

Trumbull County Family & Children First Council

“Pearls of Wisdom”

Pearls are associated with **emotional balance** and **inner peace**. They embody transformation, turning irritation into **beauty** and they represent **wisdom** gained through experience.

Pearls represent the best within us.

ANNUAL REPORT FOR 2024

CELEBRATING 30 YEARS OF PROVIDING
SERVICES TO FAMILIES IN TRUMBULL COUNTY

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ANNIVERSARY 1995-2025

DIRECTOR'S STATEMENT

On February 9, 1995 the Trumbull County Commissioners issued a proclamation creating the Trumbull County Family & Children First Council (FCFC). Thirty years later we are celebrating three decades of continuing to ensure that families and children in our community have access to programs and services to improve their daily lives!

Council provides a venue for family and child-serving providers to collaborate, identify challenges, share information and formulate practical solutions to eliminate barriers to care for families and youth.

Trumbull County Family & Children First Council sponsors or participates in many programs and projects that benefit the community including High-Fidelity Wraparound, Countywide Orientation, Early Childhood Coordinating Committee and Trauma Informed Care which is now the ECHO (Empowering Communities with Hope and Opportunities) Collaborative.

Additionally, Council is involved in a variety of other initiatives including Voices of Youth, It Suits You, Kindergarten Transition, Candyland Lane, and kinship support. We partnered with the Mahoning County Family & Children First Council and received funding from Ohio Mental Health and Addiction Services (OHMAS) to provide respite events for youth in our communities with developmental delays, disabilities and/or behavioral health needs.

Other projects include participation in the observances of World AIDS Day and Denim Day. We initiated the World AIDS Day event four years ago to provide awareness and education about HIV and AIDS after learning that a number of African American young men in our community, all under the age of 24, were testing positive for HIV. Our observance of Denim Day is in support of sexual assault survivors and is part of our SAAVE Coalition (Survivor Awareness and Voices of Empowerment) formerly the Trumbull County Domestic Violence Task Force which is also now an initiative of FCFC.

Council was integral in the formation of the local Communities of Support Network, an inclusive interagency group formed to ensure the successful rollout of OhioRISE in our community. The Communities of Support grant has provided an opportunity for amazing collaboration! Monthly meetings include leaders from a variety of our key provider agencies and every seat at the table is filled. This truly is the power of community and collaboration - all of our agency's working together for the good of our families and youth.

The Trumbull County Family & Children First Council currently consists of approximately forty member agencies and organizations, including parent/family representatives, who meet every other month. Meetings are open to the public and visitors are welcome! An Executive Board meets monthly to make business decisions and offer guidance to the Council. We appreciate the Trumbull County Mental Health and Recovery Board who serves as our fiscal and administrative agent.

I invite you to visit Council's website at www.familyfirsttrumbull.org. We also have a Facebook and Instagram.

Please don't hesitate to direct questions about our FCFC to me. I can be reached at 330-675-2765, ext. 109 or bwilson@trumbullmhrb.org

We are grateful for 30 years of service and look forward to serving our amazing community for many years to come!

Sincerely,

Bonnie

BONNIE WILSON

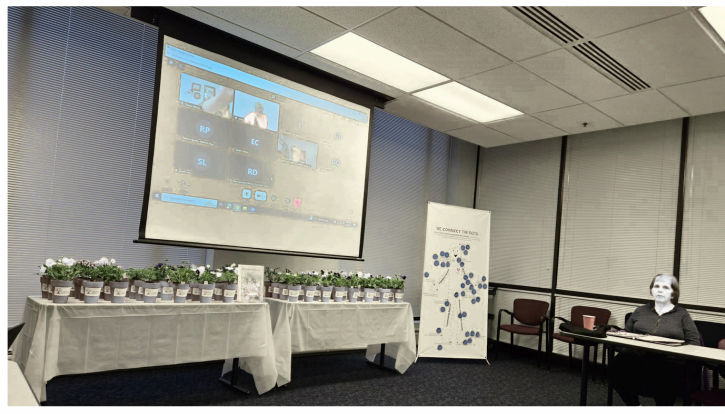
Director

*"Aim for the stars.
You may not
reach them but
you'll get further
than if you never
aimed at all!"*
-Bonnie

