

**Ohio Commission on Fatherhood (OCF)  
Executive Director Report  
February 2017 – April 2017**

**Funding:**

***TANF Request for Grant Application:*** OCF staff drafted the upcoming request for grant application (RFGA) for the 2017-2019 TANF funding cycle. The original draft was edited by the office of Contracts and Acquisitions. Members of the OCF Fiscal/Funding Committee, Commissioners Senator Bill Beagle, Mr. Chad Hibbs, Ms. Ann Ream, and Mr. John Silverman traveled to Columbus to review the RFGA before its official release. Commissioners read the RFGA, suggested adjustments which were taken into account before the final submission to the Office of Contracts and Acquisitions.

***June Responsible Fatherhood Month:*** In past years, Governor Kasich declared June to be “Responsible Fatherhood Month. In conjunction with this declaration, for the fourth consecutive year OCF will provide funding to nonprofit organizations and government entities for hosting fatherhood events during the month of June. The events are designed to bring awareness about the importance of father involvement, share information and celebrate responsible fatherhood throughout Ohio. OCF staff is working with the fiscal department to draft the 2017 “June is Responsible Fatherhood Month”.

***Star CJC Pilot Project:*** OCF staff met with the administrative staff from Star Community Justice Center (Star CJC) to discuss their outline and parameters for the pilot project. OCF is interested in funding Star CJC during post-incarceration programming to provide fatherhood and family engagement curriculum to fathers in specific Appalachian Counties Lawrence and Scioto. Several subsequent meetings took place with OCF staff and Star CJC staff to outline project concept after which OCF staff reached out to the State Office of Contracts and Acquisitions Legal for project approval. OCF staff also met with ODRC staff to discuss collaborative efforts with the project.

***County Mobilization Project:*** In a continued effort to address the national crisis of father absence, OCF is working with county leaders to create and implement solutions at the local level, one community at a time. Local leaders will be trained to build collaborations and coordinate services. The counties we will be serving this round will include: Butler, Clinton, Delaware and Portage. Ohio Practitioners’ Network for Fathers and Families (OPNFF) will work with the four Ohio counties to create an action plan relevant to each counties specific needs to address father absence in that area. Training will take about six months and will consist of webinars, workshops and technical assistance, after which the counties will have a community conversation to incorporate the views and opinions of the county stakeholders. The county leadership team will create an action plan specific to the needs of their county and OCF will release \$10,000 as seed money to implement the action plan.

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**State Agency Collaboration**

***Meeting with Carolina (Silva) Thatcher:*** OCF Executive Director attended a meeting with Mrs. Carolina Thatcher regarding her role in the Disparities and Cultural Competence committee and the collaborative potential between her committee and the Ohio Commission on Fatherhood.

***Meeting with David Frash & Representative Dean:*** OCF staff met with Representative Bill Dean from District 74. Representative Dean was interested in hearing more about the Ohio Commission on Fatherhood after speaking with Senator Bill Beagle. OCF staff provided information regarding the funding and community/Faith Based programming provided to Ohio's fathers and families.

***Building Bridges:*** OCF Executive Director attended a telephone conference with representatives from ODRC, CSEA, and Freedom CDC staff to discuss April 6<sup>th</sup> Building Bridges and Bonds event to be held in Butler County at the Atrium. The event will attempt to build bridges between Child Support and programs such as Poverty, Fatherhood and Re-entry.

***Meeting with Doug Lumpkin and Chip Weiant:*** OCF Executive Director met with Deputy Director Doug Lumpkin and Chip Weiant to discuss how Faith Based programs can assist with CCMEP. Mr. Weiant also discussed the Faith Based Measures and Metrics meeting that provided information on the Human Thriving in Today's Urban Society as well as PROI (Program Return on Investment).

***ODRC/OCS/OCDA Meeting:*** OCF-NBNF staff provided New Beginnings for New Fathers information at the quarterly Rehabilitation and Corrections/Child Support meeting. Corrections, Child Support, and other stakeholder agencies meet on a quarterly basis to discuss how programs can assist with improved re-entry processes.

