Ohio Family and Children First
SFY 2022 FCSS Semi-Annual Report Summary
March 2022

In State Fiscal Year (SFY) 2022, Family-Centered Services and Supports (FCSS) funds were designated through the Ohio Department of Job and Family Services for the purpose of providing supports and services to achieve optimal outcomes for children and youth while maintaining them safely in their own homes and communities. The FCSS funds are comprised of ODJFS Title IV-B federal fundsthat are matched with state general funds from OhioMHAS, ODODD, and ODJFS. The FCSS funds are available on a reimbursement basis to the county Family and Children First Councils (FCFC) that meet specific requirements. A total of $3,711,280.91 in FCSS funding is available to 88 counties across Ohio in SFY22. In the first half of SFY22 (July-December 2021), FCFCs expended $2,032,860.54 in FCSS funds, which is a utilization rate of 55% of available funds.

The target population for Family-Centered Services and Supports (FCSS) is children (ages 0 through 21) with multi-systemic needs and who are receiving service coordination through the county FCFC. Service coordination is provided by FCFCs according to the Ohio Revised Code section 121.37(C) mandate, and many counties are also providing High-Fidelity Wraparound to coordinate service needs for those with higher intensity needs. FCSS funding is designed to meet the unique needs of children and families identified on the county FCFC individualized family service coordination plan (IFSCP) developed through the service coordination process, and/or to support the FCFC service coordination process, as described in the county service coordination mechanism. To read more about the purpose and criteria established for use of these funds, refer to the Ohio Family and Children First (OFCF) website: [FCSS Guidance SFY22 2.16.22.pdf (ohio.gov)](FCSS Guidance SFY22 2.16.22.pdf).
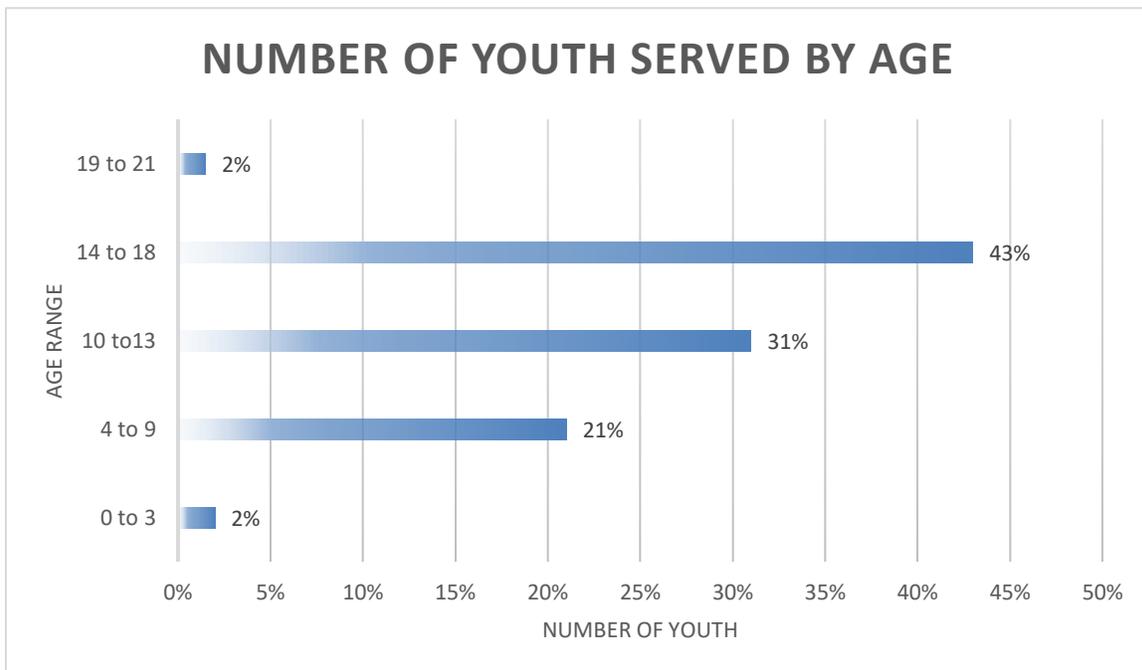
The 88 county FCFCs requesting FCSS funding were required to submit monthly SFY 2022 data reports. The following is a brief summary of the information provided in the 87 submitted county reports over the period of July-December 2021.

