



Ohio Family and Children First SFY 2019 FCSS Semi-Annual Report Summary April 2019

In SFY 2019, Family-Centered Services and Supports (FCSS) funds were designated through the Ohio Department of Mental Health and Addiction 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 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 (FCFC) 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 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 <https://www.fcf.ohio.gov/Initiatives/System-of-Care-FCSS>

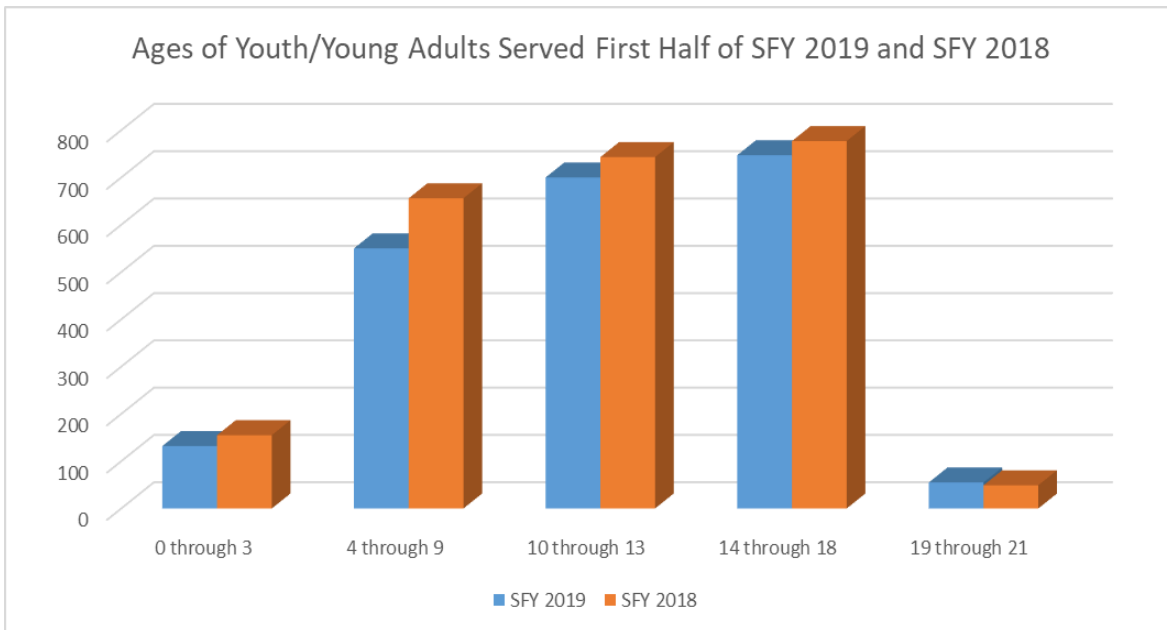
The 88 county FCFCs requesting FCSS funding were required to submit a SFY 19 Semi-Annual Report by February 1, 2019. The following is a brief summary of the information provided in the **87 submitted county FCSS Semi-Annual Reports**.

Total Number and Ages of Children Served

The total number of children served between the ages of 0-21 during the first half of SFY19 was **2,184**. This is **196 less children than were served during the first half of SFY18 (2,380)**.

The **14 through 18-year-old age group (747 children) is the largest age group** of youth being served through FCFC Service Coordination with FCSS funds. The age range of 10 through 13 was the second highest (700) and the age range of 4 through 9 was the third highest (550). There were more youth served in the 19 through 21-year-old age range than in the first half of SFY 18 (55).