***Title One Parent Involvement Event:*** OCF Executive Director was asked by ODE to present at the Ohio Association of Administrator of State and Federal Education Programs Fall Coordinators Conference at the Greater Columbus Convention Center in order to educate Title One Programs on the purpose and activities of OCF as well as various programs to implement that will assist with father and family engagement. Tarik White, ODE Superintendent Designee to the Commission, also spoke on behalf of the Commission.

***ODH - Promoting Fatherhood next year's grant:*** Marius and Alexis from ODH connected with us to discuss ODH upcoming grant being written. They wanted to better understand the fatherhood programs and initiative we currently have in place. ODH wanted to learn how they may be able to best incorporate fatherhood components into their grant. They will look at the OCF website, evidence based curricula and current fatherhood initiatives underway.

***Conference Call with Ms. Jackie Fisher OSU Researcher:*** OCF Executive Director has a conference call with Ms. Jackie Fisher, who is conducting research at OSU regarding incarceration and child support. OCF Exec. Director provided some information regarding experience, research and initiatives at both the local, state and federal levels. Ms. Fisher asked if she could contact OCF as she continues her research.

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***Building Bridges Planning:*** OCF staff participates in regular phone conferences with State Office of Child Support staff, Franklin County Child Support staff, Ohio Department of Rehabilitation and Correction Office of re-entry staff and staff from Freedom CDC to discuss plans to implement Child Support informational sessions to community based programs located in Southwest Ohio. The committee has scheduled a Building Bridges between Child Support and various community agencies to include, Re-entry, Fatherhood, and Poverty Programs event to be held in Butler County and will also include Warren County. The date of the event is April 6, 2017, and the venue is in Butler County at the Atrium. The event “build bridges” between Child Support and programs such as Poverty, Fatherhood and Re-entry.

***ODRC/NBNF Video Collaboration:*** OCF and NBNF staff met and discussed the draft of a script to play in the various ODRC Correctional Facilities. The video will mirror the Child Support Paternity video currently being played in the ODRC facilities.

***Meeting with Carolina (Silva) Thatcher:*** OCF Executive Director attended a meeting with Mrs. Carolina Thatcher regarding her role in the Disparities and Cultural Competence committee and the collaborative potential between her committee and the Ohio Commission on Fatherhood.

### **General Fatherhood Outreach**

***Call with Mr. Will Davis - Restore Our Cities Foundation:*** OCF staff participated in a call with Mr. Will Davis from Restore Our Cities Foundation. Mr. Davis was referred to OCF by Councilman Kevin Conwell. OCF plans to introduce Mr. Davis to local Fatherhood programs in Cuyahoga County.

***Columbus Urban League’s (CUL’s) AAMI Graduation:*** OCF staff attended several of the CUL African American Male Initiative graduations. Fathers were celebrated as they graduated from the Father2Father Program as well as the Choose2Change Program (Re-entry). OCF funds the Moms2B/CUL Fatherhood pilot project. The Responsible Fatherhood mentors have graduated from the Father2Father Program. OCF staff continues to support other programs that promote responsible fatherhood.

***Meeting with Mr. Samuel Davis:*** OCF staff met with Mr. Samuel Davis from DAS regarding how Mr. Davis can become involved in Responsible Fatherhood at the community level. OCF staff provided various pieces of marketing and discussed some of the programs currently being funded by OCF.

***My Dad Rocks Community Banquet and Fashion Show Event:*** Executive Director attended and provided a 10 minute speech at the Montgomery County My Dad Rocks event hosted by Montgomery County JFS. Various community leaders attended and provided comments regarding the importance of fatherhood. NBNF funded program Urban Light Ministries provided an information booth as well as comments regarding the local services provided to fathers who meet the NBNF criteria.

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***Hamilton County 4C for Children (Mr. Scheima):*** OCF staff met with staff from 4C for Children in Hamilton County. The 4C for Children leadership is interested in connecting and providing services to more fathers. OCF staff connected 4C for Children to the New Beginnings for New Fathers project through Talbert House.