Total Number and Ages of Children Served

The total number of children served between the ages of 0-21 during the first half of SFY22 was **1218.**
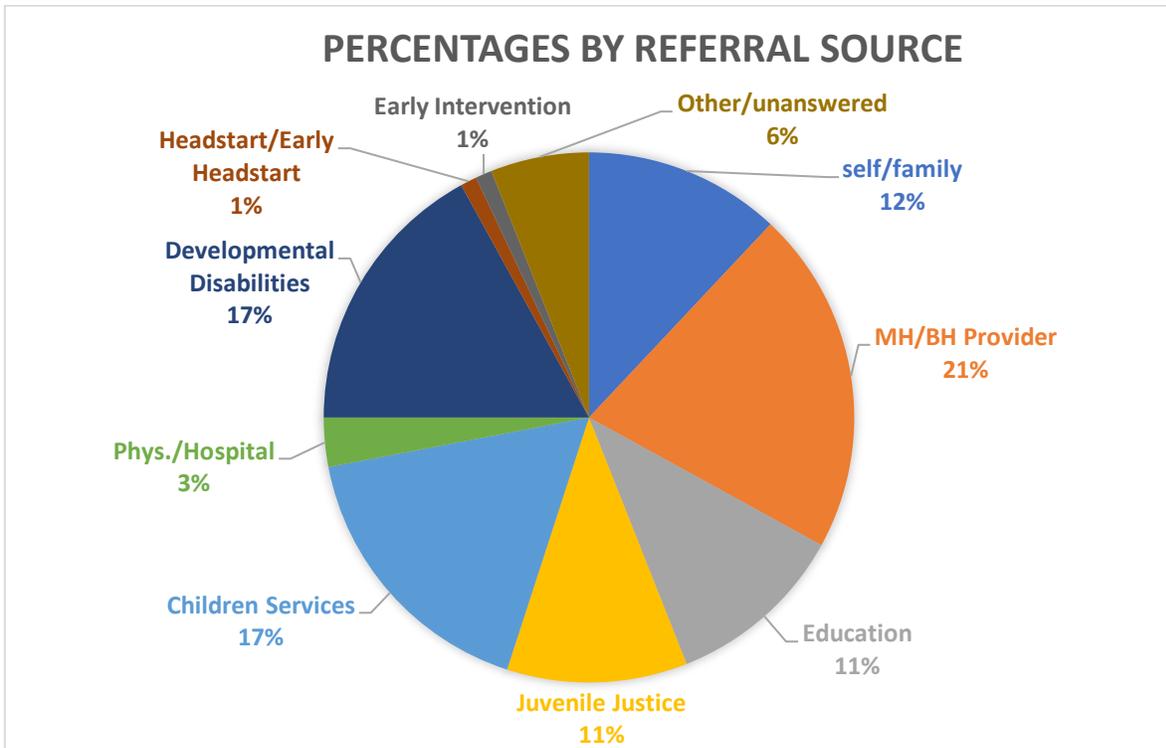
The **14 through 18-year-old age group is the largest age group** of youth being served through FCFC Service Coordination (43%) with FCSS funds. The age range of 10 through 13 was the second highest (31%) and the age range of 4 through 9 was the third highest (21%). 2% of youth were served in the 0 through 3 age range and 2% of youth served in the 19 through 21-year-old age range. (Ages were not reported for 1% of the youth served.)

The graph and table below show a comparison of the number of children served in the first six months of SFY22 in each age group.

