



Ohio Family and Children First SFY 2019 FCSS Annual Report Summary

In SFY 2010, Family-Centered Services and Supports (FCSS) funds were designated through the Ohio Department of Mental Health and Addiction Services to provide services and supports 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 funds that are matched with state general funds from OhioMHAS, ODODD, and ODYS. The FCSS funds are available on a reimbursement basis to the county Family and Children First Councils (FCFCs) that meet specific requirements.

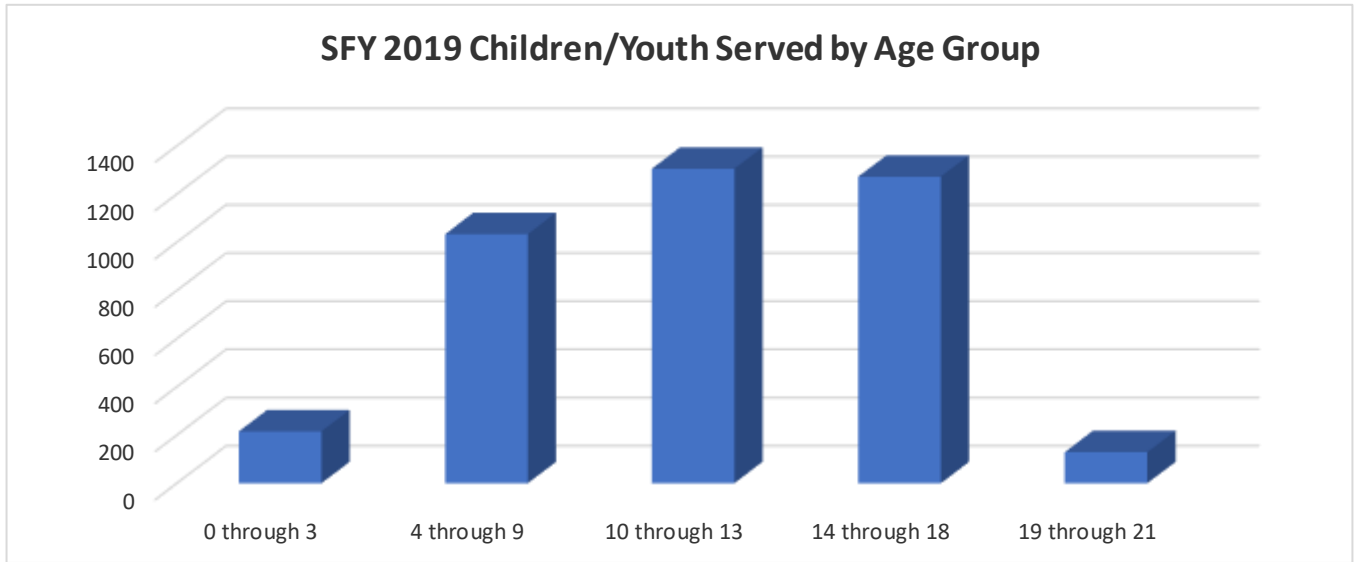
The target population for Family-Centered Services and Supports (FCSS) is children (ages 0 through 21) with multi-systemic needs and who are receiving service coordination through the county FCFC. Service coordination is provided by county FCFCs according to Ohio Revised Code section 121.37(C), and many counties are also providing High-Fidelity Wraparound to coordinate service needs for those with higher intensity needs. FCSS is flexible funding that 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 at <http://fcf.ohio.gov/Initiatives/System-of-Care-FCSS>

The 86 county FCFCs requesting FCSS funds were required to submit an SFY 2019 Annual Report by August 15, 2019. The following is a summary of the information provided in the **86 submitted county FCSS Annual Reports**.

