
Funding:

Budget Status SFY2021 JFS85 Fatherhood.pdf: OCF Exec. Director and Project Manager met for continuous monitoring and discussions about the expenditure of state fiscal year (SFY) 2021 funds, as well as planning for the SFY2022-2023 biennium.

Single County Fatherhood Implementation Project: The three selected single county fatherhood implementation grantees have executed agreements and fully approved purchase orders (PO). The OCF Project Manager is scheduled to meet with each individual grantee the week of 2/1/2021. The 2021 Grantee Orientation was conducted on 2/26/2021.

Multi-County Fatherhood RFGA: OCF Exec. Director and Project Manager met with OhioJFS-Office of Contracts and Acquisitions, procurement team to discuss the new multi-county fatherhood implementation request for grant application (RFGA). The publication of the Multi-County Fatherhood request for grant application (RFGA) was published by OhioJFS-Office of Contracts and Acquisitions (OCA) for up to three new Multi-County Responsible Fatherhood programs (JFSR2021178209). The RFGA closed on Wednesday, 4/28/2021. The Review Team has met, reviewed and advised on application submitted.

OCF – June is Responsible Fatherhood Month: OCF Exec. Director, Project Manager, and Program Administrator met new staff in the Office of Contracts and Acquisition, Ms. Naya Revere, to discuss OCF’s annual mini grant. OCF Exec. Director explained the mini grant’s history and purpose, document changes for 2021 and proposed post and closing dates. The request for grant application (RFGA) was published for June is Responsible Fatherhood Month (JFSR2021178216). The request for grant application (RFGA) associated with the mini grants closed. 13 applicants were selected for funding to cover 30 events in 12 Ohio Counties.

TANF Grantee Meetings, Events and Conference Calls:

NKO Presentation Discussion: OCF Exec. Director, Project Manager, and Program Administrator met with the Program Managers from TeenWorks and By Leaps And Bounds to discuss Peer Educator presentations, slides, make adjustments to one of the games during the presentation, and the organizations’ dress code policy and expectations.

NKO-CLE - Warrensville Heights Middle School Presentation: OCF Executive Director, Project Manager, and Program Administrator attended No Kidding Ohio (NKO) presentations conducted by Peer Educators with By Leaps and Bounds, on February 18, 19, and 22, 2021.

NKO Fairfield County TeenWorks Presentation: OCF Staff attended the NKO Fairfield County TeenWorks presentation at Thomas Ewing Junior High school. NKO-CLE Peer Educators (PEs) assisted TeenWorks with the No Kidding Ohio (NKO) presentation.

TANF Grantee Meetings, Events and Conference Calls:

BLAM Meeting: OCF Exec. Director and Program Administrator met with founder of the magazine BLAM, Ronald & Amber Riley, and members of their staff to discuss the potential of OCF assisting with a regular column to highlight the needs of fathers, fatherhood events, programs and agencies in Ohio. This quarterly publication will be a 2-page spread and will provide information regarding father resources, programs, and practitioners. OCF's first contribution to the magazine will be published May 15, 2021.

OCF Touchbase with Action for Children: OCF Exec. Director participated in a meeting with Ms. Roslyn Arnold. Ms. Arnold will replace Mr. Ashiko Hudson as Program Manager for the OCF funded Father Factor program. OCF Exec. Director also met with AFC leadership staff to discuss internal restructuring of service delivery. Mr. Jeff Kramer will begin to provide oversight to the Family Asset Building Program Area, which includes Mothers Matter, Father Factor, The Journey (Franklin County CSEA), All-in Dads (Federal Grant from HHS). AFC has strategized ways to ensure their Fatherhood programs work in unison.

Talbert House Fatherhood Committee Meeting: OCF Exec. Director participated in the Talbert House Fatherhood Committee meeting. OCF Executive Director provided an update regarding the history of the Commission, its mission as well as the connection with Talbert House and Hamilton County.