***Phone Call with Joe Pellegrino and Joe Battaglia:*** OCF staff participated in a phone conference with Joe Pellegrino and Joe Battaglia to discuss the “That’s My Dad Movement”. OCF is considering using the movement during the “June is Responsible Fatherhood Month” project scheduled for June 2017. The movement started in New Jersey and encourages positive words of fatherhood with photos of fathers and their children. OCF staff plan to discuss the movement with Legal and Acquisitions regarding the purchase of “That’s My Dad” Selfie Boards.

***Meeting with Dr. Susan Yoon OSU Social Work:*** OCF staff met with Dr. Susan Yoon from the Ohio State College of Social Work Dr. Yoon was interested in discussing Fatherhood and Child Protective Services engagement. OCF provided Dr. Yoon with various pieces of information and initiatives regarding Responsible Fatherhood and Child Welfare. OCF also connect Dr. Yoon with Ms. Ann Ream (Summit County Children Services and OCF Commissioner) as well as a representative at Franklin County Child Protective Services.

***Presentation at OSU for Dave Thomas Families and Children:*** Executive Director provided an OCF presentation to OSU graduate students on the importance of father engagement and inclusion in human and social services.

### **OCF Meetings, Outreach, Calls, Events & Projects**

***Moms2B / Columbus Urban League Class:*** OCF staff attended class for expectant moms and dads at OSU East. OCF staff Introduced Ashiko Hudson of Action for Children’s (AFC’s) NBNF Project to Drs. Pat and Steve Gabbe and the Moms2B team. The hope is that Action for Children will provide programming and services to the Moms2B dads after the Columbus Urban League’s Pilot Project ends June 30, 2017.

***Region V Fatherhood Call:*** OCF staff participated in a conference call regarding the Putative Fathers’ Registry. Jason Roush with ODJFS Child Protective Services and Monica Mahoney with OCF, Christina Schneider with Illinois Department of Children and Family Services, and Molly Crawford with the Minnesota State Registrar were the presenters.

***Meeting with New Commissioner Mr. Mike Davis:*** OCF staff met with new ODRC designated OCF Commissioner Mr. Mike Davis. Mr. Davis has replaced Mr. Scott Neely, who has been the ODRC designated commissioner since 2006. Mr. Davis received the commissioner binder that includes, the by-laws, previous meeting minutes, and other pertinent information regarding OCF.

***Meeting with Scott Neely: Children's Hunger Alliance:*** OCF staff met with Mr. Scott Neely, ex-ODRC commissioner, in his new role as Director of Government Affairs for the Children’s Hunger Alliance. Mr. Neely has been designated to the Commission on Fatherhood as a governor appointed member of the public.

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**OCPIM and other OCF Infant Mortality Initiatives**

***Weekly Infant Mortality (IM) Call:*** OCF staff participated on the ODM/ODH/Governor's Office weekly IM call. The team discussed the spreadsheet follow-up items from the Infant Mortality Community Coalition meetings. Nine hotspots have been identified as target geographical areas with high African-American Infant Mortality rates. Ongoing meetings have been scheduled for the coming months.

***American Academy of Pediatrics Phone Conference:*** OCF staff, grantees and sub-grantees participated in a phone conference to provide feedback and recommendations regarding the Safe Sleep messaging and how it may resonate with Ohio's fathers.

***Mahoning County Infant Mortality Meeting:*** Executive Director attended the ODH/ODM Infant Mortality Community Collaboration meeting in Mahoning County. The Mahoning County Collaboration team provided updates regarding the ODM funding received and how they are concentrating their efforts on the African-American community.

***OCPIM Fatherhood Action Group:*** OCF staff co-chairs the Ohio Collaborative to Prevent Infant Mortality Fatherhood Action Workgroup. The team began to discuss the shift in the workgroup's strategies. The next meeting will be scheduled to complete the recommended current strategies as well as new strategies.