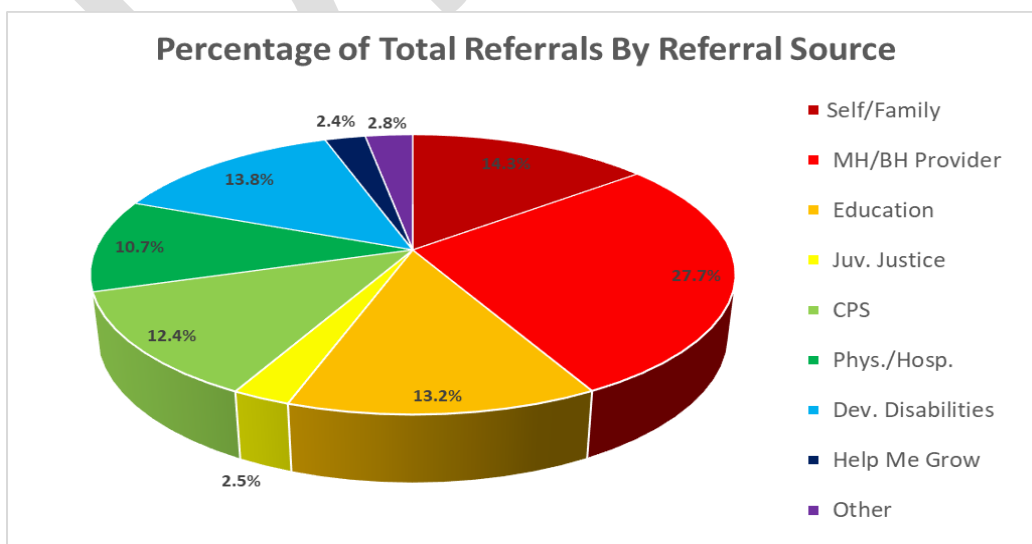
The graph and table below show a comparison of the number of children served in the first six months of SFY19 and SFY 18 in each age group and the percent of the total children served in each age group.



Ages of Children	0 - 3	4 - 9	10 - 13	14 - 18	19 - 21	Total
SFY 19	132	550	700	747	55	2184
Percent of Total in Age Group	6.0%	25.2%	32.1%	34.2%	2.5%	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 will be yet another indicator identifying the presenting needs of youth as they enter FCFC Service Coordination/Wraparound. We tracked this data across the eight most recent 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(ren) and the child’s family. The **total number of families served in the first 6 months of SFY 19 was 1,831 compared to 1,869 families served in the first half of SFY 18.**

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 service coordination process.

- There were **5,785 identified needs** (average 2.65 needs per child) during the first half of SFY 19. The total needs are higher than the 5,199 needs identified in the first half of SFY 18, and the average needs per child are up from the average of 2.18 per child.
- The top three categories of needs identified for the past six fiscal years, including the first half of SFY 19, have consistently been **Mental Health (66.2% of children had this identified need), Special Education (41.1%) and Poverty (35.2%)**. When combined, these three categories account for 3,113 of the needs identified, or 53.8% of the total identified needs in 13 categories.
- Beginning in SFY 2014, counties were asked to track how many children presented with a need for supports specific to those on the Autism Spectrum. This need was identified in 14.0% of the children/youth (305), which is an increase from the first half of SFY 18.

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

Category of Service/Support Need	Number of Children Presenting with this Need at Intake-SFY19	Percent of children with this Need SFY19	Percent of Children with this Need SFY18	Percent of Children with this Need SFY17	Percent of Children with this Need SFY16	Percent of Children with this Need SFY15	Percent of Children with this Need SFY14
Mental Health	1446	66.2%	60.5%	59.7%	57.9%	57.5%	56%
Special Education	898	41.1%	37.6%	40.7%	43.7%	39.4%	42%
Poverty	769	35.2%	37.6%	48.8%	48.6%	45.5%	50.3%
Developmental Disability	633	29%	24.5%	26.1%	25.5%	24%	24.8%
Unruly	500	22.9%	17.7%	20.3%	21%	20.1%	18.3%
Autism	305	14%	12.5%	13%	15.2%	11%	10.8%
Child Neglect	253	11.6%	11.5%	11.5%	15%	14%	12.7%
Delinquent	231	10.6%	8%	11.1%	11.6%	11.2%	12%
Physical Health	206	9.4%	8.5%	10.2%	11.8%	12.5%	11.6%
Child Abuse	185	8.5%	7.9%	9.9%	10.5%	10.2%	9.5%
Alcohol/Drug	169	7.7%	6.6%	8.2%	7.4%	7.6%	8.3%
No Primary Care Physician	125	5.7%	6.6%	3.8%	9.8%	3.5%	5.4%
Help Me Grow	65	3%	3.5%	4.4%	5.3%	4.6%	6.1%
Total Needs	5,785						

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 categories of services were more clearly defined and the way the services/supports are to be counted was more clearly explained in preparation for SFY 13 reporting. Therefore, three years of data have been included for this part of the summary report to assure valid comparisons.

