

**GREENE COUNTY FAMILY AND CHILDREN FIRST
PROGRAM REPORT**

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OCTF CHILD ABUSE AND NEGLECT PREVENTION – Sue Giga – 937-562-5609

OCTF spoke to the OFCFC Association on August 26th. They are making some changes that should help avoid the late funding notifications that have existed for many years. In addition, they are simplifying the application process for counties planning to use certain evidence-based programs (e.g., Parents as Teachers). These changes should make life a little easier both for our office and for the provider agency. OCTF has also been working with Jerry Bean to develop a scan-able version of the Protective Factors Survey that we are required to collect from parent participants. This will help us summarize/track local results. OCTF will be hosting some trainings on these topics in the near future. I will be meeting with CORS staff (Wayne and the new PAT parent educator, Libby Powers) in the near future.

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

The Resource Center's Kids' Club was held eleven (11) times in July by FRC staff & volunteers at Bayberry. Three Kids' Club activities were *girls only*; a recycling and reuse program was presented in collaboration with Girl Scout Council staff. The summer feeding program served 307 meals to youth this month with the assistance of local churches and community members. An average of 19 youth attended each lunch session. This is up 25% from last year's average attendance. A problem with a parent developed at Kids' Club which was quickly stopped through collaborating with Bayberry apartment management, office manager, Sugarcreek Township police, and notification to parents. Triple D, a subgroup of PfS, met during this month planning and continuing work on a PSA against Prescription Drug Abuse. Staff began working with Bellbrook Sugarcreek School staff and center volunteers to begin a fall etiquette & nutrition club that will be held at Bellbrook Middle School (BMS). This idea was brought to the center and BMS by volunteers who assisted in the FRC Kids' Club etiquette program.

The ministerial food pantry served 18 families in July (66 family members – 30 adults, 36 children). Some center clients and volunteers have taken an avid interest in the new Coupon Savings program and one reported saving over \$80 by using the tips and coupons collected at the center. Final coordination and preparations were made for the backpack/school supply and clothing assistance programs for area students. Staff is happy to report that the center continues to receive tremendous support from volunteers. Volunteers support the center weekly: In the Ministerial Food Pantry & various areas of the center, picking up donations at Panera & Kroger, and with youth activities. Volunteers also help with special programs, on an on-call basis, & during monthly volunteer opportunities. Staff attended GCCHD Drug Free Coalition and continued participation in the Bellbrook-Sugarcreek Chamber. Advanced Dentistry of Dayton opened an office in Sugarcreek and picked the Resource Center as its charity of choice. The City of Bellbrook Council organized a fundraising event that was held a BW3's. Staff supported FCFD in the *Super Summer Soup Cook-Off* and provided prizes to GCCHD for their Summer Fitness Challenge. Staff continues partnership with Hannah's Treasure Chest and would like to thank Bellbrook Presbyterian church members for the Greene County families and infants they served in their Beds for Babies program. Due to the change in crib regulation and advancing age of volunteers, this program ended July 30.

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

August food pantry activity remained high, but was less than June & July. Perishable food voucher requests continue to be high. Because of this, the local ministerial association is limiting the number of vouchers issued to each household per year. Unless there are special circumstances, each household can only expect to receive two perishable food vouchers per year. Local food pantry donations are still trickling in, but the pantry is often out of many items that were regularly available in the past. Requests for assistance with school clothes, shoes and supplies have increased in comparison to past years. The center also experienced an increase in requests for assistance with eye exams and glasses. The center has Lions Club application forms available, for Greeneview area families in need of assistance with their sight. All other areas of assistance requests have remained high. Employment opportunities are still limited for local residents and the cost of driving to work has had a negative impact on local families. The monthly Hope Foundation food distribution (on the 2nd Saturday of each month) continues, with the next food distribution on Saturday, September 10th at the Jamestown United Methodist Church. The program will be going paperless, beginning in October, and each head of household will receive a card with a magnetic strip, to be swiped through a computer system on distribution day. The Methodist Church took a short break from the free monthly community meals, but will be offering it again on Wednesday, September 28th from 6:00-7:00 p.m. The free summer youth program went very well in June and was negatively affected by high temperatures and construction in July. The construction made the main road to the program impassable. The only way to get there was to go out of town and take the bypass to and from the program site. The weekly after-school kids clubs will resume on September 12th for boys (every Monday) and September 13th (every Tuesday) for girls.

The J.T. Band has begun to practice again and is getting ready to perform at the annual Lions Club Bean Festival on Saturday, September 17th. The group would like to add additional musicians in all areas of instrumentation (clarinet, flute, trumpet, tuba, trombone, French horn, etc.) Musicians do not have to be residents of the Greeneview area to join. Any musicians, living in Greene County area, can participate. Those interested in joining the group or booking a performance, may contact the resource center at 675-2697. Practices will be held inside the center office.

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

Family Stability/FCSS

There was a slight downward change to the amount of FCSS funds spent in SFY 2011. There is a \$572.00 refund due from the Xenia YMCA for a family that did not follow through on services. Due to this change the previously reported figure of 99.6% of available funds spent was amended to 98% of available funds were accessed. This did not have an impact on the reported numbers of families and children served as this family had been served in other ways earlier in the year.

FCSS funds for SFY 2012 have not yet been received. We've been told to expect the notice of sub-award (NOSA) around the end of August. There are several families waiting for these funds to access respite care.

There are eight team meetings in August. This is twice the number of July, which is a typical fluctuation. Mid-summer tends to be slower time for requests, but as we get into the new school year, requests for team meetings tend to increase.

Shared Youth Placements

There are currently two youth in shared funded placements, a third youth was discharged in August. One of the two remaining youths is expected to return to the family home in September, as soon as support services can be arranged. There are currently seven youth, including single-system funded youth being reviewed by the placement review team. In addition there have reportedly been two youth placed by Juvenile court into the ARCH program, a short term residential treatment program operated by Kettering Health Network and fully Medicaid funded.

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

Information not available - pending budget approval for HMG Subsidy Agreement. Report will be distributed at the meeting.

OCBF ALLOCATION & SHARED PLAN

The OCBF SFY12 Application and Shared Plan was submitted the first week in August, after the full council's approval. We have not received official word about the review but do not expect any problems. FCSS funding, which is contingent upon the application and plan, are expected to be released very soon. I will be calling together the teams that have agreed to work on each priority, probably in October.