One-on-One Touch Base with CAO of Scioto County: OCF Exec. Director, PM, and PA held its one-on-one (1/1) with the new Single County Fatherhood grantee, Community Action Organization (CAO) of Scioto County. OCF staff answered questions and advised on challenges grantee were facing.

Father's Feelings & OCF Follow-Up: OCF Exec. Director, PM, and PA met with OhioGuidestone to continue discussions about the Father's Feeling project. This project focuses on specific mental health screening for new fathers.

ECRC and Columbiana County Child Support Agency: OCF Exec. Director, PM, and PA met with multi-county fatherhood grantee Early Childhood Resource Center (ECRC) and Columbiana County to discuss collaboration opportunities with the OCF's County Mobilization project. County Mobilization is a small grant that helps local agencies and organizations establish a network of county stakeholders committed to mobilizing fatherhood in the county.

Grantee Program and Case Manages Monthly Touch Base for March 2021: OCF Exec. Director, PM, and PA met with the grantees for its monthly touch base. Guests Mr. Kenneth Hampton and Dr. Crystal Hagans joined the touch base. Mr. Hampton provided insight into his new book, Underdog Mentality. Dr. Hagans discussed the Epilepsy Foundation.

TANF Grantee Meetings, Events and Conference Calls:

Grantee Program Manager & Job Developer Monthly Touchbase for April 2021: Executive Director, OCF PM and PA hosted the monthly grantee touch base. Guest speakers from the Columbus Department of Health and the Latino Affairs Commission discussed the respective organizations. Ideas for how to help fathers were discussed.

Meeting with Avion Brown: Executive Director and OCF Staff met with NKO-CLE to observe the virtual presentation of their new Peer Educator. Mr. Brown will be presenting to several classes of 7th graders at Warrensville Heights Middle School. Peer Educators from both NKO-CLE and NKO-Fairfield presented pregnancy prevention curriculum to the 7th grade classes at Warrensville Heights Middle School. 78% of the 7th graders attended at some point during the three-day presentation.

OCF/NKO Peer Educator Meeting: OCF Exec. Director, Project Manager and Program Administrator met with the leadership and Peer Educators from both NKO teams to discuss and understand current Peer Educator expectations. The OCF team wanted to connect with everyone from both teams to verify clarity, and if necessary, implement strategy where improvement is needed.

NKO Presentation: OCF Exec. Director and Program Administrator met with both NKO pilot project teams to discuss their upcoming presentation at the upcoming Commissioner meeting. OCF and NKO teams reviewed slides, suggested edits to the slides and adding Peer Educator videos. OCF will meet with both NKO teams later this month to time and run through the presentation.

State Agency Collaboration:

OCS-NKO Peer Educators: OCF Exec. Director participated on a call with OCS staff, Leslie Owens, and Amy Rice regarding a connection with Gerrie Cotter with CCMEP. Gerrie Cotter has offered to meet with OCS staff regarding NKO and CCMEP connections in Lucas and Gallia counties.

CCMEP – No Kidding Ohio with Gerrie Cotter: OCF Exec. Director, PM, and PA met with State CCMEP strategic staff to discuss county collaboration and the potential of a referral process for NKO pilots in their respective counties. State CCMEP strategic staff advised several foreseeable advantages to connecting NKO Peer Educator to CCMEP services. They also advised that a significant number of CCMEP youth fit the employee requirements for the NKO Peer Educator program in both counties. Meetings have been scheduled with county CCMEP staff in Cuyahoga and Fairfield. NKO Program Managers will attend OCF, State/County CCMEP collaboration meeting, with county staff working in their respective counties, in hopes of establishing an equitable referral process for both programs.

State Agency Collaboration:

NKO-CLE P Di/Gerrie Cotter: OCF Exec. Director, PM, and PA met with representatives from the Comprehensive Case Management and Employment Program (CCMEP) at both the state-level, as well as the county-level (i.e., Cuyahoga County Ohio Means Jobs (OMJ)). The program manager from NKO-CLE was also in attendance. The purpose of the meeting with to connect NKO-CLE with the Cuyahoga County OMJ to help with recruiting Peer Educators (PEs).