The **total number of various types of services/supports** provided with FCSS funds during the first half of SFY 19 was **3,050**, which is a decrease from the first half of SFY 18 (3,625).

- **Service coordination accounted for 41% 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.
 - 59 counties (67%) reported using FCSS funds to assist in the support of service coordination and to provide other services and supports for families in service coordination.
 - 27 counties (31%) 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.
 - 12 counties (14%) used their total FCSS allocations to assist in the support of the service coordination process.
 - 2 counties (2%) reported not spending any of its allocation during the first 6 months of SFY 19.

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

Type of Service/Support Provided	Number/Percent of Families Receiving Service/Support (1st half of SFY 19)	Percent of total services and supports provided in 1st half SFY 19	Percent of Families Receiving Service/Support (1st half of SFY 18)	Percent of total services and supports provided in 1st half SFY 18	Percent of Families Receiving Service/Support (1st half of SFY17)	Percent of total services and supports provided 1st half SFY17
Service Coordination	1243/ (67.9%)	40.8%	66.2%	34.2%	63.7%	28.6%
Social/Recreational Supports	423/ (23.1%)	13.9%	35.1%	18.1%	37.1%	16.7%
Respite	335/ (18.3%)	11%	25.7%	13.3%	24.2%	10.8%
Transportation	322/ (17.6%)	10.6%	17.9%	9.2%	27.1%	9.2%
Structured activities to improve family functioning	188/ (10.3%)	6.2%	15%	7.9%	18%	8.1%
Non-clinical in-home parenting/coaching	128/ (7%)	4.2%	8.1%	4.2%	10.9%	4.9%
Mentoring	135/ (7.4%)	4.4%	8.7%	4.5%	12.6%	5.6%
Parent Education	66/ (3.6%)	2.2%	4.1%	2.1%	9.3%	4.1%
Parent Advocacy	92/ (5%)	3%	6.4%	3.3%	8.3%	3.7%
Safety and Adaptive Equipment	91/ (5%)	3%	5.5%	2.8%	7.2%	3.2%
Youth/Young Adult	3/ (0.2%)	0.1%	0.1%	0.1%	0.8%	0.3%

Peer Support (new category)						
Non-clinical Parent Support Groups	21/ (1.1%)	0.7%	0.3%	0.2%	1.6%	0.7%
Other	3/ (0.2%)	0.1%	0.4%	0.2%	1.6%	0.4%
Total	3050	100%	-----	100%	-----	100%

Number of Children/Families connected to a primary care physician during Service Coordination

Beginning in SFY 13, families entering FCFC Service Coordination were asked if they and/or their children have a primary care physician. The families of those children without a primary care physician have the opportunity to be connected to a primary care physician. In the first half of SFY 19 there were 44 children identified during the intake process who did not have a primary care physician. This is 28 less than in the first half of SFY 18 (72). Perhaps this is indication that multi-system families are being connected to primary care earlier and at a much higher rate than in previous years. Of the 44 total children in SFY 19 that were identified to be without a primary care physician, 37 were connected to a primary care physician during the service coordination process. No FCSS funds were used to provide medical services. The benefit for the families is to be connected to a primary care physician through the service coordination process with the goal of better integrating physical and behavioral health.

Conclusion

This summary provides a snapshot of how the FCSS funds were used by counties during the first half of SFY 19. 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 used 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.

The significant decrease in the number of youth and families served in the first half of SFY 2019, can be attributed to an increase in the number of identified needs per youth served, alternate/additional state funding available for multi-system youth, and the delay in the release of FCSS funding from the state. In many counties, services are not able to be provided until a notice of award is received that guarantees the receipt of funding along with the amount of funding that is to be allocated to the county.

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 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 required SFY 19 FCSS Annual Report is due in August 2019. The Annual Report will contain additional information about the family goal attainment success rate and the numbers of children placed out of home while being served through FCFC Service Coordination and supported with FCSS funding.

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