

**Application for Parent Representative to
Family & Children First Council and/or Early Childhood Coordinating Committee**

Name: _____ Date: _____

Mailing Address: _____

Home Phone: _____ Cell: _____ Work: _____

Email Address: _____ Age(s) of Child(ren): _____

List Current Place(s) of Employment : _____

My family has/or is currently receiving services from the following agencies:

- The Freedom Center
- American Red Cross
- Behavioral Healthcare Partners of Central Ohio
- Department of Youth Services
- Interchurch Social Services
- Juvenile Court/Probation
- Knox County Board of Developmental Disabilities
- Knox County Community Team
- Knox Co. Dept. of Job & Family Services
- Knox County Educational Service Center
- Knox County Head Start
- Knox County Health Department
- Knox Area Transit (KAT)
- Mental Health & Recovery of Licking and Knox Counties
- Metropolitan Housing Authority
- NAMI of Knox/Licking County Ohio
- New Directions Domestic Abuse Shelter
- OSU Extension
- The Salvation Army of Mount Vernon
- United Way of Knox County
- The Village Network

- City/County Schools: _____
- Local Government: _____

Briefly tell why you think that you would be a good Parent Representative:

Please note: Parent Representatives cannot be employed by any of the agencies that are a part of the Family & Children First Council.

Parent Representatives Needed for Local Council

The Knox County Family & Children First Council is currently recruiting for 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 740.397.5721, ext. 106. A stipend is provided for meeting attendance.

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