***Summit County Infant Mortality Community Coalition Conversation:*** OCF staff attended the IM Coalition conversation in Summit County with ODM/ODH/Governor's Office staff to hear how the community coalition has addressed the African-American IM rate. Pastor Eugene Norris from Fame Fathers attended as the Fatherhood program to engage fathers/grandfathers in Summit County.

***Meeting with Nathaniel Jordan (Kappa Alpha Psi Fraternity) and Franklin County CSEA Director Susan Brown:*** OCF met with representatives from the Kappa Alpha Psi Fraternity and the Franklin County CSEA. The Kappa Alpha Psi Columbus Chapter has been funded by the Ohio Dept. of Medicaid to implement Fatherhood Matters, a mentorship program and Safe Sleep education project implemented in Columbus (Mt. Vernon Avenue). OCF staff assisted with the introduction and connection between the two programs, Franklin County Child Support and Fatherhood Matters. Franklin County CSEA will work with the Kappa Alpha Psi Fraternity, Columbus Chapter to create a Memorandum of Understanding.

***Telephone Conference with Dr. Stacy Scott:*** OCF staff discussed future NBNF services in Lucas County with Dr. Stacy Scott. Dr. Scott has been contracted by NIH (National Institute of Health) to direct the National Safe Sleep Campaign through the Kappa Alpha Psi Fraternity, an African-American Greek fraternity.

***Bridge Builders Award Dr. Arthur James Lincoln Theater:*** OCF staff attended the Bridge Builders Award event hosted by Bridge Builders-Center for Healthy Families. Dr. James was honored for his dedicated and tireless work toward reducing Ohio's Infant Mortality rate.

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***SDOH Meeting OCPIM:*** OCF staff participated in the Social Determinants of Health, Racism and Equity workgroup phone conference. This group is one of the workgroups identified as part of the Infant Mortality Reduction Plan. The decision of the Fatherhood Involvement workgroup was that members would join other workgroups. OCF staff joined the SDOH workgroup to ensure that fathers are considered in the workgroup's strategies.

***Meeting with the Columbus Urban League:*** OCF staff met with Columbus Urban League regarding the Moms2B/Fatherhood project. OCF will continue to fund CUL during the second year of the pilot project. The pilot project aligns with the state's Prevention of Infant Mortality Initiative.

***Future funding meeting with Moms2B and Columbus Urban League (CUL):*** OCF staff met with Moms2B and CUL on how resources can support the four new Moms2B sites planned to open in four additional Columbus neighborhoods. OCF is currently funding CUL pilot project funding to provide fatherhood programming and mentorship services to fathers connected to mothers enrolled in the Ohio State University's Moms2B Project.

***Meeting with Melissa Wervey Arnold and Cindy Byington:*** OCF Staff met with American Academy of Pediatrics via telephone conference. The program is working with Murphy Epton on the Our Babies Count campaign. NBNF staff discussed how the grant project can help support the Our Babies Count project by engaging fathers for their participation in following and liking Facebook as well as blogging about their experiences as expectant fathers.

### **NBNF Meetings, Presentations, Trainings and Conference Calls**

***GRADS Program Teleconference:*** OCF-NBNF staff participated in a phone conference with representatives from the GRADS Program based on a referral from OCF Commissioner, Tarik White. As the NBNF sub-grantees continue to provide services to teen fathers, the GRADS Program will provide a helpful referral source.

***Action Plan Meeting - Urban Light Ministries:*** NBNF staff, OFAM Fiscal staff and Executive Director met with the ULM leadership regarding non-compliance issues. A letter has been sent to ULM for immediate correction. OCF / NBNF staff has scheduled periodic touchpoints to sure ULM conforms. Non-compliance will result in termination of grant agreement.

