

Summit County FCFC Committees

Full Council

Serves as the final authority that governs the work of the Summit County Family & Children First Council. Full council meetings are open to the public and held bi-monthly.

Executive Committee

Provides administrative, fiscal, personnel, and planning oversight to support the operations and development of the Summit County Family & Children First Council. The committee also works to coordinate the activities of authorized committees.

Early Childhood Advisory Committee

Ensures programming efforts offered to parents and families of infants and toddlers in Summit County are of high quality, family-friendly, based on best practices and meet all local, state and federal requirements.

Service Oversight Committee

Facilitates the ongoing development of a county specific Service Coordination Mechanism, a guiding document that details the streamlining and coordination of existing government services for families seeking assistance for children ages birth through 21.

Service Review Committee

A sub-committee of the Service Oversight Committee that provides case consultations and reviews/approves funding requests for community-based supports and services and out-of-home placements.

Finance & Audit Committee

Monitors the fiscal health of council

Nominating Committee

Provides Oversight to the annual elections process

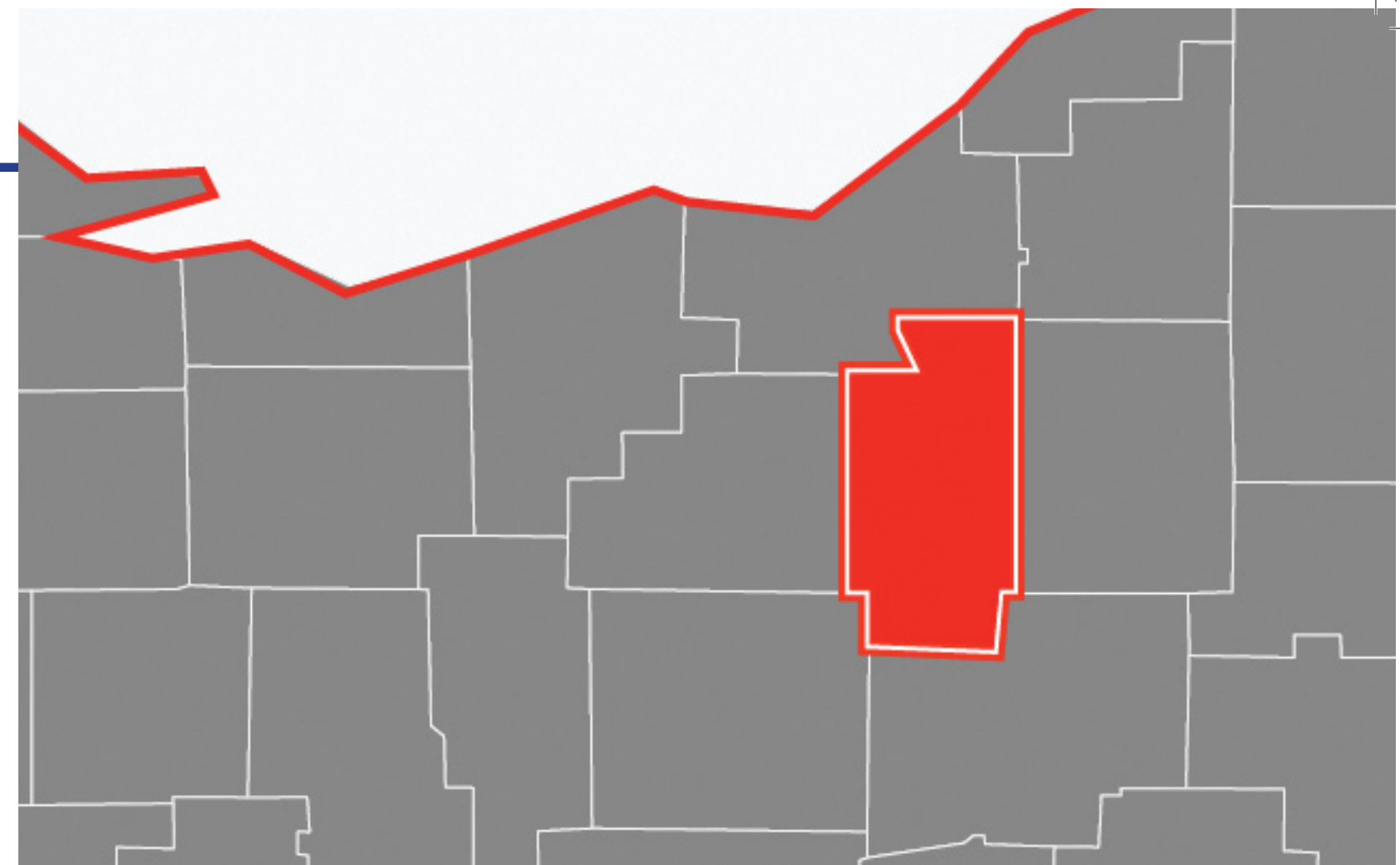
Council Members

Summit County Family & Children First Council is comprised of family advocates and executive leadership from the following community and government entities:

- Akron Children's Hospital
- Akron Metropolitan Housing Authority
- Akron Police Department
- Akron Public Schools
- Child Guidance & Family Solutions
- Community Action Akron Summit
- Greenleaf Family Center
- Kent State University
- Ohio Department of Youth Services
- Ohio Part C Early Intervention
- Summit County ADM Board
- Summit County Children Services
- Summit County Community Partnership
- Summit County Developmental Disabilities
- Summit County Executive's Office
- Summit County Job & Family Services
- Summit County Juvenile Court
- Summit County Public Health
- Summit Educational Service Center
- Big Brothers Big Sisters
- United Way
- Summit Education Initiative
- Youth and Family Representatives

For More Information

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Summit County Family & Children First Council

Special Focus:

A Guide for Public Officials, Executive Directors, and Senior Staff

Together. Coordinating Systems and Services for Summit County Families, Since 1993.

About us

In 1993, Governor George Voinovich created and codified Family and Children First Councils (ORC 121.37) across all Ohio counties. Their purpose is to streamline and coordinate existing government services for families seeking assistance for their children. The Summit County Family and Children First Council (SCFCFC) is a partnership of state and local government, community agencies and families working together to promote a system of care for families with children/youth ages birth through 21 years.

Our Mission

The mission of the Summit County Family & Children First Council is to promote a system of care that protects and enhances the well-being of families and children by building community capacity, engaging and empowering families, and coordinating systems and services.



Our Responsibilities

Ongoing responsibilities of Family & Children First Councils are as follows: *See Ohio Revised Code 121.37

- Streamline and coordinate services for families seeking services for their children.
- Annually evaluate and prioritize services, fill service gaps where possible, and invent new approaches to achieve better results for families and children.
- Establish local priorities and monitor progress in achieving results for families and children.
- Participate in the development of a countywide, comprehensive, coordinated, multi-disciplinary, interagency system for infants and toddlers with developmental disabilities.
- Ensure input from a broad representation of families receiving services.
- Issuing periodic reports to the Ohio FCFC.

Services

WrapAround Service Coordination offers families a cross-system, team-based approach to on-going service planning and coordination of care for youth (ages birth through 21) who are involved with multiple systems and/or at risk for out-of-home placement. Essentially, WrapAround Service Coordination works to address unmet needs, system barriers, and ensure that services are fully aligned, coordinated and streamlined.

Case Consultation Services provides staff from any agency an opportunity to consult with a diverse team of managers about complex family cases and brainstorm solutions from a cross system perspective.

Cross Systems Training is annual training for child and family serving agency front line staff members. Training is provided in an effort to deepen their knowledge of community resources, build professional networks, and strengthen collaboration between agencies.

Ohio Part C Early Intervention provides a service planning and coordination process for infants and toddlers (ages birth to 3) with a medical diagnosis and/or a developmental delay or disability. FCFC contracts with Summit DD to manage the program.

Funding

Flexible Funding for Community-Based Services:

Flexible, short-term funding for community-based services and supports that contribute to a youth's individualized service plan, the stabilization of a family, and/or avoidance of an out-of-home placement when no other funding supply is available.

Out-of-Home Placement Funding:

Pooled funding for residential treatment (up to 90 days) for multi-system involved youth after all other appropriate options have been exhausted

Historic Timeline

1980 For youth and families involved in multiple systems, receiving services was complex, duplicative across systems and unwieldily to navigate. For that reason, some children "fell through the cracks" as systems tried to determine who was responsible, who would provide services, and who would pay.

1987 The State of Ohio created Cluster, a program that encouraged county level treatment/clinical teams to form and collaborate across systems to meet the needs of multi-system youth.

1990 Stakeholders realized the value of Cluster, but were also finding that too often families were not getting involved in the program until their children were older, already dealing with many difficulties and needing out-of-home placement.

1993 To address the need for more preventative and system (macro) level planning and coordination, the State of Ohio expanded on the work and transformed Cluster into Family & Children First Councils (FCFCs).

2000 The State of Ohio offered required FCFCs to incorporate measures into their Service Coordination Mechanism that would divert youth away from the juvenile justice system and increase emphasis on family engagement and family empowerment.

2010 The State of Ohio offered a funding source to FCFCs for WrapAround Service Coordination and concrete goods and services to support families enrolled in the program.

2018 The State of Ohio mandated that FCFCs clarify their Service Coordination Mechanism. This afforded the Summit County FCFC the opportunity to modernize and align with evidence-based and best-practice models.