First Building Recovery Supports Meeting: OCF Exec. Director met with staff from Recovery Ohio/Recovery Supports to discuss modifying the 2019 Recovery Ohio Advisory Council Initial Report. The initial report focused on opiates where the updated report will address opiates, other drug substance abuse, mental health, suicide, etc. The Governor's Office added OCF Executive Director to the three meetings to work on modifying resources in the report. There were two subsequent meetings to ensure the committee covered the Building Supports section of the updated report.

Meeting – Delaware Fatherhood Summit: OCF Exec. Director met with the planning committee of the State of Delaware Virtual Fatherhood Summit. OCF Executive Director will participate on a panel with speakers from Pennsylvania. The panel topic will focus on establishing a state Fatherhood Commission in Delaware. The Summit is scheduled for July 10, 2021 from 10:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m.

A Conversation: Engaging Fathers/Men of Family Members with Developmental Disabilities with Corey Ferguson: OCF Exec. Director met with staff from ODD (Ohioans with Developmental Disabilities) as well as stakeholders from DSACO (Down Syndrome Association of Ohio) and OCALI (Ohio Center for Autism and Low-Incidence) Disabilities. The team discussed ways to engage fathers with disabilities and fathers of children with disabilities. OCF Executive Director shared the report from a previous pilot project where the funded program served fathers of disabled children in Trumbull County. The group decided it would be a good idea to schedule a subsequent meeting to continue discussion on the ideas and topics during the introduction meeting.

Ohio Department of Youth Services (OhioDYS): OCF Exec. Director participated on a call with staff from ODYS to discuss grant sustainability services. OCF Executive Director provided some insight and recommendations to include connection with the Dibble Institute to discuss the Love Notes Fatherhood curriculum/Train the Trainer.

Quarterly OCF Commission Meeting: OCF staff held the quarterly OCF Commission Meeting virtually. Current grantee Action For Children presented about fatherhood programming in its service territory. The new Fatherhood Well-Being Screening Tool was discussed with the commissioners. The intent of the screening tool is to find out how the father is holistically as an individual when he starts fatherhood programming with a grantee. The discussion about update to OCF's bylaws continued and was finalized.

State Agency Collaboration:

Executive Committee Meeting: OCF Exec. Director and OCF staff met with the Commission's Executive Committee members to discuss upcoming agenda topics, to review the revised bylaws, discussed presentations, and presenters for the May 13, 2021 Commission Meeting.

Building Bridges Catch Up: OCF Exec. Director participated in a virtual meeting with Ms. Reba Collins with the West Ohio Conference of the United Methodist Church to discuss the upcoming Re-entry and Restorative Justice Conference in collaboration with ODRC, scheduled for October 14-15, 2021. OCF Exec. Director will assist in connecting other organizations and programs to participate in the conference. The five "big dominos" are: Employers, specifically Second Chance Employers (Entrepreneurship), Affordable Housing, Mental and Behavioral Health, Criminal Justice Reform and Kinship Care.

Recovery Ohio Ms. Carol Baden (Department of Health): OCF Executive Director participated in a meeting with Ms. Carol Baden to discuss participation on the Addiction Policy Family Forum. Director Alisha Nelson (Governor's Office) requested Exec Director Dent's participation on this new Recovery Ohio Committee. The committee members will receive national training on how to develop a toolkit to engage families of those in addiction. The committee will work with Scioto and Gallia Counties as the first 2 of 23 counties scheduled.

Meeting Update with Chip Weiant GOFBCI: OCF Exec. Director participated in a call with Mr. Chip Weiant, Governor's Office of Faith-based and Community Initiatives board member. OCF Exec. Director discussed the well-being screening tool with Chip.

Ohio Department of Mental Health & Addiction Services (OMHAS) & OCF Connection: OCF Exec. Director participated on a call with Ms. Shemane Marsh (Ohio Department of Mental Health and Addiction Services). Ms. Marsh is the Community Prevention Administrator and is working in Ohio's prisons with incarcerated adults and their children. Her office received a Second Chance Act grant and they are planning ways to work with children of incarcerated parents.

