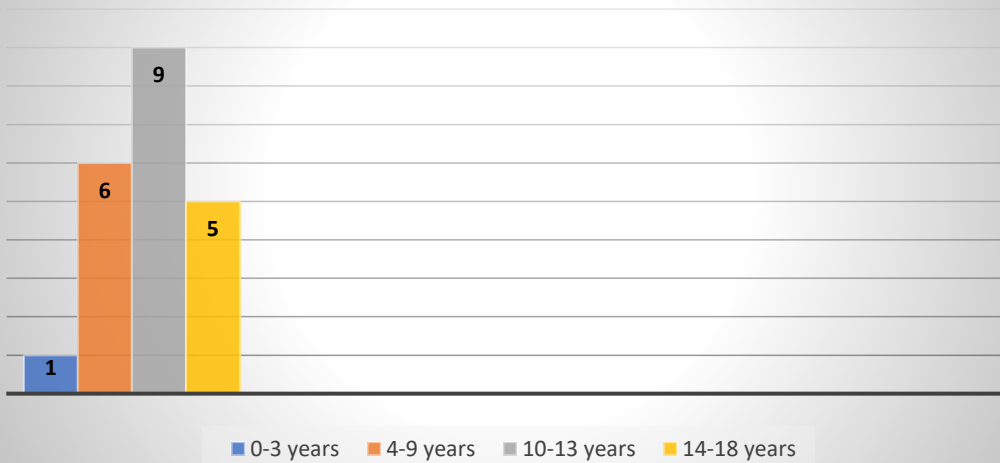
**21 Youth Served
in Huron County**



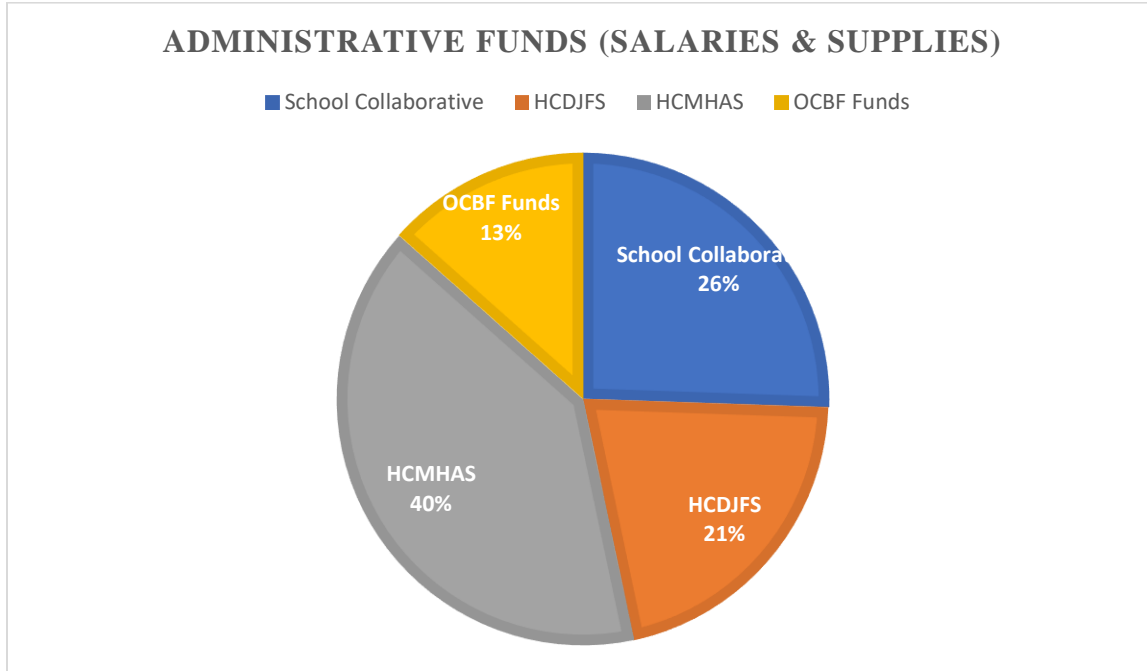
Services & Support



Age Group Comparison



Interagency Collaboration- Administrative Funds



Interagency Collaboration- Early Intervention

Early Intervention (EI) is a state-wide system that provides coordinated early intervention services to parents of eligible children under the age of three with developmental delays or disabilities. EI is grounded in the philosophy that young children learn best from familiar people in familiar settings. Every family served in EI will have a local EI team that consists of a service coordinator, service providers, and your family.

Huron County Family & Children first Council serves as the fiscal agent for the Huron County Early Intervention program.

SFY20 Funds Received for Early Intervention (state):

HMG Part C:	\$175,310.00
Central Coordination:	<u>\$6000.00</u>
Total Funding:	\$181, 310.00

Families Served: **Average 90 families/month**

Our Vision....

- Build up Wraparound Services in Huron County
- Continue to create collaborative programs that address gaps in service within Huron County.
- Create a plan to build up pool of Parent Advocates, Youth Advocates, and Peer Recovery Supporters in Huron County
- Continue to build the Prevention Coalition and work towards addressing identified goals for Huron County youth based on OHYES! And Community Health Assessment.

Preliminary focus areas may include:

- Early use and access to alcohol
- Early use of marijuana
- Opioid use and access
- Building coping/resiliency skills in youth
 - School-based programs
 - Boys & Girls Club of Huron County
 - Handle with Care collaborative
 - Experiential Learning programs (Adventure Therapy)
- Implementation of Technology Library program
 - Providing Chromebooks for families to use on a temporary basis for telehealth, Service Coordination, respite (virtual camps) and other professional team meetings.

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