***Alan Graves - Children's Institute, Inc. Project Fatherhood:*** OCF staff and Mr. Graves from the Children's Institute in California, each supplied a high level overview of our fatherhood programs. Mr. Graves discussed how their fatherhood program was using a subsidized employment process and shared contract documents with OCF staff. Both agencies discussed recruitment successes and a potential site visit from OCF federal sub-grantee

***Centerstone - Fatherhood Project:*** OCF staff called Director Richard Kosmala to discuss his federal fatherhood program. Centerstone has implemented a subsidized employment process. OCF staff wanted to discuss the probability of sharing necessary documents associated with the process.

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***Calm Baby Book Discussion:*** OCF staff met with Emily and Meredith to discuss procurement or legal issues with using the Calm Baby book created and distributed by Council on Child Abuse and The Mayerson Center for Safe and Healthy Children. This is funded by Ohio Children's Trust fund. OCF would like to purchase these books for use with NBNF new and expectant fathers to provide positive messages on how to cope with a fussy or crying baby.

***Initial Considerations in Supporting Healthy Marriage and Relationship Education for LGBTQ Participants in HMRF Webinar:*** NBNF staff attended the Healthy Marriage Responsible Fatherhood webinar regarding how to work with the LGBTQ community. Services must be provided to anyone upon request.

***Meeting with OSU Extension Center:*** OCF Executive Director and NBNF staff met with the Ohio State University- Extension office to discuss the financial literacy curriculum, Money Smart, being delivered to NBNF participants. Based on the discussion, changes to the next two-year contract will be explored to allow for instructor planning prior to course instruction.

***Urban Light Ministries Recruitment Event at Keifer Alternative School:*** NBNF staff met with ULM staff in support of their recruitment event at Keifer Alternative School. The recruitment event focused on enrolling young fathers in the New Beginnings for New Fathers (NBNF) program.

***Urban Light Ministries Site Visit:*** NBNF staff visited federal sub-grantee ULM to address any of ULM's concerns with the project. It is important that all sub-grantees know that they have the support of the entire OCF office regarding any challenges they may face. They discussed the job development process in both counties and nFORM issues regarding enrolling dads and establishing cohort classes. NBNF staff offered to provide assistance with introductions to county agencies, explaining the NBNF program to county staff, and emphasized the importance of working as a team.

***NBNF Staff visits Passages:*** NBNF staff visited Passages, Connecting Fathers and Families twice as a requirement of the agreement between the NBNF sub-grantees and ODJFS/Commission on Fatherhood. The first visit, NBNF staff met with Passages staff as well as MDRC staff regarding the correct protocol to serve NBNF fathers and B3 fathers. On the second visit, NBNF staff observed the registration process, fatherhood programming and service delivery to NBNF participants.

***Action for Children Site Visit:*** NBNF staff visited federal sub-grantee Action for Children to address any of their concerns with the project. It is important that all sub-grantees know that they have the support of the entire OCF office regarding any challenges they may face. NBNF staff reviewed NBNF process workflow and changing the status process. NBNF staff also offered to provide assistance with introductions to county agencies, explaining the NBNF program to county staff.

***Talbert House Site Visit:*** NBNF staff visited federal sub-grantee Talbert House to address any of their concerns with the project. It is important that all sub-grantees know that they have the support of the entire OCF office regarding any challenges they may face. NBNF staff met the

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new local Project Manager, Mr. James Whitfield. NBNF staff also offered to provide assistance with introductions to county agencies, explaining the NBNF program to county staff.

***Meeting with Brian, Mr. Will Davis, and Deb Watkins Cuyahoga County CSEA Director:*** OCF staff made introductions between Dr. Brian Moore (Passages) and Mr. Will Davis (Restore Our Cities Foundation). Mr. Davis is interested in enrolling fathers in housing renovation apprenticeships. OCF also met with Dr. Brian Moore (Passages) and Cuyahoga County Office of Child Support Services executive staff regarding referrals to the NBNF Program at Passages.

***FRPN Webinar - Using Cellphone Technology in Fatherhood programs:*** OCF staff participated on a webinar to learn how to better utilize cell phone technology as a way to recruit and retain fathers in NBNF Fatherhood programming.