Meeting with Ohio Commission on Hispanic and Latino Affairs: OCF Exec. Director participated in a meeting with staff from the Ohio Commission on Hispanic and Latino Affairs to discuss how they can better collaborate and partner as both agencies serve common populations. The meeting produced various connections between OCF Exec. Director and Hispanic/Latino organizations throughout Ohio.

Latino Connection with OCF: OCF Exec. Director participated in a series of meetings with the Ohio Commission on Hispanic and Latino Affairs. OCF Exec. Director provided a presentation during the meeting and advised that she is interested in being more intentional with programs engaging Hispanic/Latino fathers and families.

State Agency Collaboration:

Meeting with Rep. D.J. Swearingen: OCF Exec. Director welcomed new OCF appointed Commissioner, Rep. D.J. Swearingen via MS Teams. Executive Director provided information regarding the Commission, to include the grantee programs and pilot projects. Representative Swearingen is interested in participating in recordings for the OCF social media pages during the “June is Responsible Fatherhood Month” campaign.

Black Maternal Health Webinar Zoom: OCF Exec. Director and PM attended a webinar to discuss the latest changes to House Bill 110, the State Operating Budget Bill. The conversations focused on Black Maternal Health in Ohio, strides made in the past few years, status of the Black Maternal Health policy nationwide, and how Ohio measures up with other states that are doing better in terms of maternal mortality and morbidity.

Grant Opportunity to help young adults with justice involvement postsecondary education and employment with Gerrie Cotter: OCF Exec. Director participated in a MS Teams meeting with representatives from Talbert House and ODJFS’ CCMEP office to discuss a funding opportunity announcement from the U.S. Department of Labor, focusing on young adult re-entry.

General Fatherhood Outreach, Meetings and Conference Calls:

Ms. Darella Motley – Ohio Commission on Fatherhood: OCF Exec. Director met with Ms. Darella Motley, Cuyahoga County’s “The Word Church” to discuss the pro se services offered to fathers and families in Ohio. Ms. Motley discussed the services to fathers seeking parenting time orders, custody orders as well as services to incarcerated and restored citizens.

Collaboration between OAN (Ohio Afterschool Network) and OCF: OCF Exec. Director was met with the Executive Director of OAN, and OCF Commission Chair Scott Neely (Children’s Hunger Alliance). The three discussed ways OAN and OCF can collaborate.

Dr. Rufus Sylvester Lynch’s Zoom Meeting: OCF Exec. Director participated in a couple of ZOOM meetings with Dr. Lynch (Pennsylvania Fatherhood Coordinator) to discuss his participation on the panel at the Delaware Virtual Fatherhood Summit. The Summit is scheduled for Saturday, July 10, 2021. Dr. Lynch will discuss the progress of the pending bill that will form a Pennsylvania Commission on Fatherhood.

Delaware Fatherhood Summit – Update: OCF Exec. Director participated in a virtual meeting with the Delaware Fatherhood Summit planning organization. The Delaware Fatherhood Summit is scheduled for Saturday, July 10, 2021 from 10:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m. OCF Exec. Director participated on a call with Mr. James Murray with the Federal Office of Child Support. Exec. Director Dent requested that Mr. James Murray moderate the panel during the Delaware State Summit. OCF Exec. Director will join a panel of state representatives from Pennsylvania and Ohio, specifically Representative Lori Mizgorski from PA, Representatives Riordan McClain, and Thomas West from Ohio.

General Fatherhood Outreach, Meetings and Conference Calls:

Touchbase II – with Mr. Kenny Hampton: OCF Exec. Director scheduled a subsequent meeting and met with Mr. Hampton after reading his book. Mr. Hampton is an award-winning speaker and proudly serves diverse walks of life including, youth, business professionals, athletes and more. Mr. Hampton provides spiritual guidance and mental health techniques to former professional athletes at risk of self-destructing. His experience includes over twelve years of raising a family, 10 plus years of mentoring athletes, four years of professional scouting and four years of playing professional football.

