

Help us Help you

We specialize in supporting case managers, court workers, educators, faith-based community leaders, front-line social service agency staff members, health care providers, mental health professionals, and social workers who are serving families with youth who have complex needs; such as:

- Youth who are involved in multiple systems (behavioral health, child welfare, developmental disabilities, special education, and juvenile justice); yet, continue to struggle.
- Youth who have aggressive/violent behaviors that continue to escalate and require repeated hospitalizations and/or deepened levels of system involvement.
- Youth who have needs that outweigh the resources of one or more systems.
- Youth and families who have encountered barriers within a system and/or between systems.
- Youth and families who have difficulty accessing the needed services and/or supports.
- Youth and families who require assistance with cross-system navigation.

To Make a Referral

To download instructions and service or funding referral packets (Referral Form, Risk Screen and Release of Information) for a service provided by the Summit County Family & Children First Council, please visit www.summitfcfc.org.

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.

For more Information

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Funding



**Summit County
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Special Focus:

A Referral Guide for Professionals Serving Families with
Children Involved in Multiple Systems of Care

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 Commitment to your client

We make it our priority to help organize and bring together the services used by your clients. In doing so, we will make sure:

- Services and supports are individualized and delivered using a family-centered and strength based approach; natural supports are strongly drawn upon.
- Services and supports are responsive to cultural, racial and ethnic characteristics of the individual being served.
- Service and support outcomes are tracked and evaluated.
- Available funding resources are fully utilized and integrated.
- Home and community-based services are preferred; utilizing the least restrictive environment that is possible and appropriate.
- Specialized treatment and services are evidence based or best practice.
- Services and support are delivered in a collaborative, team based approach (duplicative or competing efforts among agencies are reduced or eliminated).
- Early identification and early intervention is emphasized.

Services

WrapAround Service Coordination

Our WrapAround Service creates a team-based approach to service planning for families. We bring together all area professionals working for a family to ensure that services are aligned, coordinated and streamlined without taking the place of traditional case management.

A neutral Summit County FCFC WrapAround Facilitator guides participants through the following Steps:

Step One: Engagement

- Summit County FCFC WrapAround Facilitator explains the process to the family.
- Family shares concerns, needs, hopes & dreams.
- Family identifies the service providers and other family supports involved with the family.
- Immediate Crisis Stabilization Plan is developed.

Step Two: Planning

- A team mission is developed.
- Strengths of youth and family are identified.
- Prioritized needs are identified.
- Measurable goals are established.
- Strategies/action steps to meet goals are selected.
- Responsibilities are assigned to team members.

Step Three: Implementation

- Family Team meets regularly to review, plan, celebrate accomplishments and make adjustments, if necessary.
- Prioritized needs are identified.
- Responsibilities are assigned to team members.

Step Four: Transition

- Plans are made for a purposeful transition out of formal WrapAround Service Coordination to a mix of formal and natural supports.
- Family Team celebrates program completion.

Case Consultation Services provides professionals serving children and families from any Summit County agency with an opportunity to consult with members of the Summit County FCFC Service Review Committee (SRC) about complex family cases and brainstorm solutions from a cross-system perspective.

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