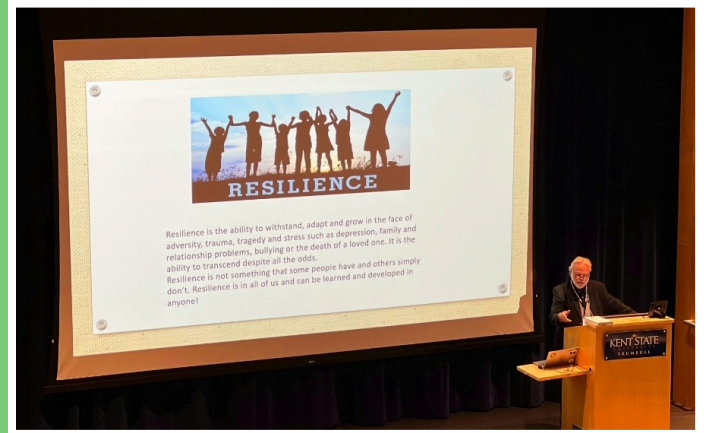
*"Once you choose
hope, anything is
possible."*
~ Christopher Reeve

Maria Spencer

Annual Meeting



TIC Resiliency Summit



Countywide Orientation



Denim Day



Domestic Violence Awareness



World AIDS Day





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Executive Board

Chair, Matt Kresic
CEO
Cadence Care Network

April Caraway
Executive Director
Trumbull County Mental Health Recovery Board
Administrative/Fiscal Agent for FCFC

Judy Valenti
Parent/Family Representative

Michelle Tul
Director of Pupil Services
Trumbull County Educational Service
Center

Stacy Ziska
Administrator
Trumbull County Family Court

Edward Stark
Superintendent
Trumbull County Board of Developmental
Disabilities

Vice Chair, Jill Merolla
Supervisor of Community Outreach
and Grant Development
Warren City School District

Tamara Ware
Parent/Family Representative

Marilyn Pape
Executive Director
Trumbull County Children Services (joined 1/24)

Immediate Past Chair, Tim Schaffner
Executive Director
Trumbull County Children Services (resigned 12/23)

Attorney John Gargano
Director
Trumbull County Jobs and Family Services

Frank Migliozi
Health Commissioner
Trumbull County Combined Health District

Bonnie Wilson
Director
Trumbull County Family & Children First Council

*"For evil to succeed all it
needs is for good men,
and women, to do
nothing."
~MLK*

April Caraway

*"Hard work is necessary to
accomplish anything
worthwhile."*

Jill Merolla

Article VII - Executive Board

The Executive Board shall include the Chairperson, Vice-Chairperson, Immediate Past Chairperson and the Administrative Agent. Additional members of the Executive Board may include:

- Executive Director, Trumbull County Children Services Board
- Superintendent, Trumbull County Board Developmental Disabilities
- Executive Director, Trumbull County Mental Health and Recovery Board
- Superintendent, Warren City Schools or designee
- Superintendent representing all other school systems in the county, or designee
- Representative from Family Court
- Director, Trumbull County Department of Job and Family Services
- Health Commissioner, Trumbull County Combined Health District, or designee
- Representative of the Associate Members, selected by his/her peers
- Representative(s) of the Family/Parent Representatives, selected by his/her peers

Every two years, the Council's Family/Parent Representatives shall select from among themselves one to two representatives to serve on the Executive Board. If employed by an agency represented on Council, a Parent/Family Representative cannot serve on the Executive Board.

Every two years, the Associate Members shall select from among themselves a representative who meets the criteria to serve on the Executive Board.

The Executive Board of Council shall provide oversight and monitoring of all programs and services under the auspices of the Council, in consultation with the Administrative Agent.

The Executive Board shall have and exercise all powers of the Council in the conduct of Council business and affairs.

