

# FACCES

THE FAMILY, ADOLESCENT & CHILD COMMUNITY ENGAGEMENT SERVICE



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## IMPACT REPORT

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# Mission & Vision



## Mission

It is the mission of The Family, Adolescent & Child Community Engagement Service (FACCES) to place unique and pointed emphasis on engaging our members. The priority is always being child focused, FACCES is a hub for families to connect with resources that support them in leading healthy lives.

## Vision

Families receive equitable and dignified support from their community as they nurture the children they love. We invest in programming with the end goal of adolescents and children feeling excited about learning and life!



# FACCES Food Education



The **FACCES Food Education** program educates families on how to grow healthy foods, cook and prepare healthy meals, and enables families to gain access to healthier food options.



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# FACCES Fresh Market



The FACCES Fresh Market provides the community access to produce and healthier food options at no cost to recipients.

Understanding the needs of the community can only be accomplished by asking them what it is they need. Surveys were conducted to understand the barriers for receiving and preparing fresh healthy foods. 100% of the community members surveyed stated that transportation was an obstacle.

FACCES responded by establishing a partnership with The Mid-Ohio Food Collective and DoorDash, which provided delivery service at no cost to residents within a 10-mile radius of FACCES.



FACCES Fresh Market delivery service.



A sample of FACCES Fresh Market items.

As a consistent key contributor, Vicki Volpe with Strader's Garden Center has donated flowers, plants, vegetables, and herbs throughout the year. It has been deeply appreciated by the FACCES community.



Vicki Volpe with Strader's Garden Center.



COSI donated 100 learning lunchbox kits to FACCES families to engage in at home. These fun and educational kits were filled with Science, Technology, Engineering, and Mathematic (STEM) activities.



Operation Warm coat donation.

Operation Warm contributed a generous donation of 200 winter coats to FACCES family members. Families were invited to bring their children to try on and choose the coat that was right for them.

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# FACCES Urban Garden



FACCES Urban Garden serves as an educational hub; a place where community members can learn sustainable skills, which encourage them to grow food in their own home gardens.



In partnership with Central State and The Ohio State University, families were educated in agriculture, hydroponics, and aquaponics.





Goodwill Columbus volunteering in the FACCES Urban Garden Greenhouse.



**We are proud of the nurturing support received through Goodwill Columbus. Their weekly visits contributed to the growth of the FACCES Urban Garden.**

Goodwill Columbus participants had the opportunity to visit the FACCES Urban Garden greenhouse. They truly connected with the process of growing healthy foods through watering the vegetables, feeding the West Nile tilapia, and learning the proper use of gardening tools.

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# West Nile Tilapia



In June of 2022, FACCES Urban Garden received West Nile tilapia that were raised in the aquaponics system. The tilapia were in the fingerling stage of growth when they arrived. We met the goal of raising them to one pound each.

The filtration system of the fish tank played an essential role in the aquaponics process. Lettuce, basil, and collard greens planted above the fish tank supported the filtration of the water and fed the vegetables in this soilless system.







West Nile tilapia fish tank.



Hydroponics tower in FACCES Urban Garden.



Aquaponics plant system.



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# FARM STAND



The FACCES Farm Stand gives the community access to freshly grown produce from our Urban Garden greenhouse. This produce is cared for by FACCES families and community members that range in age and experience.



FACCES Urban Garden Farm Stand.



Community members picking up produce from the FACCES Farm Stand.

The FACCES Urban Garden grew tomatoes, carrots, beets, okra, kale, basil, collard greens, radishes, turnips, and squash. This produce was made available at no cost. Community members visited weekly to take home the freshly harvested vegetables.



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# FACCES Cooking Class



An in-person class where FACCES families learn how to prepare healthy meals and recreate with their family at home.

FACCES families took full advantage of the cooking classes offered on the third Wednesday of each month. Attendees learned new things such as safe knife skills, cooking techniques, food history and food health benefits from a professional chef.

Along with physical skills, families practiced vital social and emotional skills inspired by Conscious Discipline. They prepared a variety of meals including Tofu Stir Fry, Curry Chicken over Quinoa, and Stuffed Acorn Squash.



A family preparing a healthy meal at the FACCES Food Therapy cooking class.





# FACCES Food Education

The FACCES Food Education program educated families on how to grow their own food, cook and prepare healthy meals, and gain access to healthy food options.

