



Acronyms and Terminology

The following acronyms and words are often used in Family and Children First work.

ADAMH	<p>Alcohol and Drug Abuse Mental Health Local board that oversees programs addressing alcohol, drug, and mental health services.</p>
CAO	<p>Community Action Organization/CAC/Community Action Council A private, non-profit community agency that manages federally and state funded programs like: Home Energy Assistance Program (HEAP), Head Start, Job Training Partnership Act (JTPA), etc.</p>
CPS	<p>Child Protective Services A division within the county Department of Job and Family Services responsible for receiving referrals and investigating incidents of child abuse and neglect (each county will have a Children Service(s) Board or CPS)</p>
CSB	<p>Children Service Board The county agency independent of the county Department of Job and Family Services, responsible for receiving referrals and investigating incidents of child abuse and neglect (Each County will have a CSB or CPS).</p>
CSEA	<p>(County) Child Support Enforcement Agency County agency responsible for overseeing court ordered child support and for establishing paternity for TANF and other eligible individuals.</p>
ECCC	<p>Early Childhood Coordinating Committee A standing committee of county FCFC that assists in the design, coordination and implementation of the county Help Me Grow program.</p>
FCFC	<p>Family and Children First Council Local councils that promote coordination and collaboration among local governmental social service agencies, non-profit organizations, business and families for the benefit of Ohio's families and children. They review and sort existing programs in the county; retool existing programs so they lead to better results for families and reinforce each other; identify and fill service gaps; develop local service coordination plans for all family and children services, and maintain the accountability system which demonstrates progress on achieving OFCF goals. In other words, the council helps families work with a number of agencies to reach solutions that help children reach their full potential.</p>
FIN	<p>Family Information Network A state-wide system of parent –to- parent networking which provides information and support to families with babies and young children who have developmental challenges or disabilities.</p>
HMG	<p>Help Me Grow Collaboration of the survey systems and supports that strengthen families experiencing problems before they become crises. Services are based on concrete, early interventions delivered through a flexible community- based service mechanism. Participating counties are required to offer services that are for children with disabilities; families under the poverty guidelines; pregnant and new mothers.</p>
IEP	<p>Individual Education Plan A federally- required plan developed by school personnel and family to meet a child's special education needs.</p>

IFSP	<p>Individual Family Service Plan A federally –required plan of services to be directed by a family through Early Intervention (in Ohio known as Help Me Grow Part C).</p>
OBM	<p>Office of Budget and Management OFCF Cabinet Council member that is responsible for preparing the Governor’s Executive budget and the capital budget. Also provides fiscal accounting and budget services to state agencies.</p>
ODADAS	<p>Ohio Department of Alcohol and Drug Addiction Services OFCF Cabinet Council member with the mission to prevent and treat alcohol and drug addiction.</p>
ODE	<p>Ohio Department of Education OFCF Cabinet Council member agency that oversees state education programs. The department’s goal is for all students to reach high levels of academic achievement as they become gainfully employed citizens.</p>
ODH	<p>Ohio Department of Health OFCF Cabinet Council member agency responsible for assuring the health services of Ohioans.</p>
ODJFS	<p>Ohio Department of Job and Family Services OFCF Cabinet Council member agency that is responsible for providing leadership to assure that public assistance, social service and health programs are administered in a manner that recognizes and preserves individual rights, responsibilities and dignity so that families, children and adults are able to restore, maintain or improve their capabilities for self support and family life. The department represents the merger of two former state agencies-Human Services and Employment Services.</p>
ODODD	<p>Ohio Department of Developmental Disabilities OFCF Cabinet Council member agency that oversees programs, services and supports for individuals with developmental disabilities and their families.</p>
ODYS	<p>Ohio Department of Youth Services OFCF Cabinet Council member agency that is responsible for the safe, secure, and humane confinement and parole supervision of all youth offenders committed by Ohio’s 88 juvenile courts.</p>
OFCF	<p>Ohio Family and Children First Promotes coordination and collaboration among state and local governments, non-profit organizations, businesses and families for the benefit of Ohio’s children. This initiative focuses on assuring that children are healthier, have early literacy training to put them on track for being successful in school and abstain from the use of alcohol and other drugs and increasing access to quality preschool and child care, and improving services to aid family stability. This is carried out through Ohio’s 88 county based Family and Children Firsts Councils.</p>
ORSC	<p>Ohio Rehabilitation Services Commission Formerly BVR-Bureau of Vocational Rehabilitation—a state and federally funded program that works in partnership with people with disabilities to assist them to achieve full community participation through employment and independent living opportunities. Currently, a non-statutory member of the OFCF Cabinet Council.</p>
PAC	<p>Parent Advocacy Connection A program funded through Ohio Family and Children First Cabinet Council and administered through the National Alliance on Mental Illness – Ohio (NAMI Ohio). The program provides parent advocates to families who are interested and are receiving service coordination through their county Family and Children First Council.</p>

PCSA	Public Children Service Agency See CSB/CPS
RFP	Request For Proposals/Papers A mechanism for applying for and distributing funds from a grantor (e.g. a state agency) to a grantee (e.g. non-profit).
TANF	Temporary Assistance to Needy Families TANF is the federal welfare reform statute that was approved by congress in the fall of 1996 to give states more flexibility in designing public assistance programs to focus on work first and move welfare recipients into employment. In Ohio, TANF builds on H.B. (House Bill) 167, Ohio's landmark welfare reform legislation approved in July 1995. As under H.B. 167, there is a three-year time limit on cash assistance and an increased emphasis on working with community based organizations.
WIC	Supplemental feeding programs for Women, Infants and Children —provides nutrition education, breast feeding support; and nutritious supplemental foods to eligible children and women.