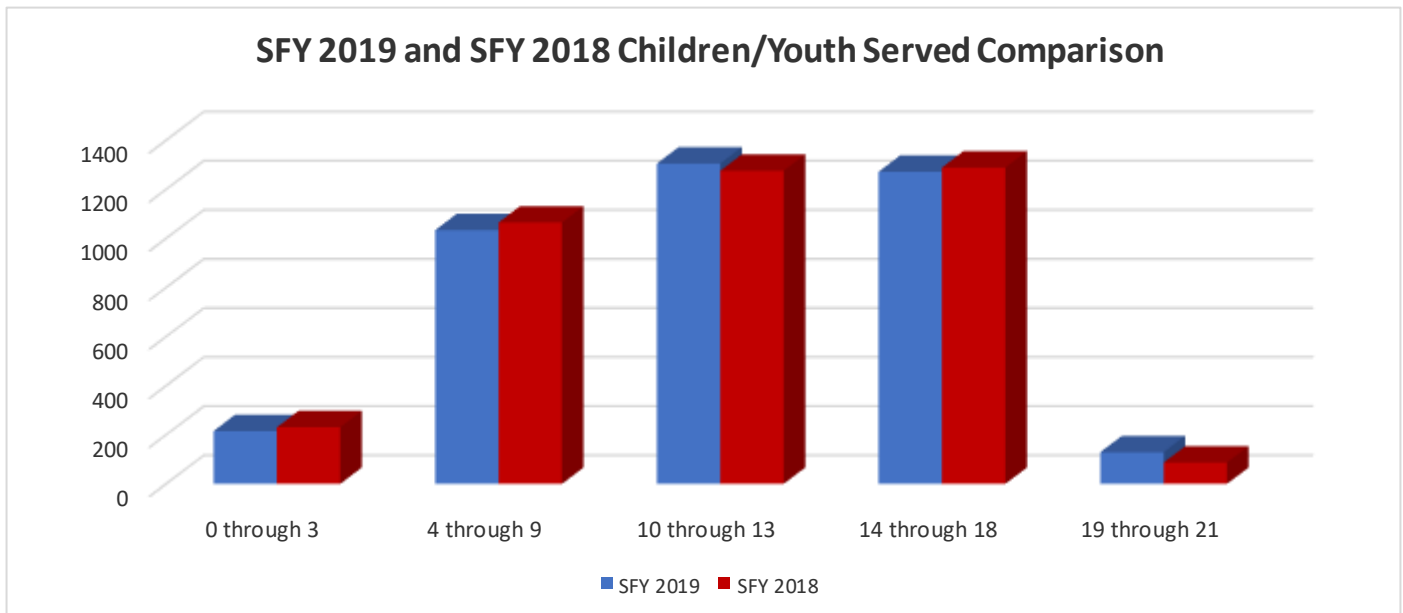
Total Number and Ages of Children Served

The total number of children served between the ages of 0-21 during SFY 2019 was **3,955**. This is **7 more children than were served in SFY 2018 (3,948)**. The **10 through 13-year old age group (1,305 youth) is the largest age group** of children being served through service coordination with FCSS funds. The age ranges of 14 through 18 (second highest with 1,272) and 4 through 9 (third highest with 1,034) also have large numbers of children being served with FCSS funding. The number of youth served in the 19 through 21-year old age group (129) was a sizable increase over SFY 2018 (87). The process of High-Fidelity Wraparound continues to be an available level of coordination among many county FCFCs, and the process has become an effective tool for at-risk youth with a higher complexity of cross-system needs.

The graph and table below show a comparison of the number of children served in SFY 2019 in each age group and the percent of the total children served in each age group.