*"Always be mindful that
tomorrow will ask you,
what you did today - Be
prepared"*

Matt Kresic



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The Trumbull County Family & Children First Council currently consists of approximately forty member agencies and organizations including Mandated Members, Associate Members and Parent/Family Representatives, who meet every other month, on even numbered months, to share information, talk about creative solutions to community concerns and learn about services that are available. Meetings are open to the public and visitors are welcome.

Council Members

- Alta Care Group, Inc.
- Belmont Pines Hospital
- Big Brothers Big Sisters
- Cadence Care Network
- Coleman Health Services
- COMPASS Family & Community Services
- **Direction Home**
- Early Childhood Resource Center
- Easter Seals of the Mahoning Valley
- Emmanuel Community Care Center
- Help Network of Northeast Ohio
- **Helms Foundation**
- I am Boundless
- Meridian Health Care
- NOAS
- Ohio Department of Youth Services
- One Health Ohio
- OSU Extension Trumbull County
- Potential Development School for Autism
- PsyCare, Inc.
- Someplace Safe & Solace Center
- Trumbull Community Action Program
- Trumbull County Board of DD
- Trumbull County Children Services
- Trumbull County Combined Health District
- Trumbull County Commissioners
- Tr. County Dept. of Job and Family Services
- Trumbull County Educational Service Center
- Trumbull County Family Court
- Trumbull County Mental Health & Recovery Board
- Trumbull Metropolitan Housing Authority
- United Way of Trumbull County
- Valley Counseling Services
- Warren City Health District
- Warren-Trumbull County Public Library
- Western Reserve Independent Living Center

NEW MEMBERS IN GREEN



Parent Representatives

- Amy Frederick
- Judy Valenti
- Itarah Godbolt
- Tamara Ware
- Teaza Ingram

"Know that you can learn from everyone."

~Tao Porchon-Lynch

Shannon Harnichar

"Think before you speak, especially when angry"

Ruth Griffis

"This too shall pass"

Amy Shannon

Wraparound Program SFY 2024 Data Sharing Report

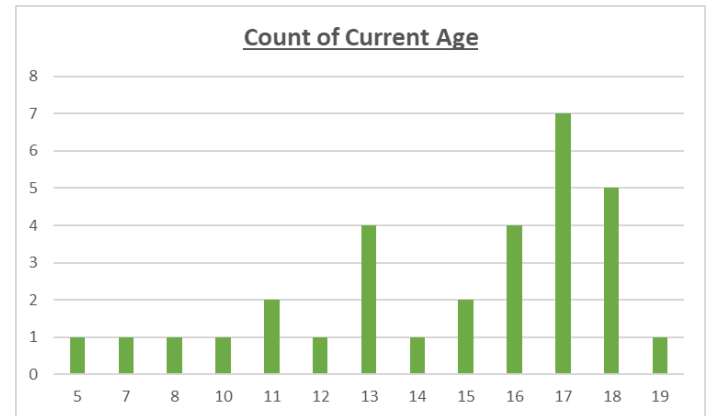
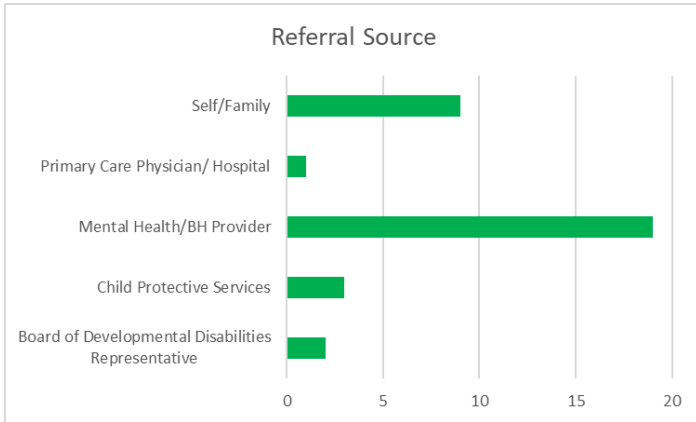
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11 NEW FAMILIES REFERRED
22 CASES CLOSED

