

**Ohio Commission on Fatherhood
Executive Director Report Summary
June-August 2010**

Outreach:

Executive Director made presentations at the following:

Trevitt Elementary School Field Day, Columbus, Ohio. Mr. Robinson observed fathers volunteering during event. Mr. Robinson also encouraged and supported father involvement. (June 2, 2010)

Mocha Moms Celebration of Fatherhood Luncheon, Cleveland, Ohio. Mr. Robinson presented the Fatherhood Commitment Pledge and distributed lapel pins. (June 5, 2010)

Sixth Annual Cuyahoga County Fatherhood Conference, Cleveland, Ohio. Mr. Robinson served on panels for the Public Officials Breakfast and Town Hall Meeting. (June 18, 2010)

Building Healthy Fathers, Brothers & Sons Conference, Columbus, Ohio. Mr. Robinson served as the keynote speaker. (June 19, 2010)

Channel 4 NBC's Daytime show with Gail Hogan, Columbus, Ohio. Mr. Robinson discussed the importance of fatherhood. (June 25, 2010)

Ohio Family Care Association Conference, Columbus, Ohio. Mr. Robinson served as the keynote speaker. (June 25, 2010)

Sound of Ideas NPR Radio with Host Mike McIntyre. Mr. Robinson served as a guest to discuss issues related to fatherhood. (July 15, 2010)

Inside Out Dads Class, Madison Correctional Institution, Madison, Ohio. Presented to incarcerated fathers on reconciling with their family's and becoming an engaged father. (July 21, 2010)

A Brighter Future: Strengthening Fathers for Families and Community Conference, Cincinnati, Ohio. Mr. Robinson gave opening remarks. (August 13, 2010)

African American Male Wellness Walk, Columbus, Ohio. Mr. Robinson presented the Fatherhood Commitment Pledge. (August 14, 2010)

Cover Me Back to School Rally 2, Columbus, Ohio. Mr. Robinson presented the Fatherhood Commitment Pledge and distributed lapel pins. (August 16, 2010)

Training:

Fathers and the Child Welfare System: What Caseworkers Need to Know Training by Northeast Ohio Regional Training Center, Akron, Ohio. Mr. Robinson conducted a workshop on how to engage fathers. (June 10, 2010)

NPCL 12th Annual International Fatherhood Conference, New Orleans, LA. Mr. Robinson conducted a workshop on the past, present and future state of the Ohio Commission on Fatherhood. (June 15-17, 2010)

Engaging the Non-Resident Father training, Franklin County Children Services, Columbus, Ohio. Mr. Robinson facilitated the training. (June 29, 2010)

NAACP Back to School/Stay in School Event, Columbus, Ohio. Mr. Robinson conducted workshops on the important role father's play in their children's education at the annual. (August 14, 2010)

Grantees:

Monthly conference call. Attendees included OCF staff, grantee budget and program coordinators and TANF staff. (June 1, 2010)

WSOS 24/7 Program Graduation, Fremont, Ohio. Mr. Robinson served as the keynote speaker. (June 30, 2010)

Grantee meeting with OCF staff, grantee budget and program coordinators and TANF staff, Columbus, Ohio. (July 13, 2010)

Field visit to Action for Children, Columbus, Ohio. Discussed AAPI, budget and outreach. (August 10, 2010)

Columbus Urban League's Father 2 Father graduation ceremony, Columbus, Ohio. Mr. Robinson served as keynote speaker. (August 11, 2010)

Field visit to OSU Greene County, Xenia, Ohio. Discussed AAPI, budget, outreach and how to engage fathers. (August 30, 2010)

Briefings:

Briefed Clifford Smith from Department of Youth Services. Discussed collaborating with DYS and AME Church. (June, 1, 2010)

Briefed Rev. Landon Adams on purpose of Ohio Commission on Fatherhood. (June 1, 2010)

Briefed Lauren McGarity from Win-Win Academy. Discussed purpose of Ohio Commission on Fatherhood. Commissioner Scott Neely attended briefing. (June 7, 2010)

Briefed Denise St. Clair from National Center for Adoption Law and Policy on purpose of Ohio Commission on Fatherhood. (June 14, 2010)

Briefed Dragana Pjevac from Ready to Read Program. Discussed purpose of Ohio Commission on Fatherhood and how to engage fathers to get involved in the Ready to Read Program. (June 24, 2010)

Briefed Renee Thompson from Family Comes First on purpose of Ohio Commission on Fatherhood. (July 1, 2010)

Briefed Deloris Burel from Bridge D Gap on purpose of Ohio Commission on Fatherhood. (July 1, 2010)

Briefed Director Douglas Lumpkin, Ohio Department of Job and Family Services. Discussed the Ohio Commission on Fatherhood's upcoming projects. (August 27, 2010)

Briefed Tammy Carter of Paternity Enhancement Program. Discussed the purpose of the Ohio Commission on of Fatherhood. (August 27, 2010)

Briefed Dr. Stephen Gavazzi, Professor of The Ohio State University. Discussed purpose of the Ohio Commission on Fatherhood. (August 27, 2010)

Legislative:

US House Ways and Means Committee

Submitted written testimony to the House Income Security and Family Support Subcommittee Hearings to Review Responsible Fatherhood Programs regarding the work of the Ohio Commission on Fatherhood. (July 1, 2010)

Participant in the Roundtable Discussion Hosted by U.S. Representative Betty Sutton with Mr. Joshua DuBois, Executive Director of the White House Office of Faith-Based and Neighborhood Partnerships. Chair Peter Lawson Jones and Commissioner Greg Hargett also participated in the roundtable. (July 9, 2010)

Ohio Congressional Delegation, Washington, DC.

Sent letter thanking co-sponsors (Representatives Steve Driehaus, Marcy Kaptur, Marcia Fudge, and Dennis Kucinich) with copies to the rest of the Ohio delegation thanking them for co-sponsoring H.R. 2979: Julia Carson Responsible Fatherhood and Healthy Families Act of 2009. Also sent sample letter to OCF Grantees and asked them to complete and send a letter to their Congressman urging them to become co-sponsor of HR 2979, the Julia Carson Act .(July 15, 2010)

US Assistant Secretary David Hansell

Sent letter thanking him for mentioning Ohio as having an exemplary fatherhood program in his testimony before the US House of Representatives Ways and Means Committee testimony on June 17, 2009. (July 15, 2010)

Infant Mortality Executive Committee meeting, Columbus, Ohio. (July 22, 2010)

Attended Justice Reinvestment in Ohio Conference, Ohio Renaissance Hotel, Columbus, Ohio.. (July 26, 2010)

Briefed Mark Schweikert, Executive Director of Ohio Judicial Conference. Discussed family access motions. (August 11, 2010)