***Healthy Start - Cuyahoga County - Teleconference with Lisa Matthews:*** OCF staff, Dr. Brian Moore and Jennifer Kearney from Passages met with Lisa Matthews to discuss the NBNF program. Meeting attendees discussed how OCF can work with the Moms First program to promote NBNF when home visits occur and how referrals can be made for interested fathers.

***Cradle Cincinnati/ JFS Hamilton County:*** OCF Executive Director met with Cradle Cincinnati staff as well as RMO (Real Men Onboard) staff. The meeting focused on how the Cincinnati NBNF project can best complement the RMO project and how the Hamilton County JFS can link fathers to NBNF at Talbert House after the Paternity Establishment process.

***NBNF Biweekly Conference Calls:*** NBNF project manager has shifted the “weekly” conference call with the NBNF sub-grantees to a biweekly call for the purpose of introducing a new team. The Implementation team will meet on the off week to discuss the implementation of *items* specific to the NBNF grant, i.e. subsidized employment. During these calls, OCF staff and OFA fiscal staff meet with the NBNF sub-grantees and partners: Action for Children, Passages, Talbert House, Urban Light Ministries, a representative from Ohio University, a representative from Ohio Practitioners Network of Fathers and Families and a representative from OSU extension center. Each program is given opportunities to provide updates and ask questions. OCF staff use this as an opportunity to update sub-grantees and request information regarding program barriers and implementation.

***Implementation Team Meetings:*** OCF staff led the kick off of the NBNF implementation team meeting. This team utilizes a team member from each of the sub grantee agencies involved in the NBNF process with staff who work hands on with dads, along with a known fatherhood professional. This team meets biweekly to tackle and resolve implementation issues identified by team members, via data reports, or from the continuous quality improvement process reports created by Ohio University. The team discusses issues sub-grantees are facing in their locations and what service delivery is working and what should be modified. The NBNF project manager and researcher will be pulling data and reports to address these issues collectively.

***Subsidized Employment Meetings:*** OCF staff participated in a meeting with Action for Children staff and OFAM fiscal staff to discuss the process by which the subsidized employment portion of the NBNF grant activities were applied. NBNF staff led another meeting to finalize subsidized employment processes, review contract documentation, decide and determine how to run and

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launch the subsidized employment process for the NBNF grant. NBNF staff now holds regular teleconferences with all sub-grantee job developers to review the subsidized employment program and work through the process of ensuring that all NBNF Fatherhood Programs offer paid internships to the population of young fathers who qualify for the NBNF program.

### **NBNF Data Collection**

***Data Reporting Review:*** NBNF Researcher provided the OCF team with a data reporting and analyses update. NBNF anticipates outcomes that reflect higher rates of father child engagement, participant employment, participant understanding of safe sleep, safe spacing, breast feeding, smoking cessation and more effective co-parenting. She explained that quantitative data falls into two categories: descriptive statistics and inferential statistics and that utilizing both forms of analyses is crucial to drawing conclusions and making predictions based on social research. We gauge the evolution of participants through NBNF's screening tools, and data reporting. Ohio University has developed screening tools to assist OCF with understanding the link between NBNF programming and the changes in the way fathers protect their infants. NBNF is also focused on maintaining program fidelity. Daily data checks are performed to ensure that all pieces of reporting are occurring within an acceptable amount of time.

***OCF Retention Schedule:*** OCF staff reviewed and confirmed the retention schedules to ensure that all staff follow the schedule and understand how to properly handle data. This information was needed for the State IRB application submission through the Ohio Department of Health's website.

***Efforts to Outcomes (ETO) Database Meetings/ Launch:*** OCF staff participated in phone conferences, with Ohio Practitioners' Network for Fathers and Families (OPNFF) and New Beginnings for New Fathers sub-grantees, to discuss the new case management system designed by OPNFF and used by the NBNF sub-grantees. The NBNF Researcher assisted with training sub-grantees on the system in preparation for its launch. The NBNF Fatherhood programs record program information in the ETO system for state data collection and case management. OCF staff and sub-grantees had regular meetings to update the online case management system and discuss questions and potential modifications and customizations to the site.