GENDER

FEMALE	MALE
48%	52%

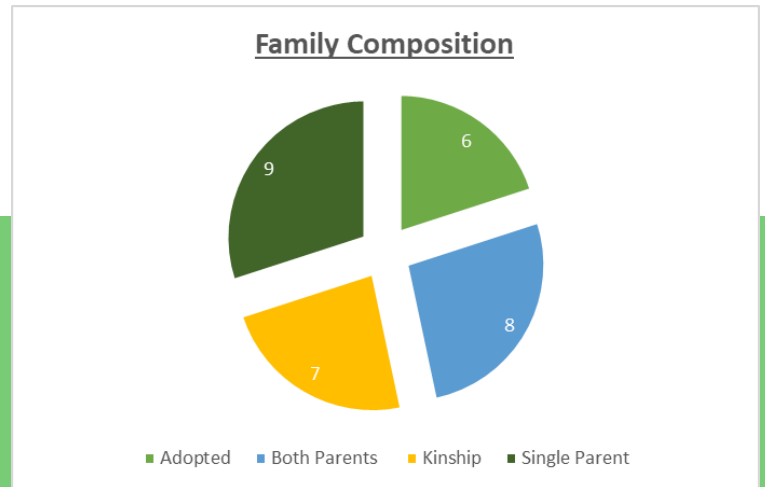
RACE

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10%	10%	80%



Top 5 Diagnosis for Children Served in FY2024

- Attention Deficit Disorder
- Autism
- Anxiety Disorders
- Oppositional Defiance Disorder
- Disruptive Mood Dysregulation Disorder

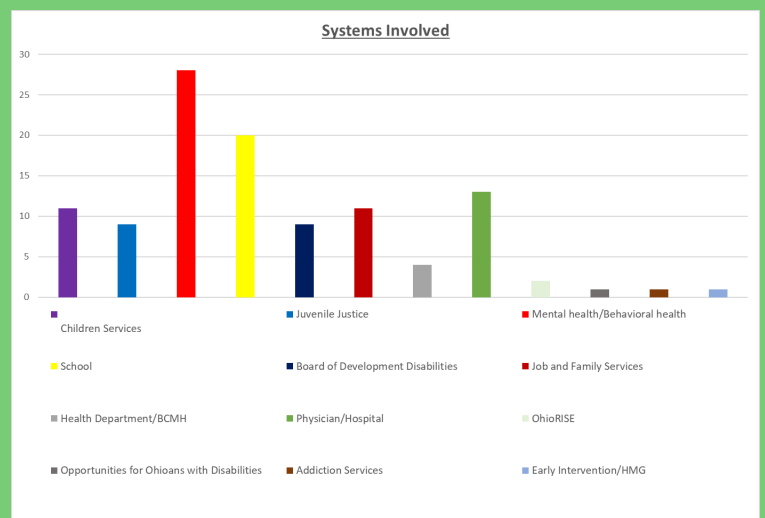


In FY24 we worked with 13 youth who were placed in residential treatment facilities. Those included:

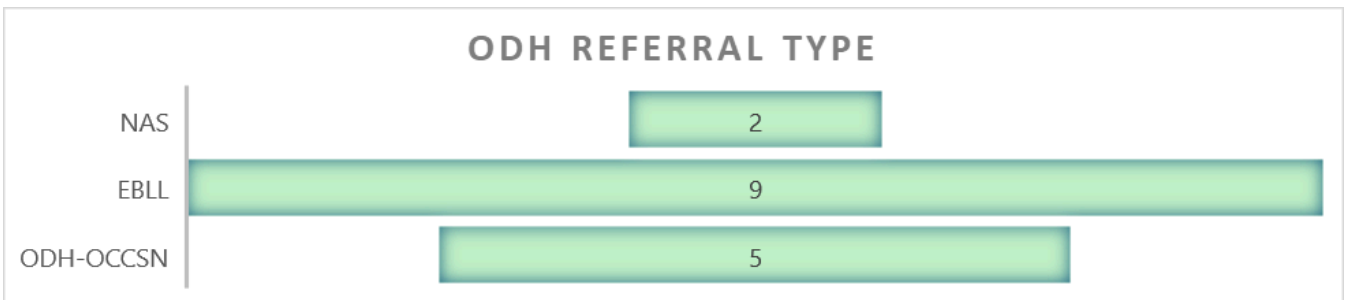
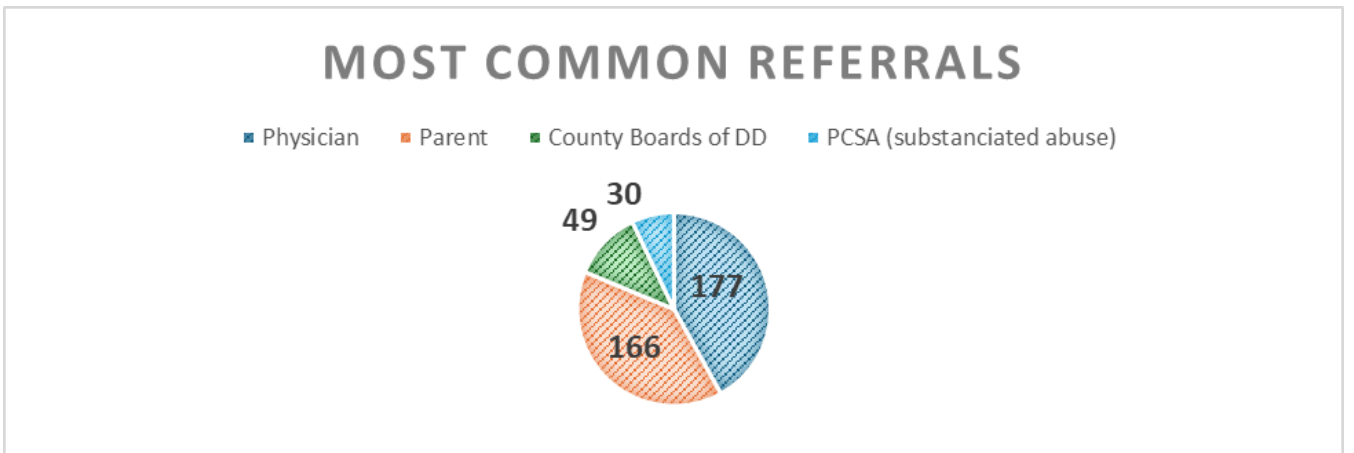
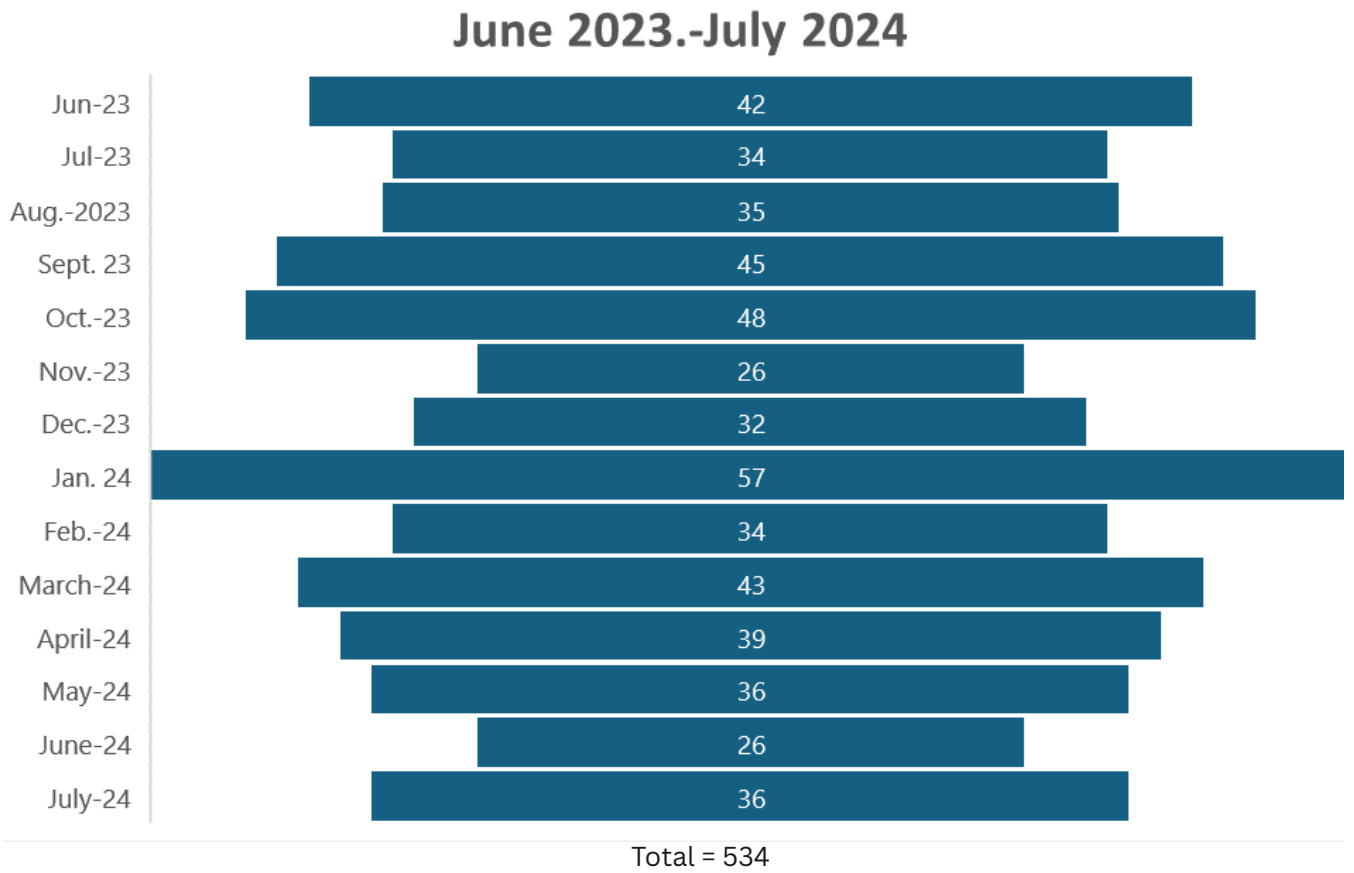
- All for You
- Abraxas
- Belmont Pines Hospital
- Boundless
- Safely Home
- Safe House
- Sisters Who Care
- Village Network
- Youth Intensive Services