**Your contributions made the difference:**

**3,446** volunteer hours.

**62** food education events held.

**10,638** food education program points of service.

**226** home deliveries made.

**340,000+** pounds of food given to the community.









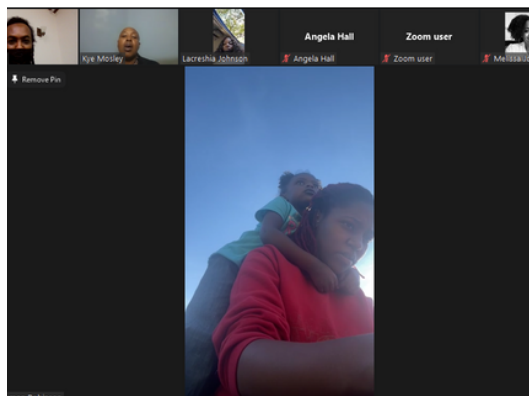
# FACCES Academic Navigation System



The **FACCES Academic Navigation System (F.A.N.S.)** connects families with resources and support to enhance the development of their children and adolescents.

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# FACCES Family Gathering



These events provide a space for families to share their needs. In turn, FACCES connects them to the resources available through our partnerships.

Monthly virtual gatherings were held to create a convenient platform. These events brought families together to connect with each other, FACCES partners, and the resources they provide. They shared ideas, solutions, and informed future FACCES programs.



Monthly virtual FACCES Family Gathering.



Pony riding at the FACCES Summer Family Gathering Quarterly Event.

During the 2022 in-person Family Gatherings, families benefited from valuable community resources. These quarterly events offered activities such as a petting zoo, a pumpkin patch, horseback riding, bounce houses, sport challenges, and exhibits that centered around our appreciation for agriculture.

***Watch the 2022 Fall Family Gathering Quarterly Event Recap Video***



<https://youtu.be/h122buW82qY>



Farm animal petting zoo at the FACCES Fall Family Gathering Quarterly Event.





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# FACCES K Ready Ohio

FACCES K Ready Ohio is a free online platform that helps families prepare their children for kindergarten. This platform educates families on the Ohio Early Learning Standards. Families can find activities, information, and resources through this service that will prepare their little ones for success.



## FACCES K Ready Ohio Ambassadors

During 2022, partnerships were built with community leaders that aligned with the FACCES mission to help families prepare their children for kindergarten using the FACCES K Ready Ohio mobile platform. Ambassadors supported families in online enrollment.



## FACCES K Ready Ohio Virtual-Assemblies

FACCES K Ready Ohio Virtual-Assemblies were held weekly on Tuesday afternoons. During these meetings, ambassadors had the opportunity to provide updates on their progress with the families they had enrolled and connect with new families. Families who joined had the opportunity to share their feedback and get support in early learning from FACCES staff and ambassadors.



Pete the Cat with a family at a FACCES K Ready Ohio open enrollment event.

Informational events hosted by FACCES K Ready Ohio were offered to support families in the registration process. These events educated families on how to confirm kindergarten readiness. The kick-off events were held at the Linden and Whitehall Metropolitan Libraries.

Families were assisted to navigate the online platform, receive incentive gift cards, and ask questions about kindergarten readiness.

Special Guest Pete the Cat was in attendance for a special read aloud at each event.



FACCES K Ready Ohio Ambassador supporting a family with enrollment.

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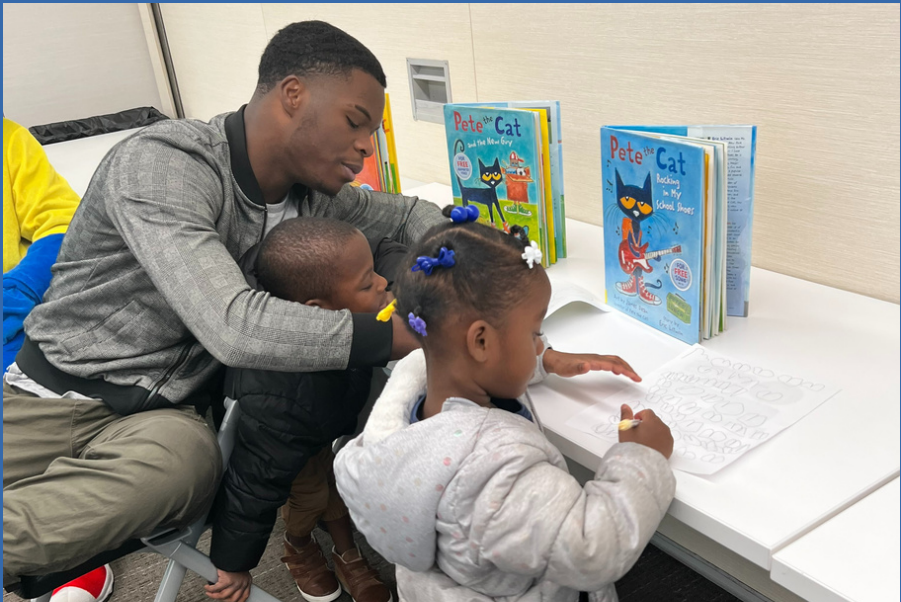
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# FACCES Life Ready Ohio

