



Columbus Federation of Settlements

*Many Communities
One Voice!*

CFS Members Agencies

Central Community House

www.cchouse.org
1150 East Main Street
Columbus, OH 43205

Clintonville-Beechwood Community Resources Center

www.clintonvillecrc.org
14 West Lakeview Avenue
Columbus, OH 43202

Gladden Community House

www.gladden-us.org
183 Hawkes Avenue
Columbus, OH 43223

Godman Guild

www.godmanguild.org
303 East Sixth Avenue
Columbus, OH 43201

The Neighborhood House

www.neighborhoodhouseinc.org
1000 Atcheson Street
Columbus, OH 43203

St. Stephen's Community House

www.saintstephensch.org
1500 East 17th Avenue
Columbus, OH 43219

The Columbus Federation of Settlements At A Glance

CFS is a coalition of six neighborhood-based Settlement Houses working together as one 501(c)(3) charitable nonprofit corporation. This unique collaboration serves as a national model for helping individuals and groups build upon their strengths and effectively use resources to build community and help all residents achieve their potential.

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- ✓ Provides a convenient, economical way for programs and services to be delivered to seven communities simultaneously with only one contracting entity.
- ✓ Delivers a wide range of services to the area comprising the Columbus Enterprise Zone.
- ✓ Provides direct services to more than 66,000 Columbus residents per year.
- ✓ Is able to rally over 65% of the Columbus urban population around important neighborhood issues.

CFS is uniquely positioned to direct
community resources where they will
make the greatest difference

CFS SERVICES:

- ✓ **Provide** safe, nurturing places for children to learn and make new friends through early education, after school programs, recreational sports, and summer camp programs.
- ✓ **Help** families weather difficult times by providing emergency food and supplies, assistance in linking to services from other organizations, and providing support through crisis periods (such as helping dislocated Hurricane Katrina survivors).
- ✓ **Welcome** new residents from other countries by providing English as a second language classes and assistance acculturating to their new country.
- ✓ **Ensure** seniors have access to grocery stores and pharmacies and avoid social isolation by providing transportation from over 35 senior locations.

What is a Settlement House?

Settlement Houses developed in England in the mid-19th century and reached the United States in the 1880s. An approach to social reform, professionals lived among the urban poor to better serve them directly. Settlement Houses focused efforts on finding solutions to poverty and injustice, and helped to develop the practice of social work as it is known today.

Settlement House workers in the 21st century no longer live onsite and many Settlement Houses are known as “community centers” or “neighborhood houses.” However, they remain distinguishable from other social service agencies by their focus on a geographically defined area and holistic approach to strengthening neighborhood life.

Settlement Houses are embedded in their neighborhoods. They often serve as resources for other community agencies by identifying social trends that create barriers to healthy living and suggesting solutions to those barriers. More than any other formal service group, Settlement Houses are the eyes and ears of neighborhoods.

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Why was CFS Formed?

Settlement Houses in Columbus already had a 50-year history of informally working together when, in the late 1990s, they began exploring how to work more closely together to conserve resources and have a greater impact in the community. Finally, in 2005, the group strategically formalized their relationship through CFS to strengthen the ability of each to deliver services.

CFS can accept and manage contracts on behalf of all Members to reduce sponsor costs. When Members work together through CFS on infrastructure projects—as with developing Human Resources and Volunteer Management policy and procedure templates—the cost is much less than all seven individually engaging in those efforts. But the real value of working together is the ability to engage over 247,000 residents of Columbus on issues such as accessible health care and effective transportation that directly impact their futures.

About CFS:

VISION: The Settlement Houses in Columbus are unified, efficient and accessible. They use social work interventions to bring together people from all backgrounds, circumstances, and organizations to create a greater sense of neighborhood, community well-being and justice for all.

MISSION: To enhance the capacity of its members and works collectively to support neighborhoods so that individuals and families are strengthened.

CONTRIBUTIONS: Contributions in compliance with IRS regulations are tax deductible.



Fast Facts – 2011 Highlights

Building Capacity: CFS day-long conference and workshops provided 17 hours of **continuing professional education** to 165 Settlement House staff. The **JANE data management system** was launched, connecting all Member agencies to a unified, cost-effective, and efficient web-based tool to track data and measure program outcomes and impact.

Serving Neighborhoods: Senior Transportation provided 1,060 low-income older adults with 10,243 hours of group transportation for grocery shopping and monthly social outings. **Family-to-Family** provided comprehensive neighborhood-based case management services to 542 high-risk families. **Transit Arts and Art in the House** programs provided educational art-based opportunities to 1,081 youth and their families.

Program Partners: Columbus Schweitzer Fellows Program, Columbus State Community College, Franklin County Children Services, Franklin County Office on Aging, Greater Columbus Arts Council, Mental Health America of Franklin County