We spent \$439,055.48 from our Pooled Fund.
 Other expenses covered by our Pooled Fund included:

- Prescription Help
- Drum Lessons
- Driving Lessons
- Homecoming
- Prom



EARLY INTERVENTION DATA JUNE 2023-JULY 2024





Every major anniversary is recognized with something of value, typically a gem. A pearl is used to recognize a 30-year anniversary. As our Trumbull County Family & Children First Council celebrates its 30-year anniversary, we invited our members to share “**Pearls of Wisdom**”. Wisdom is that rare ability to take in knowledge and then impart it. “**Pearls of Wisdom**” can be used to guide decisions and improve quality of life. “**Pearls of Wisdom**” can be a wise word or a statement. They can be found in books, in the Bible, and in everyday speech.

Some Pearls of Wisdom include things like:

"Never stop learning"

"Be patient"

"Work hard and be humble"

"Love wholeheartedly"

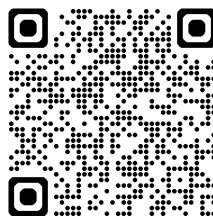
"Find your mission and your passion"

"Dream big and act boldly"

"Go after the problems you see in the world"

"Be relentless"

That’s why we thought it appropriate, as we mark our 30th Anniversary, to ask our Council members to share their “**Pearl of Wisdom**” which you will see throughout this Annual Report.



Scan the QR Code above to learn more about the Family & Children First Council or visit our website

<http://familyfirsttrumbull.org/index.html>