Introduction of Epilepsy Foundation Ohio to Kimberly Dent Zoom Meeting: OCF Exec. Director participated in a meeting with Executive Director Crystal Hagans with the Epilepsy Foundation. After discussing the importance of educating fathers about epilepsy, it was decided that Exec. Director Hagans will present during the March OCF funded grantee meeting.

NPLC Master Training Institute for the Ohio Commission on Fatherhood: OCF Exec. Director, PM, and PA met with Dr. Jeffrey Johnson and team to discuss the evidence-based fatherhood curriculum, National Partnership for Community Leadership (NPCL). OCF is working to offer this training at no cost to Ohio's fatherhood practitioners on a first-come, first-served basis.

Zoom Meeting with Deb Pontisso and National Fatherhood Workgroup: OCF Exec. Director participated on a call with nationally known Fatherhood practitioners to discuss ways HHS/ACF/OFA can more efficiently and effectively distribute the Healthy Marriage Responsible Fatherhood grant funding. The fourth cohort of funds was just released to 24 states 58 grantees (approximately 293 million dollars).

Introduction/Ohio Commission on Fatherhood with Leigh Guerra, Zepf Center: OCF Exec. Director participated in a meeting with staff from the Zepf Center. The Zepf Center is another Ohio organization that received a Healthy Marriage Responsible Fatherhood (HMRF) grant from Administration for Children and Families. OCF Exec. Director offered support as they begin to implement activities under the 5-year grant. OCF Admin Assistant mailed various brochures, flyers, and promotional material to the Zepf Fatherhood Program.

Introductory Meeting with Jarrell Black, Celebrate One Fatherhood Program Manager: OCF Exec. Director participated in a meeting with Mr. Jarrell Black the new Celebrate One Fatherhood Program Manager. OCF Exec. Director provided resources and recommendation on how to engage and empower expectant and new fathers. OCF Admin. Assistant mailed various brochures, flyers, and promotional material to Mr. Black to provide to fathers as he begins to engage them in the Linden and Morse/Karl Rd. corridors (high infant mortality) in Columbus.

General Fatherhood Outreach, Meetings and Conference Calls:

Father Commission Discussion-Illinois (Parents Share & Care Fatherhood Group): At the request of Ohio Children’s Trust Fund Exec. Director, Lindsay Williams, OCF Exec. Director met with a team from Illinois, Parents Share & Care Fatherhood Group to discuss the various projects and initiatives funded by OCF. The meeting was led by Ms. Sherry Cobbins, Community Based Child Abuse Administrator. The team is working on bringing the community together with a focus on fathers, a “hub” for dads to receive services.

Children’s Hunger Alliance – Menu of Hope Zoom Conference: OCF Exec. Director and Staff attended the Children’s Hunger Alliance Menu of Hope Conference to learn more about their programs and how they have provided food to needy children over the years. They raised over \$32,000. The guest speaker was Mr. Jimmy Wayne, Country Music Singer.

Region V Infant Mortality Series Kick-Off Webinar: OCF Exec. Director and OCF Staff attended a webinar for Region V. This webinar supplemented the ongoing work on parent and child health outcomes, especially around infant mortality, in the region. Racial inequality was discussed, specifically that of African Americans. Many organizations from local, state, and federal levels were in attendance. Dr. Arthur James and Dr. Donald Warne examined the history and historical policies that influence present-day health outcomes. To accelerate upstream, it is understood the role systems have in health disparities and envision tangible, practical things that can be done to achieve equity in birth outcomes.

Ohio Legislative Children’s Caucus Meeting: OCF Exec. Director, Project Manager, and Program Administrator attended the Ohio Legislative Children’s Caucus webinar. Organizations provided history and necessity of doula, racial inequity with health outcomes (specifically with African Americans), and legislative recommendations to decrease mother and infant mortality.

