

**GREENE COUNTY FAMILY & CHILDREN FIRST**  
**PROGRAM REPORT – DISTRIBUTED JANUARY 2010**

**OCTF CHILD ABUSE AND NEGLECT PREVENTION – Sue Giga – 937-562-5600**

The FCFC is funding CORS to provide Parents as Teachers programming through home visits. Programming is provided by Joni Spencer. CORS reports that referrals are up and some families are able to be moved to a less frequent schedule. CORS continues to work closely with CSB's Alternate Response Program to identify and recruit parents. A new brochure is being developed to describe the program. I have met with Wayne Floyd to discuss outcome tracking in the current SFY. For additional program information, please contact Wayne Floyd at CORS ([wfloyd@councilonruralservices.org](mailto:wfloyd@councilonruralservices.org)).

**BELLBROOK-SUGARCREEK FAMILY RESOURCE CENTER – Susan Lopez – 937-848-3810**

Kids' Club was held twice at Bayberry with an average 23 attendees. Participants had a Thanksgiving celebration feast this month. Homework help continued with an average of 5 students attending each session. The Partnership for Success group met and held their third Coffee House which was enjoyed by all who attended. The group is planning to help at the Family Resource Center and participate in the Christmas Kindness program. Pride Club met and discussed living a drug, alcohol and tobacco free life, and planned for upcoming events. The Ministerial Food Pantry served 20 families in November – 33 adults and 37 children for a total of 70 individuals. Fifty-six (56) FRC families received Thanksgiving Assistance through center coordination.

Staff attended Linkage, participated with the local Chamber, and was guest speaker at the Lioness Club meeting. Coordination for the Holiday Programs continued this month. The center's Local Advisory Group met. Twelve volunteers showed up for a newly instituted monthly volunteer day at the center. Volunteers helped sort and stock in the food pantry and prepared the programming room for the Christmas Kindness program. Staff volunteered with the Health Department at Greene County's H1N1 immunization center as well as participated in the voluntary furlough program.

**JAMESTOWN FAMILY RESOURCE CENTER-Debbi Custer – 937-675-2697**

November food requests were at the usual high levels, due to Thanksgiving, but not much different from previous years around holiday time. December started out looking like a heavy month for food requests, but it's too soon to tell if it will be a record breaker. Requests for assistance with rent (mostly to avoid eviction), electric, gas and water remain at a higher level. The local food pantry is still struggling to keep up with the demand for food with donations down significantly from previous years. We usually see an increase in food donations near the holidays, but not so far this year. The center assisted 30 families with Thanksgiving dinner this year. People within the center's service area and some outside the area are still contacting the center in the hope of finding Christmas assistance. The center continues to try and give them as many referrals as possible. Our Toys for Tots distribution day will be Monday, December 21<sup>st</sup> from 8:00 a.m. to 9:00 p.m. at the Jamestown Church of Christ. The center continues to work with area churches that are considering either having a community holiday meal or assisting with food baskets, vouchers or gift cards. The Jamestown United Methodist church will have a free community meal on December 16<sup>th</sup> and will also have a clothing "Swap Shop" the same day as the community meal. The center's after school Fun and Games Club continues with a regular schedule of boys club on Wednesdays and the new girls club on Tuesdays. The kids from both clubs will be having a

Supervised New Year's Eve party with food and games at the center.

The J.T. Band has begun their annual holiday music performances at local nursing homes, senior centers, churches and civic groups. Their last holiday performance will be Sunday, December 20<sup>th</sup> at the annual Jamestown Lions Club party for the residents of the Jamestown Liberty Nursing Home. The group loves having the opportunity to give the gift of music.

**FAMILY STABILITY AND SHARED YOUTH PLACEMENT – Renee Lammers – 937-562-5607**

**Family Stability/FCSS**

There were five cluster meetings in November and two in December. This is down significantly from previous months likely due to lack of funding for placements and the earlier uncertainty of FCSS dollars. Due to the change over from FAST to FCSS the service coordination mechanism is being updated. Procedures will also be updated to reflect the direction that OFCF is taking toward implementing high-fidelity wrap-around state wide.

The initial FCSS allocation has been received. The above-mentioned service coordination mechanism will hopefully facilitate maximum usage of these funds for service coordination.

Respite funding policies and procedures also continue to be ironed out with the County attorney's office.

**Shared Youth Placements**

There are currently six youth in shared funded youth placements. This is one more than the previous reporting period due to an additional youth moving to residential level of care in December.

There are two of these youth recommended for step-down to less restrictive environments; one to a group home setting or therapeutic foster care if an appropriate home can be identified, and the second to therapeutic foster care.

There are currently 22 youth being monitored by the placement review committee. 18 of these youth are in residential treatment level of care. On-site utilization reviews have been completed on 17 of these youth since CSB requested these reviews in late October. The goal is to complete these on-site reviews at least once every 60 days.

**HELP ME GROW – Pam Hamer – 937-562-5611**

Help Me Grow has been participating in compliance reviews for IFSP's completed within 45 days, Specialized Services being received within 30 days of a signed IFSP (Timely Receipt of Services) and Transition to other programs within 90 days of the child's 3<sup>rd</sup> birthday. Help Me Grow and its providers have received 100% compliance in the areas of IFSP and Timely Receipt of Services. Congratulations to everyone's hard work. Transition compliance is still being analyzed and we should receive a report by the end of the month. Help Me Grow has also received a good report on the Help Me Grow Self Assessment.

Help Me Grow has a new contract with the Greene County Combined Health District to provide Part C Service Coordination to Part C eligible children. Beth Player has been the designated person to provide this service. We are very excited to have her on board. This position is being funded with Part C Stimulus.

The Center for Early Childhood is in the planning stages. Help Me Grow will move under the Ohio Department of Education instead of the Ohio Department of Health once

everything is completed. More information regarding the Center can be found at [www.build-ohio.org](http://www.build-ohio.org).

As of December 1, 2009, Help Me Grow is currently serving 378 (261 Part C & 117 At-Risk) kids in ongoing services.

**HB289- Sue Giga – 937-562-5600**

I have met with all of the organizations involved in HB289 strategies and everything is progressing as planned. We will meet again in the Spring to organize our approach to the end-of-year plan and SFY11 application. For more information, contact Sue at the FCF office.

**INCREDIBLE YEARS – Sue Giga – 937-562-5600**

The Incredible Years Program is finally getting started! The contract has been signed and Pam and Ginger completed training in December. Based on the purchase order date, spending could start on November 16<sup>th</sup>. We have developed tracking forms and processes for all required data collection needs (e.g., process, outcome, etc.) We hope to get the first class started in January/February. The program is for Fairborn families with children 3 to 6. We need referrals so please share with your staffs and help us locate eligible families. The program is free! Please contact Pam or Ginger, at the FCF office, for more information.