



**Committee Charter:** Wadena County Family Services Collaborative Board of Directors

**Department Responsible:** Public Health

**Overview:** In 1993, the Minnesota Legislature established roles and responsibilities for Family Services Collaboratives. Mandatory partners include counties, school districts, public health, community action programs and Head Start. Initial meetings and planning for the Wadena County Family Services Collaborative started in 1996 and in 1998, a joint powers agreement was completed and the collaborative became official. Partners work together to meet goals to address the health, educational, developmental and family-related needs of children and youth, ages birth to 18, or birth through 21 for individuals with disabilities. Family Services Collaboratives strive to: improve outreach and early identification, coordinate assessments and services across agencies and integrate funding and resources.

The Wadena County Family Services Collaborative (FSC) promotes promising prevention and early intervention strategies through a public health approach encompassing all developmental dimensions of well-being (cognitive, social, emotional/behavioral, physical, environmental, economic, spiritual, and educational/vocational). A focus to foster well-being and resilience is desired through the use of research-informed, data driven, holistic (family/community/system) equitable approaches that are culturally and economically appropriate, strength-based, child-centered and family-driven to reduce disparities and increase opportunities.

**Purpose:** The specific purpose of this collaborative is to improve the social, emotional, educational and economic outcomes of all Wadena County children, adolescents and their families by mitigating risk factors and enhancing protective factors and for the purpose of creating an integrated service delivery system for children, adolescents, and their families with multiple and special needs.

**Composition:**

Name	Sector
Menahga School District #821	Schools
Sebeka School District #820	Schools
Verndale School District # 818	Schools
Wadena-Deer Creek School District # 2155	Schools
MAHUBE OTWA Community Action Partnership	Community Action
West Central MN Community Action Inc.,	Head Start
Wadena County Human Services	County Human Services
Wadena County Public Health	County Public Health
Todd-Wadena Community Corrections	County Corrections
Becca Grieger	Parent

**Membership:** Menahga School District #821, Sebeka School District #820, Verndale School District, # 818, Wadena-Deer Creek School District # 2155, MAHUBE OTWA Community Action Partnership, West Central MN Community Action Inc., Wadena County Human Services, Wadena County Public Health, Todd-Wadena Community Corrections, parent

**Responsibilities:**

Family Services Collaboratives agree to provide coordinated family services and contribute resources to an integrated fund. Family Services Collaboratives are mandated to design an integrated local service delivery system. These services may include: outreach and early identification of children and families in need of services, interventions across systems on behalf of families, coordination of services that eliminate the need to match funding streams, provider eligibilities, or clients with multiple providers, coordination of assessment across systems to determine which children and families need coordinated multiagency services, Integrated funding of services, coordination of transportation services in order to improve access to services, provision of initial outreach to all new mothers, provision of periodic family visits to children who are potentially at risk, development of multiagency service plans, and coordination of unitary case management.

**Meeting schedule:** Fourth Wednesday of February, May, October (unless a conflict with the set date necessitates a change)

**Decision-making:** Decisions made by a majority vote. Each Party shall have one (1) vote and voting by proxy is not allowed.

**Reporting:** Annual State FSC Report due March/April, completed by Public Health.

**Annual review:**

**Charter:** Review and update annually

**Goals:**

- Minnesota statute directs FSCs to focus on addressing health, educational, developmental, and family-related needs of all children and youth.
- To reduce gaps and barriers to accessing resources/services and assuring resources/services cut across traditional boundaries.