

Our Promises to You

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

- Family Team meetings are scheduled at convenient times and locations.
- 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.
- Early identification and early intervention is emphasized.
- 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).
- Families and youth are fully involved in decision making and are provided with advocacy and support options. Engaging older, transition aged youth is especially critical in helping them gain independence and gradually reduce reliance on formal systems.
- Service and support outcomes are tracked and evaluated.

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.

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Special Focus:

An Overview of WrapAround Service Coordination for Families

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

What do we do?

Our goal is to simplify your experience by helping you and your child access the supports you need. We bring together all area professionals, family, and friends to make sure your child's services are aligned, coordinated, and streamlined



Who do our services help?

Our WrapAround Service Coordination is a free, voluntary, and individualized process for families in Summit County with youth (ages birth through 21) who:

- Have Direct involvement with two or more of the following systems:
 - Behavioral Health (mental health and/or substance abuse treatment)
 - Summit County Children Services
 - Summit County Developmental Disabilities
 - Summit County Juvenile Court
 - Individualized Education Plan (IEP) or 504 Plan
- Are at risk of out-of-home placement due to escalating behaviors requiring repeated hospitalizations and/or deepened levels of system involvement.
- Have needs that outweigh the resources of one or more systems, encountered barriers within a system and/or between systems.
- Have difficulty accessing services, supports and/or require assistance with cross-system navigation

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.