

KNOX COUNTY FAMILY AND CHILDREN FIRST COUNCIL

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"To promote and facilitate collaboration among community agencies serving children and their families."

Dear Parent:

Thank you for your interest in being considered as a parent representative for the Knox County Family and Children First Council and/or the Early Childhood Coordinating Committee. We appreciate your interest and welcome your submitting an application to join us.

Every other month meetings are held during the day time hours and parents receive a money stipend to attend the meetings to help with child care and transportation costs. The Early Childhood Coordinating Committee meets in the conference room at New Hope Early Education Center, Conference Room 30/31, 11700 Upper Gilchrist Road, Mount Vernon (January, March, May, July, September and November). The Full Council meets also at the Department of Job & Family Services, Third Floor Conference Room, East – A, 117 East High Street, Mount Vernon, from 1:15 to 3:00 p.m. (February, April, June, August, October and December).

Please complete the enclosed application and return to me. I am also emailing to you a Council Fact Sheet.

Please contact me at 397-5721 or omahannjk@hotmail.com if you have questions.

Best regards,

Nancy Kadunc Omahan
Council Coordinator

Parent Representatives Needed for Local Council

The Knox County Family & Children First Council is currently recruiting parent representatives for Council. The Ohio Family & Children First Initiative promotes coordination and collaboration among state and local governments, non-profit organizations, business and families for the benefit of Ohio's families. In an effort to provide family-friendly, efficient, and effective services, family representatives are needed on Council to serve as the parents' voice.

QUALIFICATIONS: A family representative should be receiving or have received services from an agency represented on the local council. The primary role of the family representative is to encourage parents/consumers to become effective at speaking- up for all children and families by working in partnership with public and private agencies. The Council understands that parents are busy supporting their families. We will invite parents to participate in the following activities:

- Attend county, regional, and state meetings; serve on committees;
- Assist in educating the public about Council goals and activities;
- Promote family involvement in designing better services for families;
- Serve as a liaison between the community and the Council;
- Speak up for parents in the community about current issues that impact families such as school levies, child abuse and neglect, quality childcare and early intervention;
- Give updates to Council on family involvement and consumer concerns.
- Empower and educate parents in the community about the importance of nurturing young children;
- Promote parent involvement in solving community concerns by participating in community association meetings, voting in local and state elections, and raising concerns at neighborhood meetings.

For more information about the Family & Children First Council, or to suggest a candidate for the parent representative seats on the Council, please contact Nancy Omahan, Council Coordinator, at 397-5721. A stipend is provided for meeting attendance for those who are not employed by a Council member organization.