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Columbus Family Connection

Muscogee County

FY23 Annual Plan

July 01, 2022 - June 30, 2023

Governance Type: Meet and confer

Collaborative Functional Type: Partner Engagement

Collaborative Description and Activities to Strengthen Effectiveness: Columbus Family Connection is undertaking a comprehensive rebuilding and strengthening of the board and collaborative in FY2023. With a change in collaborative staff and board leadership, the organization is taking advantage of the opportunity to restructure the board, reengage community partners, and seek new partners. The Collaborative will focus on early childhood and literacy development, including a review of available data on the challenges and barriers for young children and their families. We will work with existing organizations to help boost parent engagement and support efforts. Board training on race, equity and inclusion as well as an annual data review will help provide a foundation for the future. Collaborative staff will participate and/or engage with current civic improvement efforts including Columbus 2025, Cure Violence, United Way Community Schools United, Literacy Alliance, Chattahoochee Valley Libraries, The Basics of the Chattahoochee Valley, and Resilient Georgia to determine how collaborative and staff can support and collaborate with existing community organizations.

Desired Outcome: Improved third-grade reading

Strategy: Columbus Family Connection will work with partners to engage organizations, the faith community, and families to increase parent engagement in support of improving school readiness, leading to improved outcomes for third-grade reading.

Child and Family Indicators:

Indicator	Result Area	Data Source	Specify if Other
3rd grade students achieving Proficient Learner or above on Milestones ELA assessment [CS8b]	Children Succeeding in School	KIDS Count Website	
Other [LD10]	Children Primed for School	Enrichment Services	

Activities:

Activity Type	Activity Name	Description	Target Group
Collaborative Development	Board Training	Train board members in the mission and work of Family Connection, board governance roles and responsibilities and “results accountability”.	Board members and staff
Collaborative Development	REI Training	Train board and collaborative on race, equity and inclusion.	Board and Collaborative members
Collaborative Development	Family Connection Training	Train collaborative members in the mission and work of Family Connection and in collaborative roles and responsibilities	Collaborative members
Collaborative Development	Data tools training	Train board and collaborative on the array of GaFCP data tools including KIDS COUNT, Collaborative Vitality Survey, Partner Engagement Matrix	Board and collaborative members
Collaborative Development	Parent cafe training	Train staff and interested collaborative members on how to hold Parent Cafes and engage families	Staff and collaborative
Results Accountability	Annual data review	Conduct comprehensive data review	Board and collaborative members
Results Accountability	Work plan	Develop a work plan to guide collaborative actions and monitor progress on the annual plan	Board members and staff

Communications	Collaborative communications	Promote community events, collaborative activities and share information through social media, the CFC website, and email communications	Collaborative partners and community
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Programs & Services:

Program/Service Name	Description	Target Group	Lead Implementing Partner	Collaborative Responsibility
Parent Cafe	Hold Parent Cafes in partnership with the United Way community schools initiative	Children and their families	Columbus Family Connection	Implement, promote, and evaluate Parent Cafes
Get Georgia Reading / Columbus	Reengage partners and determine best role for Columbus Family Connection	Organizations involved in literacy	Chattahoochee Valley Early Language and Literacy Coalition	Engage partners and provide information from Get Georgia Reading to connect local efforts
The Basics	An evidence-based educational initiative centered on 5 ways to give every child a great start in life. It is a powerful approach to educate children, parents, and the community on early language and literacy development for young children.	Young children and their families	The Basics of the Chattahoochee Valley	Provide communications support
Early childhood literacy initiative	Plan and provide parent support, engagement, and programs through federal earmark for literacy and early childhood.	Young children and their families	Columbus Family Connection	Implement, promote and evaluate
Health Fairs	Health and Resource Fairs providing families information about local resources and offering health screenings	Young children and their families	West Central Health District/ Gateway Regional Council	Provide communications support and assist in organizing and conducting health fair(s)
Back to School Bash	700 donated backpacks with school supplies for children in need	School-age children in targeted attendance zones	Columbus Family Connection	Distribute backpacks in conjunction with community organizations

To Document and Monitor Progress:

What is being measured?	What is the data source?	Who will be responsible?	How often will the data be collected?	How will you communicate these results?
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Collaborative functioning	Collaborative vitality survey	coordinator distributes to board and collaborative	Annually	Present findings to collaborative and board in winter 2023
Partner engagement (diversity of partners, meeting attendance)	Meeting records	Program Director	At meetings	Present data from Partner Engagement tool with board monthly; use in annual report to board and collaborative at end of fiscal year.
Participation in events	Program records	Program Director	At events	Share data monthly with board and collaborative; use in annual report to board and collaborative at end of fiscal year.
Parent satisfaction and knowledge gain in Parent Cafes	Satisfaction and knowledge survey	Program Director	At Events	Present findings to collaborative and board; use in annual report to board and collaborative at end of fiscal year.
Satisfaction with health and resource fair	Satisfaction survey	Program Director	At events	Present findings to collaborative and board; use in annual report to board and collaborative at end of fiscal year.