National Criminal Justice Training: OCF Exec. Director is participated in a four-day “Current Drug Trends” training. The National Criminal Justice Training Center is providing the training to educate attendees on what the various drug trends are throughout the U.S. The training will assist OCF Exec. Director with better awareness of the drug epidemic and how OCF funded grantees can more effectively engage with them, their families and community resources.

Antwon Watson – Cradle Cincinnati Fatherhood Meeting: OCF Exec. Director participated in a meeting with Mr. Antwon Watson with Cradle Cincinnati. Mr. Watson is the Healthy Start Fatherhood Coordinator hired to engage and empower expectant and new fathers. OCF Exec. Director led Mr. Watson to the OCF website for resources and will connect Mr. Watson to Mr. David Fluellen with Dads2B (funded by OCF) and Mr. Dapreis Owens Healthy Start Fatherhood Coordinator in Columbus. A meeting has been scheduled for Mr. Watson to meet Mr. Owens.

General Fatherhood Outreach, Meetings and Conference Calls:

Connection with El Puente – Mr. Tony Ortiz and Ohio Commission on Fatherhood: OCF Exec. Director participated in a meeting with staff from El Puente. El Puente is an organization that works with mentoring and tutoring children in Catholic/Private and a Dayton Public elementary school. Mr. Tony Ortiz advised that their organization would become a community center, closer to the population that requires their services.

National Criminal Justice Training Center: OCF Exec. Director attended a four-day “Current Drug Trends” training offered by the National Criminal Justice Training Center. The training included pertinent information regarding current drug trends in manufacturing them, distributing them and usage. Exec. Director Dent will use the training information to engage OCF funded grantee programs and the best way to provide services to fathers currently in substance use.

Meeting with Sabrina Jordan, Ohio Families Unite Against Police Brutality: OCF Exec. Director and Program Administrator met with Ms. Sabrina Jordan and Ms. Deborah Samuels to discuss Ms. Jordan’s non-profit. Ms. Jordan provides information and support to families who have lost loved ones at the hands of police officers. She also works with community stakeholders advance the initiative by way of policy change. She reached out to OCF because she needs the support of fathers. Ms. Jordan asked Exec. Director to connect her with fatherhood programs, so that fathers can be present in community event.

Microsoft Teams 101 Training: OCF Staff attended Microsoft Teams training. The training was hosted by OhioJFS-Office of Information Services (OIS).

Ohio Infant Mortality Taskforce Meeting with Sherri Killins Stewart: OCF Exec. Director participated in an interview with Dr. Sherri Killins-Stewart from The Build Initiative to determine if she is a good fit for the Governor’s “Eliminating Disparities in Infant Mortality Taskforce.”

Fathers and Early Childhood Development: OCF Exec. Director met with Ms. Lynanne Gutierrez from Groundworks and Mr. Scott Neely with Children’s Hunger Alliance. Ms. Gutierrez provided an update on the various services offered and strategies focused on prenatal to 5 years, prenatal to 3 “Ready Set Soar”, Reunification and Early Childhood. OCF Exec Director plans to invite Lynanne to a future grantee meeting.

Les Cannon-GIS: OCF Exec. Director participated in a call with Mr. Les Cannon who provided information on how fathers can be employed as Mass Appraisal Professionals. In a follow up meeting, OCF Exec. Director and Mr. Cannon discussed the various processes of becoming a mass appraiser and plans to send OCF flyers to provide to grantees as they work with fathers in their respective career opportunities.

General Fatherhood Outreach, Meetings and Conference Calls:

OCF – Stark County Legal Aid Meeting with John Petit and Maria Duvuvuei: OCF Exec. Director, Project Manager, and Program Administrator met with members from Stark County Legal Aid to discuss ways agencies could collaborate to assist fathers in Stark County. OCF Exec. Director, PM, and PA met with the leadership team at Stark County Legal Aid to continue the conversation about the potential for OCF to fund the organization as a pilot program. Stark County Legal Aid will provide assistance to fathers and families.

