Mission: To increase local recognition of Family Strengthening and Support as a field of practice, and build the capacity of local providers in the field.

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The Greater Cleveland Family Strengthening Network membership encompasses a wide variety of service providers including behavioral health providers, local government agencies, early childhood providers, settlement houses, libraries, workforce development and homeless services providers. Members come together to share expertise and resources, and to develop collaborations in the interest of Family Support.

At a Glance

- Types of Members: Community-Based (10), School-Based (3), Government Department (1), Private Foundation (1)
- Network Structure: Volunteer-Coordinated
- Network Annual Budget: $10,000
- Funding Source: Private Foundation

Member Service Areas

- Parenting Support
- Access to Resources
- Child Development Activities
- Intentional Multiple Family Member Engagement Activities

Network Functions

- Connecting Members
- Training/Technical Assistance
Ohio

Highlights

• The Greater Cleveland Family Strengthening Network (GCFSN) was established as a community of practice around the implementation of the Standards of Quality for Family Strengthening & Support, and was initially coordinated by a private funder.

• In 2018, at the point of Standards recertification for the Charter Members of the Network, steps were taken to formalize member leadership of the Network. GCFSN became a volunteer-coordinated network, establishing its first Steering Committee to govern Network operations and membership expansion.

• Serving on the host and planning committees for the Together for Families National Conference in 2018 supported increased exposure of the local Network and identification of new potential members.

Standards of Quality Implementation

4 Standards Trainers
4 Certification Trainings
151 Certified Individuals