NUMBER OF YOUTH SERVED BY AGE

AGE RANGE	Percentage
19 to 21	2%
14 to 18	43%
10 to13	31%
4 to 9	21%
0 to 3	2%

NUMBER OF YOUTH

Percentage of Referrals by System

The originating referral sources to FCFC Service Coordination/Wraparound are tracked by system. This data is another indicator identifying the presenting needs of youth as they enter FCFC Service Coordination/Wraparound.
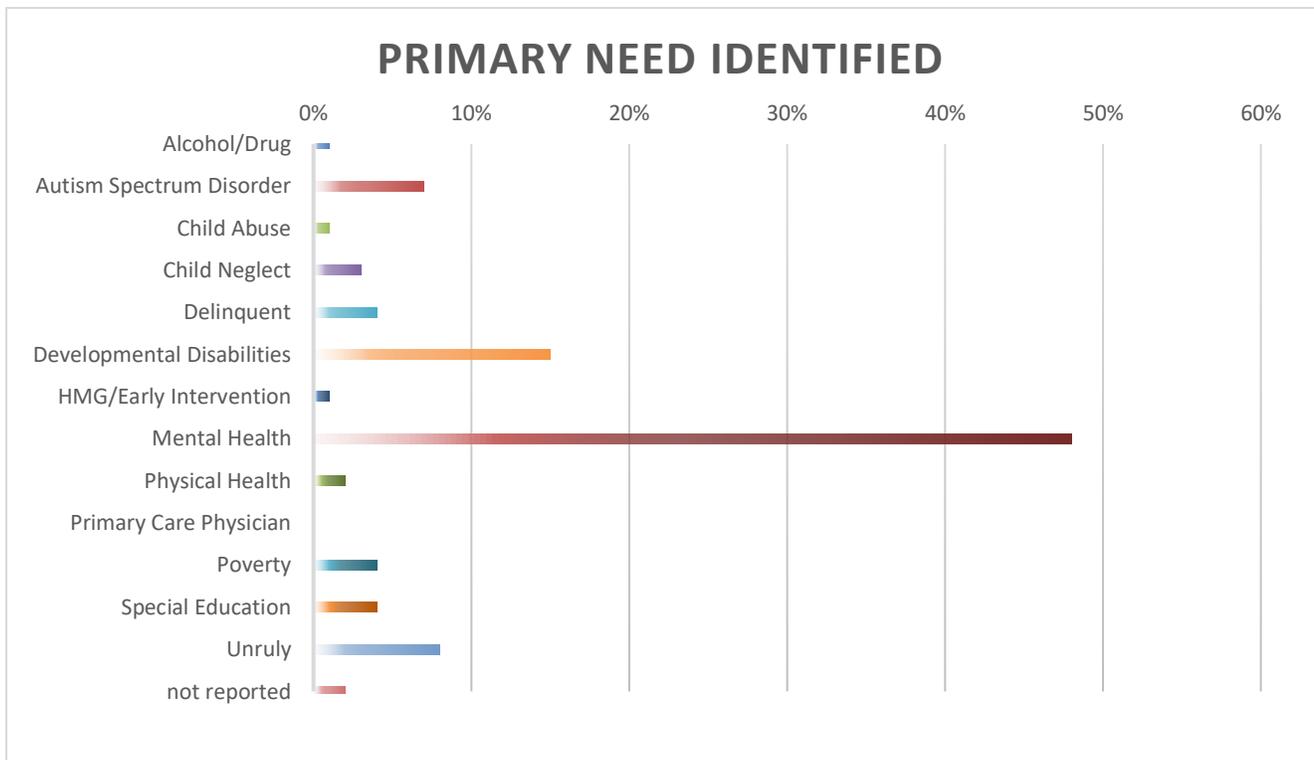
PERCENTAGES BY REFERRAL SOURCE

Referral Source	Percentage
Early Intervention	1%
Other/unanswered	6%
self/family	12%
Headstart/Early Headstart	1%
MH/BH Provider	21%
Developmental Disabilities	17%
Phys./Hospital	3%
Education	11%
Children Services	17%
Juvenile Justice	11%

Children's Service/Support Needs by Category Identified at Intake

The FCSS guidance asked the FCFC to report the **primary** identified child's service or support needs at the point of intake, whether or not the child was currently receiving services or supports to address that need at the point of intake. A child or youth must have two or more identified needs to be accepted into the service coordination process.

The top three categories of needs identified for the past six fiscal years, including the first half of SFY 22, have consistently been **Mental Health (48% of children had this identified need), Developmental Disability (15%) and Unruliness (8%)**. When combined, these three categories account for 2,239 of the needs identified, or 71% of the total identified needs in 13 categories. (The Primary Need was not identified for 89 youth)