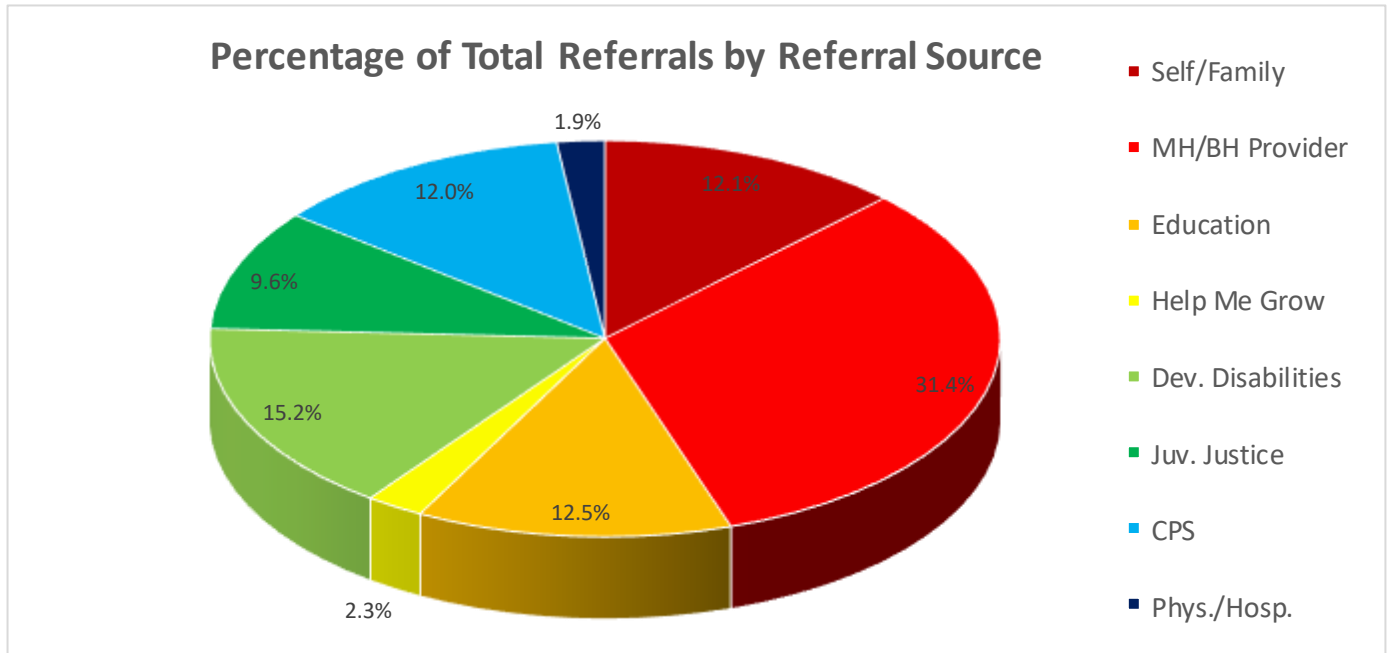


Ages of Children	0 - 3	4 - 9	10 - 13	14 - 18	19 - 21	Total
SFY 2019	215	1034	1305	1272	129	3955
Percent of Total in Age Group	5.4%	26.1%	33.0%	32.2%	3.3%	100%



Number of Referrals by System

Beginning with SFY 2017, we began tracking where the referrals to FCFC Service Coordination/Wraparound were originating by system. This data is yet another indicator identifying the presenting needs of youth as they enter FCFC Service Coordination/Wraparound. We tracked this data across the eight most frequent referrers to service coordination.



Total Number of Families Served

FCFC service coordination is a family focused process, and thus, addresses the needs of the identified child and the child’s family. The **total number of families served in SFY 2019 was 3,431 compared to 3,221 families served in SFY 2018**. This was an increase of **210 families** served in SFY 2019.

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

The FCSS guidance asked the FCFC to report the 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 FCFC Service Coordination Process.

- There were **10,099 identified needs** (average 2.55 needs per child).
- The top three categories of children’s needs at intake identified for the past eight fiscal years, including SFY 2019, have consistently been **Mental Health (67%), Special Education (40%) and Poverty (35%) which are percentage increases over SFY 2018**. When combined, these three categories account for 5,607 of the identified needs, or 56% of the total identified needs in 13 categories.
- Beginning in SFY 14, counties were asked to track children and youth with needs associated with a condition on the Autism spectrum. There were 556 (14%) children/youth presenting with **Autism spectrum related needs** at intake, which is an increase in the percentage from SFY 2018 (12%).

