

Lorain County Children and Families Council

Annual Funding and Program Report SFY16



To advocate for families by establishing and maintaining systems of service that nurture, enrich, and encourage collaboration between individuals and organizations to promote the well-being of Children and Families in Lorain County.

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Financial Statement July 1, 2015—June 30, 2016

State Revenue Grant Allocations

Help Me Grow	\$688,501.64
Ohio Children's Trust Fund	\$60,087.00
Family Centered Support and Services	\$62,024.00
Ohio Capacity Building Fund	\$15,750.00
Total	\$826,362.64

Expenditures

Provider Contracts

Help Me Grow	\$514,268.63
Ohio Children's Trust Fund	\$42,345.70
Wrap Around Services	\$64,788.26
Administrative	\$144,535.20
Total	\$765,937.79

Notes:

- This statement reflects an unaudited cash accounting of state allocated dollars received and expended by LCCFC during the noted fiscal period.
- Based on reimbursement or disbursement schedules of various state departments, this statement reflects both SFY15 and SFY16 allocated and budgeted revenues.
- LCCFC's Annual State Audit period is Calendar Year 2014 & 2015.

Council's Shared Plan Focus for SFY16: Improve Council's capacity to address access to services for families, youth and young adults of Lorain County

Wrap Around Services

Family Centered Support and Services (FCSS) and ENGAGE Funding supports Council Wrap Around Services for Multi-system Involved Youth Ages 0—21 in Lorain County

Wrap Around Services

Improved Family Functioning



Situation:
Case management and isolated service provision from multiple providers is identified. There is a lack of coordinated services between providers, parent engagement is limited, and there is an overall lack of family support.

Identification:
Multi-system service coordination is needed to address the complex needs of the entire family, i.e. mental health and alcohol and drug abuse, court, developmental disabilities, children services, health, school, workforce development.

Solution:
Wrap Around Services are employed to develop a family service plan that provides family-centered supports and services that are uniquely tailored to use family strengths to meet specific needs. The team is comprised of both formal and informal supports. The Wrap Around facilitator coordinates needed services and facilitates regular team meetings that are designed to evaluate the progress of meeting outcomes. The team is an integral part of improving the family functioning level. There is high degree of accountability for both the team and family.

In SFY16 LCCFC provided services to 26 families

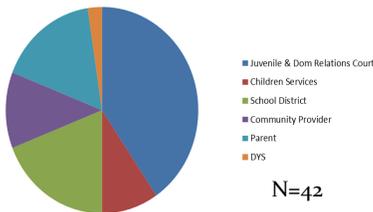
Success is Achieved:

Improved family functioning is demonstrated by family's ability to manage crisis, improvement in family relations, evidence of appropriate and effective services being coordinated by Wrap Around, informal and formal support as part of the team, increased family and youth voice, basic needs are met and family stabilized.

LCCFC's Wrap Around Service fulfills the O.R.C. mandate of Council Service Coordination for multi-need children and youth ages 0—21. Lorain County is participating in its second year of the ODMHAS ENGAGE grant. Statewide, this funding opportunity has allowed a 27-county cohort community to improve their skills toward implementation of Hi Fidelity Wrap Around services through peer coaching, training, and system of care expansion. Coupled with Family Centered Support and Services (FCSS) funding, a total of 26 families and 47 children and youth received Wrap Around services in SFY16 using a coaching-based practice towards service delivery.

Family Centered Support and Services (FCSS) funds assist in providing these families with services and supports that meet unique needs for improved family functioning to include parent advocacy, parent and child mentoring, parent education, recreational and day camps, respite, adaptive equipment and transportation assistance.

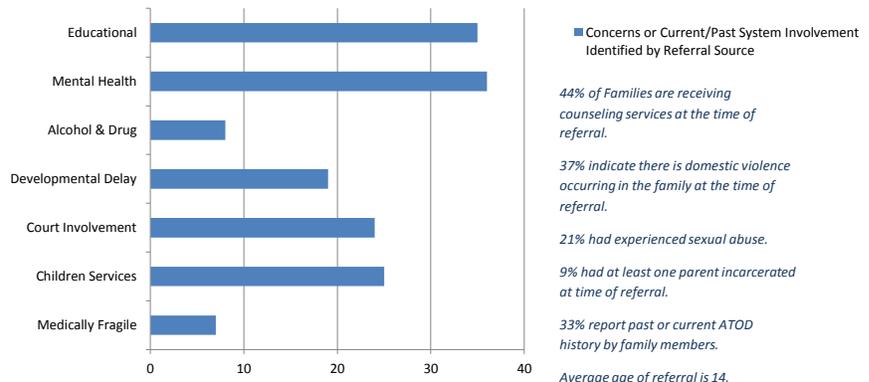
Referral Sources to Wrap Around



Of 26 families on an active caseload, a total of 8 families were successfully exited by meeting a minimum of 75% of their family goals. Average LOS in Wrap Around is 8 months. Of the 42 families referred in SFY16, only 50% initiated services. As a voluntary program, the majority of families were exited within 45 days due to families unresponsiveness or declining services.