FACCES Life Ready Ohio participants (ages 14-17) had the opportunity to work in the FACCES Food Education and Academic Navigation programs.

The "Conscious Discipline" curriculum was utilized to cultivate emotional intelligence through self-regulation in everyday challenges.

Participating teens grew socially and emotionally, as they had hands on experience growing in the FACCES Urban Garden. They completed tasks such as watering the plants, harvesting produce, and performing aquaponics maintenance. Job duties also included planning, preparing, and leading community events, as well as mentoring children in our summer camp.



APPS participants distributing produce at FACCES Fresh Market.



Teens performing fish tank maintenance.



Teen leading physical education with summer camp attendees.



# FACCES Academic Navigation System

The FACCES Academic Navigation System (F.A.N.S.) program, connects families with resources to advance the development of their children and adolescents.

**Community support made this possible:**

**77** F.A.N.S. events were held.

**232** registrations in  
F.A.N.S. programs ages  
6 weeks-17 years old.

**55%** of age eligible  
children were onboarded  
to FACCES K Ready Ohio.

**100%** of FACCES Life  
Ready Ohio adolescents  
completed the program.







# Making Greater Impact

FACCES hosted events that brought individuals, community leaders, school districts and organizations together. These social gatherings provided opportunities for networking and collaboration, benefiting FACCES families.

*Making Greater Impact*

## Urban Garden Happy Hour



FACCES Founder & Creator, Melissa Johnson, highlights sponsors of the Urban Garden Happy Hour and gives thanks to participating organizations.

Urban Garden Happy Hour marked the grand opening of the FACCES greenhouse. To celebrate our first growing season, supporters and friends came together and enjoyed live music, food, and networking. All proceeds benefited the children and families of FACCES.

**Urban Garden Happy Hour  
Recap Video**



<https://youtu.be/pDwEhkl29BI>





Attendees network at FACCES Urban Garden Happy Hour.



Marc Amante of Central State University speaks on the success of the FACCES Urban Garden program.







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# Speakeasy Event

The FACCES Speakeasy was an opportunity to spend time getting to know current contributors and welcoming future partners. The event was made possible by the generosity of Heavenly Kids Center for Learning, Anderson and White Holding, Community Leader Coach – Tim Johnson, Aggie’s, and Chosen Kids Learning Center. The night resulted in an inspiring rise in donations and support for FACCES families.

It's always a good time to donate to FACCES, and now you can “Double Your Impact! **Up until July 2023, your donation dollars will receive a 100% match.** For example: \$5 becomes \$10, \$25 becomes \$50, \$100 becomes \$200 etc. Now that’s impactful!

*Make a donation!*



<https://thefacces.org/support-us/>



# Faces of FACCES

Faces of FACCES highlights those who support the FACCES mission through their donations, partnerships, collaborations, sponsorships, volunteer efforts, in-kind donations, and the FACCES families who benefit from this support.

## 2022 Faces of FACCES



Goodwill Columbus volunteers.



Lori Fisher of Success Pro Publications.



Whiting-Turner volunteer at FACCES Fresh Market.



Columbus Gives Back volunteers.



## Faces of FACCES

# 2022 Supporters



## 2022 Key Sponsors







The FACCES Fresh Market, Farm Stand, Urban Garden, and Food Therapy has been supported by funds made available from the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention, Center for State, Tribal, Local and Territorial Support, under OT21-2103.




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# Helping More Families

## Did you know?

A \$9.00 donation delivers produce, groceries and household items to a family in need for a month from FACCES.



Your donation to FACCES will double:

- Grocery deliveries
- Growth of healthy foods
- Support for Kindergarten Readiness
- Employment of adolescents ages 14-17
- Distributing healthy meals

Donate today!

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# Author Note

This report was written by Founder and Creator Melissa Johnson, Board of Directors President LaTasha Watkins, Marketing Director Jordan Cartwright, and Chief Editor Rolinda Hameed.

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