



# Acronyms and Terminology

The following acronyms and words are often used in Family and Children First work.

<b>ADAMH</b>	<b>Alcohol and Drug Abuse Mental Health</b> Local board that oversees programs addressing alcohol, drug, and mental health services.
<b>CAO</b>	<b>Community Action Organization/CAC/Community Action Council</b> A private, non-profit community agency that manages federally and state funded programs like: Home Energy Assistance Program (HEAP), Head Start, Job Training Partnership Act (JTPA), etc.
<b>CPS</b>	<b>Child Protective Services</b> A division within the county Department of Job and Family Services responsible for receiving referrals and investigating incidents of child abuse and neglect (each county will have a Children Service(s) Board or CPS)
<b>CSB</b>	<b>Children Service Board</b> The county agency independent of the county Department of Job and Family Services, responsible for receiving referrals and investigating incidents of child abuse and neglect (Each County will have a CSB or CPS).
<b>CSEA</b>	<b>(County) Child Support Enforcement Agency</b> County agency responsible for overseeing court ordered child support and for establishing paternity for TANF and other eligible individuals.
<b>ECCC</b>	<b>Early Childhood Coordinating Committee</b> A voluntary committee of county FCFC that assists in the design, coordination and implementation of the county Help Me Grow program.
<b>EHR</b>	<b>Electronic Health Record</b> An online Plan of Care development platform designed to organize and collect information and outcome measurement on youth and families enrolled in the FCFC Service Coordination process.
<b>EI</b>	<b>Early Intervention</b> A statewide system that provides coordinated services to parents or infants and toddlers with disabilities in Ohio.
<b>FCFC</b>	<b>Family and Children First Council</b> Local councils that promote coordination and collaboration among local governmental social service agencies, non-profit organizations, business and families for the benefit of Ohio's families and children. Among other efforts, they develop local service coordination plans for families and youth with needs across multiple systems, and maintain an accountability system which demonstrates progress on achieving OFCF goals. In other words, the council helps families work with a number of agencies to reach solutions that help children reach their full potential.
<b>FCSS</b>	<b>Family Centered Services &amp; Supports</b> An Initiative with the purpose to maintain children and youth in their own homes through the provision of non-clinical, community-based services. Families who have children with multiple systemic needs identified through the county Family & Children First Council (FCFC) service coordination process are eligible for FCSS funded services and supports.

<b>FIN</b>	<b>Family Information Network</b> A state-wide system of parent -to- parent networking which provides information and support to families with babies and young children who have developmental challenges or disabilities.
<b>GFMS</b>	<b>Grants and Funding Management System</b> GFMS will be utilized by the OMHAS, ADAMHS, ADAS, SMHS Boards and all Prevention, Treatment, and Recovery Support Providers for all OMHAS funds (federal & state) to support proposal, submission, management, and all required (federal & state) data collection. The system provides a means for Boards and Providers to apply for funding, provide progress on identified outcomes, report expenditures and to draw down funds.
<b>HMG</b>	<b>Help Me Grow</b> A voluntary family support program for pregnant women or new parents. Offered in very county of the state through a well-established network, Help Me Grow is an evidence-based program that promotes healthy growth and development for babies and young children.
<b>IEP</b>	<b>Individual Education Plan</b> A federally- required plan developed by school personnel and family to meet a child's special education needs.
<b>IFSP</b>	<b>Individual Family Service Plan</b> A federally -required plan of services to be directed by a family through Early Intervention (in Ohio known as Help Me Grow Part C).
<b>OBM</b>	<b>Office of Budget and Management</b> OFCF Cabinet Council member that is responsible for preparing the Governor's Executive budget and the capital budget. Also provides fiscal accounting and budget services to state agencies.
<b>OCBF</b>	<b>Operational Capacity Building Funds</b> A state grant intended to support county FCFC efforts. These dollars may be used to provide a portion of the salary and fringe benefits for FCFC personnel, parental involvement, administrative support, training, and/or consultation.
<b>OCTF</b>	<b>Ohio Children's Trust Fund</b> OCTF was established to substantially reduce child abuse and neglect in future generations by committing financial resources to prevention efforts in every county in Ohio. This is accomplished through policy formulation and implantation, funding innovative prevention programs, public awareness, and education.
<b>ODE</b>	<b>Ohio Department of Education</b> OFCF Cabinet Council member agency that oversees state education programs. The department's goal is for all students to reach high levels of academic achievement as they become gainfully employed citizens.
<b>ODH</b>	<b>Ohio Department of Health</b> OFCF Cabinet Council member agency responsible for assuring the health services of Ohioans.
<b>ODJFS</b>	<b>Ohio Department of Job and Family Services</b> OFCF Cabinet Council member agency that is responsible for providing leadership to assure that public assistance, social service and health programs are administered in a manner that recognizes and preserves individual rights, responsibilities and dignity so that families, children and adults are able to restore, maintain or improve their capabilities for self-support and family life. The department represents the merger of two former state agencies-Human Services and Employment Services.
<b>ODODD</b>	<b>Ohio Department of Developmental Disabilities</b> OFCF Cabinet Council member agency that oversees programs, services and supports for individuals with developmental disabilities and their families.

<b>ODYS</b>	<b>Ohio Department of Youth Services</b> OFCF Cabinet Council member agency that is responsible for the safe, secure, and humane confinement and parole supervision of all youth offenders committed by Ohio's 88 juvenile courts.
<b>OFCF</b>	<b>Ohio Family and Children First</b> Promotes coordination and collaboration among state and local governments, non-profit organizations, businesses and families for the benefit of Ohio's children. This initiative focuses on assuring that children are healthier, have early literacy training to put them on track for being successful in school and abstain from the use of alcohol and other drugs and increasing access to quality preschool and child care, and improving services to aid family stability. This is carried out through Ohio's 88 county based Family and Children Firsts Councils.
<b>OhioMHAS</b>	<b>Ohio Department of Mental Health and Addiction Services</b> OFCF Cabinet Council member with the mission to provide statewide leadership of a high-quality mental health and addiction prevention, treatment and recovery system that is effective and valued by all Ohioans.
<b>OOD</b>	<b>Opportunities for Ohioans with Disabilities</b> The State of Ohio agency that partners with Ohioans with disabilities to achieve quality employment and independence. They also make determinations on Social Security disability. Currently, a non-statutory member of the OFCF Cabinet Council.
<b>PAC</b>	<b>Parent Advocacy Connection</b> A program funded through Ohio Family and Children First Cabinet Council and administered through the National Alliance on Mental Illness – Ohio (NAMI Ohio). The program provides parent advocates to families who are interested and are receiving service coordination through their county Family and Children First Council.
<b>PCSA</b>	Public Children Service Agency See CSB/CPS
<b>RFP</b>	Request For Proposals/Papers A mechanism for applying for and distributing funds from a grantor (e.g. a state agency) to a grantee (e.g. non-profit).
<b>TANF</b>	Temporary Assistance to Needy Families TANF is the federal welfare reform statute that was approved by congress in the fall of 1996 to give states more flexibility in designing public assistance programs to focus on work first and move welfare recipients into employment. In Ohio, TANF builds on H.B. (House Bill) 167, Ohio's landmark welfare reform legislation approved in July 1995. As under H.B. 167, there is a three-year time limit on cash assistance and an increased emphasis on working with community based organizations.
<b>WIC</b>	Supplemental feeding programs for Women, Infants and Children—provides nutrition education, breast feeding support; and nutritious supplemental foods to eligible children and women.