Wrap Around Services

Occurrence of Conditions or Concerns Identified by Referral Source - SFY16



Lorain County Help Me Grow (HMG) Program Transitions to Evidence-based Practices



Demographics of Children Receiving Early Intervention Services in Help Me Grow

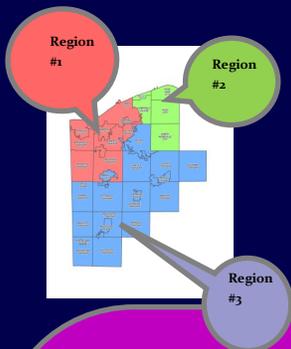
Hispanic: 14%

Black: 11% same as 11% (SFY15)

White (Hispanic and Non-Hispanic): 81% compared to 80% (SFY15)

Other (Indian, Unknown, 2+ races): 9% same as 9% (SFY15)

Number of Total Unduplicated Children Served in SFY16 is 581 compared to 619 in SFY15.



Moving into SFY16, Lorain County HMG continued its development of the **Evidenced-based Early Intervention** model of service delivery which calls for an emphasis on professional teaming practices and coaching, both primary service provider to parent and peer to peer coaching. These practices require participation from three transdisciplinary regional teams comprised of early intervention professionals who meet regularly to discuss the developmental progress of children. To ensure rich conversations are developed to assist in creating the most applicable strategies individualized for each family, HMG is a combined effort by partners and providers: Neighborhood Alliance who provides Service Coordination and Evaluation & Assessment services, Children's Developmental Center for OT/SLP/PT consultation, and Murray Ridge Early Intervention who provides on-going special instruction for each child in HMG. Additional partners compliment this model such as OhioGuidestone who provides Early Childhood Mental Health consultation as well as the Health Districts whose Nurses are an integral part of the EBEL model, and in particular for those children who have a medical diagnosis who make up approximately 26 % of HMG eligible children. It is through these practices and a true team environment that Lorain County Help Me Grow is able to maintain 100% compliance with all state-measured indicators and continues to assist parents in enhancing their child's learning and development every day.

HMG Parent Surveys, SFY16

Remarks

"Very thankful for Help Me Grow!"

"HMG is doing just that...helping my son 'grow'."

"We stay with HMG so that he may make a smooth transition to preschool."

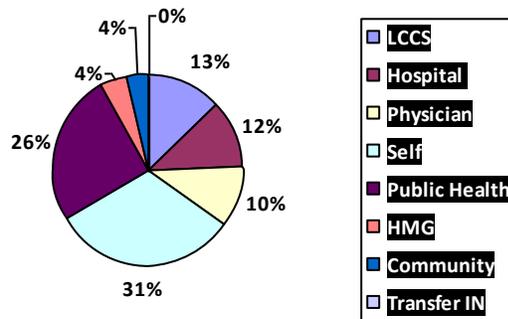
Parent satisfaction rating is 91% for LCCFC-administered annual survey compared to a 97% satisfaction rate as noted for Lorain County by the ODH-administered survey. State average in SFY16 is 94%.



Help Me Grow Central Coordination 1-800-729-TOTS (8687)

All HMG referrals for both Early

Intervention and Home Visiting services come through the LCCFC Central Coordination Office for processing into the state database and child record system, contact with the parent and referral to a service provider. In SFY16, CC processed 1463 referrals for services with a three-year trend noted of increasing self-referrals by parents who have a concern about their child's development from only 3% to 31%. LCCFC contributes this positive trend to a stronger referral base from WIC and a targeted marketing plan locally with billboard and direct mail advertising along with outreach to hospitals, and education to community partners working with eligible families.



OCTF Moves to Regionalization of Child Abuse Prevention Services

Beginning in SFY 2016, the Ohio Children's Trust Fund (OCTF) moved from county-administered programming and planning to establishing Regional Prevention Councils, which are directed by Regional Prevention Coordinators. Per the ORC 3109.172, each council is comprised of county prevention specialists who are appointed by the county's Board of County Commissioners with Melissa Myers-Fischer, Council Director and Scott Ferris,



LCCS Director appointed by the Lorain County Commissioners for SFY16—17. As part of this regional strategy, the Regional Prevention Coordinators convene meetings and facilitate discussions for both the Council and established workgroups for each region. Each re-



gion will develop a Prevention Plan based on a needs assessment; this will help support regional strategies for future funding beginning in 2017.

In SFY16, the following evidenced-based or informed Child Abuse and Neglect Prevention Programs were supported using OCTF funding in the amount of \$66,400. OhioGuidestone's *Incredible Years* and *Nurturing Parenting*; Childcare Resource Center's *Parenting Wisely* and *Parent Cafes*; and Nord Center's *Stewards of Children*. For those programs using the OCTF-prescribed Protective Factor Survey to measure impact over program sessions, these programs report that survey results were able to demonstrate on average that 63% of participating parents saw an increase in family functioning. In total, and despite program challenges and reported barriers to program participation and enrollment, the programs served a total of 129 unduplicated families. An additional 142 participants completed the *Stewards of Children* trainings that resulted in a 33% average increase of participant knowledge of the definition of sexual abuse, the risk factors and consequences, and what actions can be taken to lessen its prevalence.

In April 2016, under new requirements of ORC 355 and in addition to its current mandate required in ORC 121.35, the Lorain County Children and Families Council was designated as the **Lorain County Healthier Buckeye Council**. This designation allowed LCCFC to apply for available grant dollars to support a local project that maximizes opportunities for individuals and families to achieve and maintain optimal health in all aspects, thereby achieving greater productivity and reducing reliance on publicly funded assistance programs. The HBC/LCCFC will be supporting United Way's United Community Assistance Network (UCAN) collaborative through matching funds in the amount of \$177,864 that will specifically support an emergency financial assistance program through education and case management services provided by UCAN's partner organizations strategically located across the county.

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