Introduction/Meeting with Senator Vernon Sykes: OCF Exec. Director welcomed Senator Vernon Sykes to OCF. Senator Sykes and Executive Director Dent discussed the purpose of the Commission and the various activities currently funded by the Commission. OCF Admin. Professional Terri Simons mailed the various items provided to new Commissioners.

OFA All Staff: OCF Staff participated in the 3/15/2021 all staff meeting for OFA. Four different mini sessions were scheduled that each OFA staff member was allowed to choose to attend. The sessions were COVID-19: Get the Best of Stress; Build Your Resilience; Work – Home Life Balance; and Building Cultural Competence. OFA staff also heard from Interim Director Matt Damschroder and Assistant Director Kara Wentz.

Fatherhood Participating Meeting with Kendall Lee: OCF Exec. Director participated on a call with Omega Psi Phi fraternity member Mr. Kendall Lee. The purpose of the meeting was to discuss collaboration and opportunities for the membership of Omega Psi Phi, Fraternity, Inc. to become active participants in working with the Ohio Fatherhood Commission. Mr. Lee shared some information about their Fraternity's Fatherhood and Mentoring Initiatives for diverse communities.

Connection – Del Pueblo Inc. & OCF: OCF Exec. Director participated on a call with Mr. Manuel Lopez Ramirez. Del Pueblo operates primarily in Clark County. Mr. Lopez provided information on the various services offered by Del Pueblo Inc. and is interested in connecting to Fatherhood in Clark County. OCF Executive Director plans to connect Mr. Lopez to Reverend Eli Williams with Urban Light Ministries.

Healthy Start Fatherhood - Columbus and Cincinnati: OCF Exec. Director participated on a call to connect the two Fatherhood practitioners funded by Healthy Start in Columbus and Cincinnati so that they can discuss strategies to serve the required 100 fathers per the agreement with Healthy Start. OCF Admin. Professional mailed OCF promotional material as well as marketing brochures and flyers to both Healthy Start locations.

ECRC Strategic Plan Meeting: OCF Exec. Director participated in an interview to assist ECRC with completing a SWOT Analysis of their organization. OCF Exec. Director provided information regarding OCF's relationship with ECRC as well as their strengths, weaknesses, opportunities, and threats.

General Fatherhood Outreach, Meetings and Conference Calls:

Eliminating Disparities in Infant Mortality Task Force: OCF Exec. Director participated on the first virtual call with other members of the Governor’s “Eliminating Disparities in Infant Mortality Task Force”. The expectation is to focus and implement strategies that will directly eliminate Infant Mortality, specifically in the African American communities.

Akron & Canton Joint Latino Networking Meeting with Lair Marin: OCF Exec. Director presented during the Akron & Canton Joint Latino Networking meeting. Exec. Director Dent will connect Mr. Shawn Crable with ECRC’s Fatherhood program with various members of the Network.

JLI Panel Discussion with Shantelle Hill: OCF Exec. Director participated on a panel with Bret Crow and Jason Sankey to discuss Diversity, Equity, and Inclusion as leadership styles. The panel discussion was moderated by Charles Berry with OWD. The event was recorded as a Microsoft Live Event and will be used for the JFS Leadership Institute.

Adelante Inc. and Commission on Fatherhood: OCF Exec. Director met with Adelante Director Sabina Serratos. Director Serratos provided information on the various community services offered to families in Lucas County. Executive Director Dent plans to virtually introduce Director Serratos to the staff at The Zepf Center. Director Serratos advised that she works with Ms. Avis Files and has referred fathers to Brothers United, Pathway.

Phone Conference to address father inquiry: OCF Exec Director participated on a phone call with a Franklin County Father, who is working through a divorce and has three children. The father inquired about Fatherhood services in Franklin County. OCF Exec. Director will referred him to Action for Children’s Father Factor program to assist him with skills to continue to parent his children and work amicably with the mother of his children.

Approval for 2021 Q1: Leading with Vision (Senior & Executive) Training: OCF Exec. Director participated in a training required under the JFS Leadership Institute. The trainees discussed the various strategies under the OSARP project. OCF Exec. Director was assigned to the fourth goal, “transform department technologies to support the delivery, monitoring and evaluation of high-quality programs and services for all Ohioans.