***IRB Application Review:*** NBNF Data Researcher, Elena Martinez, met with OCF staff to review the IRB application before submitting for an expedited review. The IRB application will be submitted to the State via the Ohio Department of Health's on-line process. After further discussion, it was decided that additional research analysis may warrant approval by the IRB for specific data collection and analysis of the New Beginnings for New Fathers grant.

***NBNF Meeting to Correct Annual Goal Enrollment:*** NBNF staff met to discuss annual goal and target enrollment revisions. NBNF staff also completed forms regarding adjustments to submit to Mathematica. Revision/Correction was submitted to Tanya Howell, the HHS/ACF/OFA Federal Program Specialist.

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***Ohio University Evaluation Team Meetings:*** OCF staff participates in the monthly calls with Ohio University (OU) to discuss the NBNF data collected and analyzed by OU. OU is under contract to collect and analyze Infant Mortality and Financial Literacy data as well as provide Continuous Quality Improvement (CQI). NBNF staff discussed the incentive process that Ohio University (OU) implemented. OU will send out statements of work and a w9 to each of the sub-grantees so that they can begin implementing gift cards. Write ups from OU's site visits with the four sub-grantees will include suggestions for Continued Quality Improvement have been sent out.

***Ohio University's control group:*** 1/17 & 1/18 OCF staff participated in a meeting to discuss further evaluation by Ohio University as it relates to the NBNF grant. OU is interested in analyzing NBNF participants who receive Money Smart Financial Education programming vs. NBNF participants who do not receive the services.

***HMRF Data Collection:*** Healthy Marriage Responsible Fatherhood grant activities are updated in nFORM, a data collection system developed by Mathematica. The NBNF Data Researcher provided data analysis protocol and information related to nFORM to the NBNF Project Manager. The NBNF Data Researcher's last day on the project is 02-03-2017.

***Exit Conference:*** Executive Director completed the exit interview with OCF's former NBNF Data Researcher. The staff completed required paperwork to be sent to HR.

**B3 / MDRC Meetings**

***MDRC Meetings: (Bureau of Criminal Investigations)*** OCF staff participated in a call with MDRC staff and BCI staff regarding the process that will be implemented by BCI as criminal record information is shared with MDRC. OCF plans to speak with ODJFS Legal regarding the MOU requested by BCI.

***Phone Conference with Mr. Gregory Trout (Bureau of Criminal Investigations):*** OCF Executive Director held a phone conference with Mr. Gregory Trout regarding the draft MOU currently being developed between BCI and MDRC. After conversation with ODJFS Legal, it is not necessary for ODJFS to sign the MOU and the information was relayed to Mr. Trout regarding how to reference and connect the NBNF grant awarded to ODJFS/OCF, MDRC, and BCI.

***B3: Check-in before Passages Training:*** OCF staff participated in a conference call with MDRC staff in preparation for the B3 (Building Bridges and Bonds) evaluation project to be implemented at Passages in Cuyahoga County. Passages is a NBNF sub-grantee, and the organization was chosen as 1 of 6 programs to receive additional evaluation services. The evaluation services will observe cognitive behavior in employment.

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***B3 Monthly meetings with OJFS:*** NBNF staff participates in the monthly meetings with MDRC staff conducting the B3 (Building Bridges and Bonds) project at Passages in Cuyahoga County. Each program is given the opportunity to discuss how the two programs are working together.

### **TANF Grantee Meetings, Events and Conference Calls**

***TANF Grantee Monthly Conference Call:*** OCF staff participates in a monthly conference call with the TANF funded grantees. The current grantees are allotted an opportunity to ask questions about the programming and data submitted via Survey Monkey. OCF staff also has an opportunity to provide important information regarding the data collected and the results as well as a featured special guest speaker who provides essential information to assist in programming.