- All bolded percentages in the next chart indicate an increase in the percentage of children presenting with the need compared to the previous fiscal year.

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

Category of Service/Support Need	% of Youth with this Need SFY 19	% of Youth with this Need SFY 18	% of Youth with this Need SFY 17	% of Youth with this Need SFY 16	% of Youth with this Need SFY 15	% of Youth with this Need SFY 14	% of Youth with this Need SFY 13
Mental Health	67%	59%	51%	58%	57%	58%	53%
Poverty	35%	35%	35%	48%	46%	46%	43%
Special Education	40%	36%	30%	40%	38%	40%	36%
Dev. Disability	29%	24%	21%	24%	22%	22%	22%
Unruly	20%	19%	15%	18%	18%	18%	15%
Child Neglect	12%	10%	11%	12%	12%	12%	12%
Delinquent	10%	10%	8%	11%	9%	11%	10%
Physical Health	8%	8%	8%	11%	10%	11%	10%
Autism Spectrum	14%	12%	12%	12%	11%	10%	NA
Child Abuse	9%	7%	7%	9%	9%	9%	9%
Alcohol/Drug	7%	6%	6%	8%	8%	7%	7%
No PCP	3%	1.3%	5%	6%	4%	5%	4%
Help Me Grow	3%	3%	6%	5%	5%	4%	4%

FCSS Funded Services and Supports Provided through FCFC Service Coordination

County FCFCs were asked to provide information about the number of the 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 SFY 2019 was **6,568 which is an increase of 348 from SFY 2018 (6,220)**.

- **Service coordination accounted for 39% of all types of services** 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 funds; however, some counties have access to other funding sources to support the operational costs of service coordination and/or Wraparound.
 - 67 (78%) counties reported using FCSS funds to assist in the support of service coordination and to provide other services and supports for families in service coordination.
 - 19 counties (22%) reported that they used none of the FCSS funds to support the FCFC Service Coordination process and used all their funds to provide services and supports to families in service coordination.

The chart below provides the details of the frequency of all service types reported.

Type of Service/Support Provided	Percent of total services and supports provided SFY 19	Number/Percent of Families Receiving Service/Support SFY 19	Number/Percent of Families Receiving Service/Support SFY 18	Number/Percent of Families Receiving Service/Support SFY 17	Number/Percent of Families Receiving Service/Support SFY 16
Service Coordination	39.0%	2564/ (74.7%)	1863/ (58%)	2464/ (61%)	2271/ (62%)
Respite	16.9%	1111/ (32.4%)	840/ (26%)	1276/ (31%)	1190/ (32%)
Social/Recreational Supports	14.5%	950/ (27.7%)	1174/ (36.4%)	1650/ (41%)	1729/ (47%)
Transportation	8.8%	579/ (16.9%)	622/ (19.3%)	904/ (22%)	804/ (22%)
Structured activities to improve family functioning	5.5%	364/ (10.6%)	479/ (15%)	838/ (21%)	673 / (18%)
Non-clinical in-home parenting/coaching	3.7%	245/ (7.1%)	327/ (10%)	566/ (14%)	562/ (15%)
Mentoring	4.1%	268/ (7.8%)	283/ (9%)	421/ (10%)	498 / (14%)
Parent Advocacy	2.1%	137/ (4.0%)	196/ (6%)	363/ (9%)	324 / (9%)
Parent Education	1.2%	78/ (2.3%)	151/ (5%)	373/ (9%)	382 / (10%)
Safety and Adaptive Equipment	3.5%	229/ (6.7%)	237/ (7%)	342/ (8%)	311 / (8%)
Non-clinical Parent Support Groups	0.3%	18/ (0.5%)	25/ (0.8%)	104/ (3%)	62/ (2%)
Youth/Young Adult Peer Support	0.2%	10/ (0.3%)	18/ (0.6%)	59/ (1%)	62/ (2%)
Other	0.2%	15/ (0.4%)	5/ (0%)	11/ (0%)	11 / (2%)
Total	100%	6,568	6,220	9,362	8,945

Number of Families who access an Advocate during Service Coordination

Families utilizing FCFC Service Coordination are encouraged to invite a family advocate, mentor or support person of the family’s choice to participate in any meetings. In SFY 2019, **315 (9.2%)** families accessed a family advocate.