The table below shows the number of needs identified in each category.
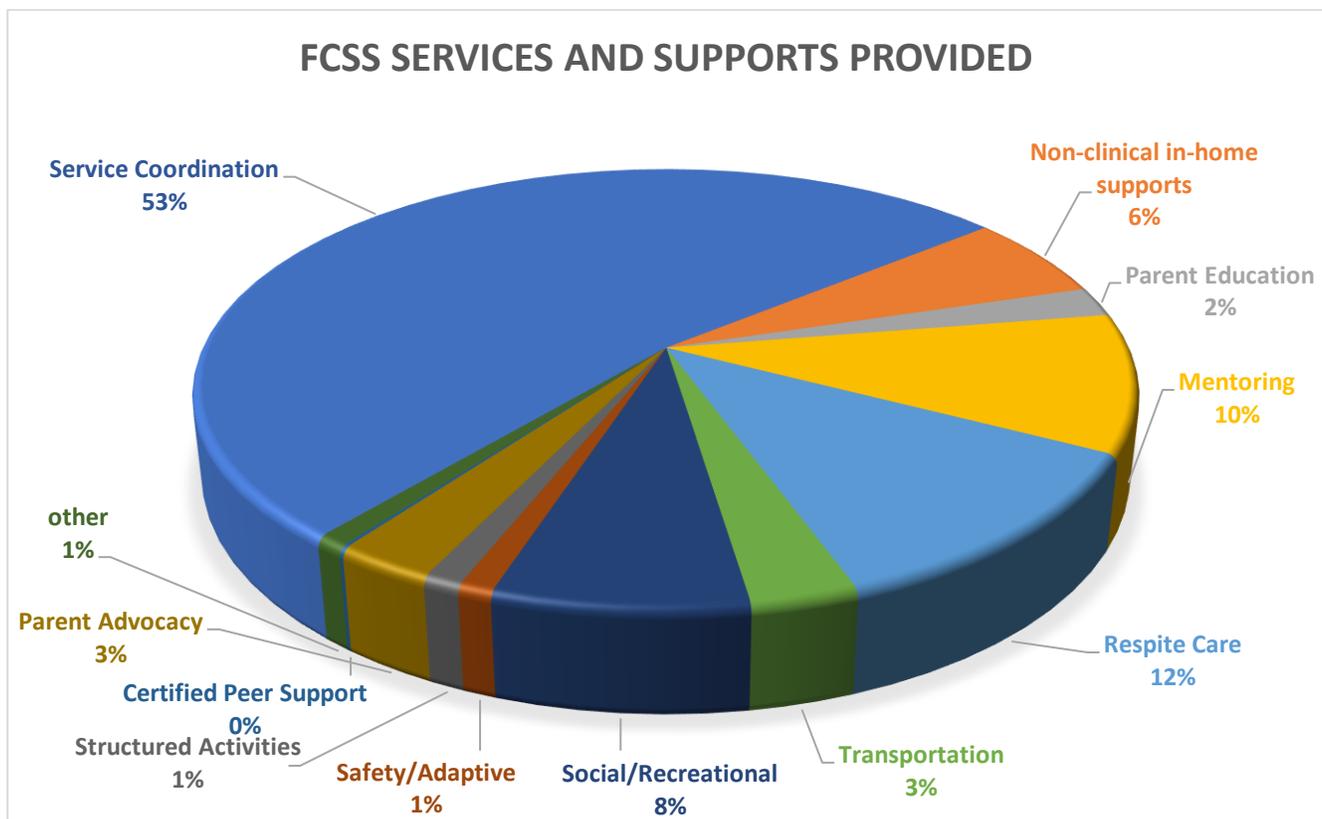

PRIMARY NEED IDENTIFIED

FCSS Funded Services and Supports Provided through FCFC Service Coordination

County FCFCs were asked to provide information about the number of different types of services and supports paid for with FCSS funds through FCFC Service Coordination when that service/support was written into a family's Individual Family Service Coordination Plan (IFSCP).

The total number of various types of services/supports provided with FCSS funds during the first half of SFY 22 was **7,978.** Service coordination accounted for 53% of all types of services provided and was the most frequently reported individual type of service/support for which FCSS funds were used. All families must be enrolled in FCFC Service Coordination to access FCSS funding, however, some counties have access to other funding sources to support the operational costs of service coordination/High-Fidelity Wraparound.