***RFGA Posts:*** OCF staff posted the RFGA for the biennial TANF funding and June is Responsible Fatherhood Month funding. The Office is currently fielding questions and answers during the Q&A Time Period. Two Proposal Review Teams will be assembled to score the proposals.

***Passages Site Visit:*** OCF staff met with Passages staff in Portage office to review data collection and analyze trends revealed through surveys entered to date.

### **Prison & Restored Citizen Outreach**

***The Ohio Ex-Offender Reentry Coalition:*** OCF staff presented information about the commission at the quarterly meeting. Over 300 people from all over Ohio attended the meeting.

***Madison Correctional Institution Reentry Fair:*** OFC staff provided resources for inmates at Madison Correctional Institution. OCF staff provided inmates with OCF funded fatherhood programming information and other resources to assist them as restored citizens.

***Ross Correctional Institution Reentry Fair:*** OCF staff attended the Ross Correctional Institution Reentry Fair. OCF staff conversed with soon-to-be restored citizens and distributed information about responsible fatherhood and OCF funded programming. OCF staff referred inmates to programming in the area they plan to be return to upon release.

***Ross and Chillicothe Correctional Institution Q&A Sessions:*** OFC staff provided question and answer sessions to inmates at Ross Correctional Institution and Chillicothe Correctional Institution. The sessions included information and resources from OCF and the Office of Child Support to assist the inmates with re-entering society as restored citizens.

***Correctional Reception Center (CRC) Reentry Fair:*** OCF staff attended a health and resources reentry fair at CRC. OCF staff disseminated OCF material and spoke with soon-to-be restored

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citizens about fatherhood programs in their area. OCF provided resources regarding OCF funded programming, child support, paternity testing, and other father specific information useful to the incarcerated father.

***Warren Correctional Institutions Reentry Fair:*** OCF staff attended Warren Correctional Institution Reentry Fair. OCF staff distributed information about responsible fatherhood and OCF funded programming.

### **Recurring Meetings & Initiatives**

***Child Support Strategic Workgroup Meeting:*** OCF staff participated in the quarterly Child Support Strategic Workgroup meeting. The workgroup consists of state and county child support staff, ODJFS leadership and OCF executive director. The workgroup discusses how the Child Support Program can better provide services to families while maintaining the measures required under the program.

***Healthy Schools and Communities Resource Team:*** OCF staff participated in the quarterly HSCRT meeting at the University of Dayton, Dublin location. The HSCRT has been charged with implementing the strategies developed under the Safe Schools Healthy Students and Project Aware grants awarded to ODE and OMHAS.

***COTA Mobility Advisory Board Meeting:*** OCF staff participated in the COTA Mobility Advisory Board Meeting. The board meets every quarter to discuss Central Ohio transportation projects, barriers, and solutions. A presentation from MORPC (Mid-Ohio Regional Planning Committee) regarding the Smart City grant received by Columbus. The Smart-Columbus grant contains various projects to be implemented over the coming years that will enhance the transportation system throughout the city.

***Red Treehouse Steering Committee Meeting:*** OCF staff provided a presentation at the Red Treehouse Steering Committee meeting. OCF/ODJFS is under contract with Family and Children First Council. The Red Treehouse will provide services to the Ohio Commission on Fatherhood to include: A home page which is easy to navigate, accessible to families, young adults, professionals, and organizations; A calendar of national, state and local informational events (e.g., workshops, seminars, conferences); Links to available state and local resources for young adults, families and professionals; and The ability to filter information by topic(s) of interest, age(s) of children and young adults, and locations (for events and organizations

***OCPIM Fatherhood Involvement Workgroup Meeting:*** OCF staff participated in the Fatherhood Involvement in Maternal and Child Health workgroup. The OCF Executive Director co-chairs this workgroup along with Steve Killpack from OPNFF. The Fatherhood Involvement workgroup is one of the seven Infant Mortality Reduction Plan Workgroups. The group decided to hold a meeting to debrief the Infant Mortality Summit, which was held December 5<sup>th</sup> and 6<sup>th</sup>.