Number of Children in Out-of-Home Placement during Service Coordination

One of the goals of providing service coordination is to prevent or reduce the incidence of out-of-home placement of children. For this report, any placement lasting longer than 72 hours is considered to be an out-of-home placement, except that respite care can be provided for up to seven (7) consecutive days without being considered an out-of-home placement. Out-of-home placements include residential treatment facilities, local or state correctional facilities, group homes

and foster care. During SFY 2019, there were **216 children who were placed in an out-of-home placement** while they were actively receiving FCSS funded supports and participating in service coordination. This accounted for **5.5% of the total number** of children who were receiving FCSS funded supports and participated in FCFC Service Coordination/High-Fidelity Wraparound. There was no data collected regarding the length of these placements, but some FCFCs reported that the out-of-home placements were brief for the purpose of stabilization. Many of the children who enter service coordination are at high risk for out-of-home placement, and in some counties, it is a criterion for admittance to the FCFC Service Coordination Process. This low incidence of out-of-home placements is considered a very positive outcome.

94.5% of children served with FCSS funds remained in their own homes in SFY 2019.

Number of Families Successfully Completing FCSS Supported Service Coordination

Ohio Family and Children First collects data on the number of families exiting FCFC Service Coordination and the level of successful family goal completion when exiting.

The data submitted from the counties indicated that **80% of the families who exited FCFC Service Coordination were successful in completing the families' goals** that were written into each family's Individualized Family Service Coordination Plan. This is an impressive accomplishment, considering the high level of need of these families when they enter FCFC Service Coordination/High-Fidelity Wraparound. These children are at a high level of risk of out-of-home placement and there is a high level of transiency with many of these families.

The goal results reported for SFY 19, SFY 18, SFY 17 and SFY 16 are compared in the chart below.

	# Families Exiting Service Coordination	# Families Successfully Completing 75-99% of Family Goals	# Families Successfully Completing 100% of Family Goals	Total # Families Successfully Completing 75-100% of Family Goals
SFY 19 Number of Families Exiting	1393	578	537	1115
SFY 19 % of Total Families Exiting	100%	41.5%	38.5%	80.0%
SFY 18 Number of Families Exiting	1436	586	580	1166
SFY 18 % of Total Families Exiting	100%	40.8%	40.4%	81.2%
SFY 17 Number of Families Exiting	1515	747	655	1402
SFY 17 % of Total Families Exiting	100%	49.3%	43.2%	92.5%
SFY 16 Number of Families Exiting	1448	704	635	1339
SFY 16 % of Total Families Exiting	100%	48.6%	43.9%	92.5%

Conclusion

This summary of the use of the FCSS funding indicates that using the FCFC Service Coordination Process combined with the FCSS funding is leading to a cost-effective method of obtaining better outcomes for the children and families being served. 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” youth, or youth with one specific system need. The power of this type of service coordination with the support of FCSS funds is the opportunity for families to creatively design integrated family service plans with trusted and unique teams.

This summary provides a snapshot of how the FCSS funds were used by counties during SFY 2019 and compares the data collected to FCSS data collected in previous fiscal years. It should be noted 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 families and children for whom FCSS funds were used. FCFCs may use other available local funding to provide services and supports needed and to support the FCFC Service Coordination Process. In addition, services and supports needed by children and families may not meet the criteria for use of the FCSS funds. Often, the FCFC Service Coordination/High-Fidelity Wraparound teams find community resources that are donated or have no cost associated with them. The FCSS funds are not used unless other resources are 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 unique family needs.