Meeting with Senator Jerry Cirino: OCF Exec. Director welcomed new OCF appointed Commissioner, Senator Cirino via MS Teams. Executive Director provided information regarding the Commission, to include the grantee programs and pilot projects. Senator Cirino provided information regarding his thoughts on the importance of Fatherhood.

General Fatherhood Outreach, Meetings and Conference Calls:

Nurturing Children by Engaging Fathers in the Classroom with Heather Reister: OCF Exec. Director met with Ms. Heather Reister and Ms. Alisha Barton with The Ohio State University to discuss training for Early Childhood educators on the importance of engaging and empower fathers in their work.

Clark County & Welcome Springfield Latino Connection Meeting: OCF Exec. Director presented during the Clark County/Springfield Latino Regional meeting. OCF Exec. Director provided pertinent information regarding funded grantee programs and the services offered in the various counties.

Conference Call with Ms. Pounds for her husband: OCF Exec. Director participated on a phone conference with Mr. and Mrs. Rondre Pounds Sr. regarding a Child Support case in Richland County. Mr. Pounds would like the local child support agency to advise him on the termination of support for his two sons (18 and 19 years of age), and how he can have his driver's license reinstated. OCF Executive Director reached out to Richland County CSEA's Director, Janet Brock regarding Mr. Pounds child support case.

Youngstown Latino Networking Meeting: OCF Exec. Director presented during the Youngstown Latino Regional meeting. OCF Exec. Director provided pertinent information regarding funded grantee programs and the services offered in the various counties.

Greene County-Story Chain: OCF Executive Director participated on a ZOOM call with representatives from Greene County's Story Chain project. The project continues to focus on reading to isolated populations in Yellow Springs/Greene County. The project focused on incarcerated parents reading books to send home to their children; however, with COVID-19, the project has pivoted to engage populations of people isolated due to the COVID-19 pandemic. Others on the call were Judge Rice from Montgomery County and Greene County Commissioner Dick Gould.

Healthy Visions – Cincinnati: OCF Exec. Director met with Ms. Jonelle Zachary Community Engagement Coordinator with Healthy Visions in Cincinnati. Healthy Visions is a pregnancy prevention, mental health and drug/opioid abuse prevention organization that works with 60 schools in Cincinnati (fulfill state mandates).

Ohio Commission on Fatherhood- Fatherhood Training Discussion with Morgan Stanley: OCF Exec. Director participated in a meeting with Ms. Christina Brown and other representatives from Morgan Stanley. The referral was made by Mr. Joseph Jones with National Center for Urban Families in Baltimore, MD.

General Fatherhood Outreach, Meetings and Conference Calls:

Fatherhood Committee Meeting with Jarrell Black: OCF Exec. Director participated in a Celebrate One Fatherhood Committee meeting. Celebrate One created a Fatherhood Coordinator position to engage and empower expectant and new fathers in Franklin County. Other attendees and invitees included, Action for Children, Dads2B, Columbus Urban League, and Fathers Inc. OCF Executive Director recommended that Mr. Black reach out to Mr. Dapreis Owens with Healthy Starts Fatherhood Fundamentals (Columbus Public Health Department).

CLASP Childcare and Beyond: OCF Exec. Director attended the Child Care: The American Rescue Plan & Beyond webinar hosted by CLASP (Center for Law & Social Policy). The guest speakers discussed the 39-billion-dollar investment in the American Rescue Plan for childcare, to include head start, salary increases, and resources for families.

Fatherhood FLAME (Fatherhood, Leadership, Affirming, Marriage, and Employment)

Community Conversations with Kirklyn Berry: OCF Exec. Director met with Mr. Kirk Berry with Public Strategies to discuss participating in the HHS/ACF/OFA Focusing the Fatherhood FLAME “campfire recording sessions”. OCF Executive Director will travel to Oklahoma City, OK to record at Public Strategies on May 15, 2021.