- ➤ 12 counties (14%) used their total FCSS allocations to assist in the support of the service coordination process in the first half of the SFY22.
- ➤ 16 counties (18%) reported not spending any of its allocation during the first 6 months of SFY 22.
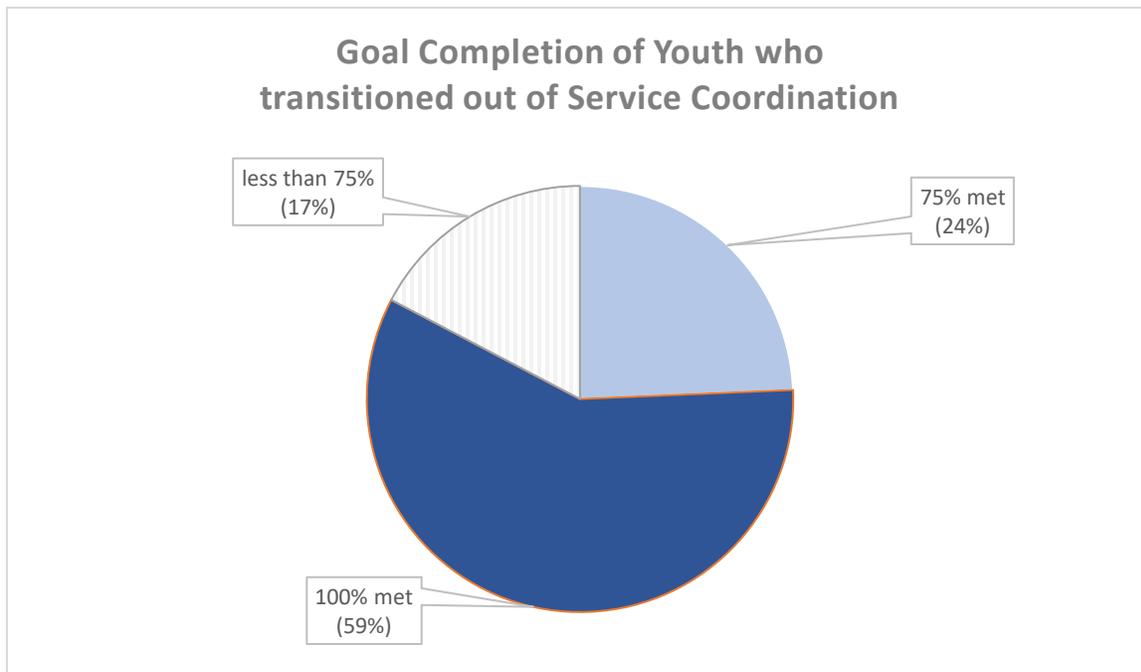
The chart below provides the details of the frequency of all service types reported.

FCSS SERVICES AND SUPPORTS PROVIDED

- Service Coordination 53%
- Non-clinical in-home supports 6%
- Parent Education 2%
- Mentoring 10%
- Respite Care 12%
- Transportation 3%
- Social/Recreational 8%
- Safety/Adaptive 1%
- Structured Activities 1%
- Certified Peer Support 0%
- Parent Advocacy 3%
- other 1%

Goal Completion
140 youth transitioned out of Service Coordination during the reporting period of July-December 2021. 45 of those youth successfully completed at least 75% of their goals. An additional 63 reported successfully completing 100% of their goals. Only 32 youth reported not meeting at least 75% of their goals. 14 youth who transitioned out of service coordination transitioned due to an out of home placement.

The chart below provides the details as it relates to goal completion of youth

Goal Completion of Youth who transitioned out of Service Coordination

- less than 75% (17%)
- 75% met (24%)
- 100% met (59%)

Conclusion

This summary provides a snapshot of how the FCSS funds were used by counties during the first half of SFY 22. It should be remembered that the number of children and families served through FCFC Service Coordination/High-Fidelity Wraparound and the services and supports included in this report only include those that accessed FCSS funding. FCFCs may use other available funding to serve the families referred, provide needed services, and supports and to support the FCFC Service Coordination/High-Fidelity Wraparound process. In addition, services and supports needed by children and families may not meet the criteria of FCSS funding. Often, the FCFC Service Coordination/High-Fidelity Wraparound teams find community resources that are donated or have no cost associated with the service or support. In addition, the FCSS funds are not accessed unless other resources have been exhausted. As reported by the county FCFCs, these funds are highly valued to meet the needs of families when other funding sources are unavailable to meet the unique family needs.

These children are at the highest risk for failure within our traditional service systems and are often on the verge of placement outside of their homes. As indicated in this report, these are not "one size fits all" children or children with a single need. The power of this type of service coordination, with the support of FCSS funding, is the opportunity for families to creatively design integrated family service plans with trusted and unique teams.

The reporting connected to the use of FCSS funding is demonstrating how these funds and the FCFC Service Coordination process are leading to a cost-effective method of obtaining better outcomes for the children and families being served. The SF22 FCSS Annual Report will contain additional information about the family goal attainment success rate and the number of children placed out of home while being served through FCFC Service Coordination and supported with FCSS funding.

The chart below provides the details of the results of Service Coordination/High Fidelity Wraparound with use of FCSS funds for services and supports as it relates to maintaining youth in the home with their families. The overall goal is to avoid out of home placement by providing services and supports to the family within their community

Rate of Out of Home Placement

14 youth transitioned to out of home placement 1%

1204 Youth remained in the home 99%

■ 1204 Youth remained in the home   ■ 14 youth transitioned to out of home placement