

Funding:

Single County Fatherhood Implementation RFGA: OCF Exec. Director met with Deputy Director Eric Glenn to discuss the progress of the Single County Fatherhood Implementation request for grant application (RFGA). This is a reposting from last spring. The original RFGA was unpublished due to COVID-19. The RFGA is currently published with proposals due by 3:00 p.m. November 20, 2020.

OCF Fatherhood Implementation Grant Renewal for SFY2022-2023 Biennium: OCF met with the five multi-county fatherhood implementation grantees. In consultation with OCA (Office of Contracts and Acquisitions), OCF is exercising the option to renew the agreements for another biennium with posting another request for grant application (RFGA). The five grantees are Action for Children (AFC), ForeverDads, Early Childhood Resource Center (ECRC), Passages, and Talbert House. All five grantees also wish to pursue the option of renewal. OCF Exec. Director and OCF PM met with multi-county fatherhood implementation grantee, ECRC. ECRC is interested in bringing Columbiana, Mahoning, and Trumbull counties in with its fatherhood programming. OCF plans to schedule ongoing conversations to discuss changes.

Dads2B SFY2021 Budget Modification: OCF Exec. Director and Project Manager met with David Fluellen to discuss the request to use SFY2020 unexpended/unliquidated funds to support an expansion of Dads2B programming into Montgomery County.

TANF Grantee Meetings, Events and Conference Calls Cont'd:

Williams Challenge Man2Man Touch Base: The OCF Exec. Director and Project Manager is meeting with the single county fatherhood implementation grantee, Williams Challenge Man2Man. OCF and OPNFF have provided intensive assistance to address major deficiencies identified in a Performance Improvement Plan (PIP). OCF is discussing the termination of the agreement effective 9/30/2020. The Ohio Commission on Fatherhood (OCF) in coordination with the Office of Contracts and Acquisitions (OCA) is cancelling the agreement with Williams Challenge Man2Man effective 9/30/2020. OCF and Ohio Practitioners' Network for Fathers and Families (OPNFF) continued intensive assistance and guidance with Williams Challenge Man2Man, but Williams Challenge Man2Man failed to resolve major deficiencies identified through a Performance Improvement Plan (PIP). OCF is meeting with Williams Challenge Man2Man virtually on Wednesday, 9/30/2020. A letter of termination from OCA will be issued after the meeting on 9/30/2020.

(NKO) No Kidding Ohio Touch Base/Workforce Development: OCF Exec. Director and OCF Project Manager (PM) met with the OhioJFS-Office of Workforce Development (OWD) and Talbert House. OWD is interested in using WIOA funds to support a No Kidding Ohio (NKO)

pilot in Cincinnati. Talbert House is interested in participating as the grantee for NKO in Cincinnati.

(NKO) Cleveland: OCF Exec. Director participated in a meeting with a couple of the Cleveland NKO peer educators. The Exec. Director has an opportunity to provide words of thanks and encouragement for being part of the project. The peer educators are currently learning the curriculum to implement it at several Cleveland City Schools. A representative from Cleveland City Schools also attended the meeting. By Leaps And Bounds introduced the new Peer Educators to OCF. OCF Exec. Director provided training about child support, focusing primarily on paternity establishment.

Meeting with Angie Daniels, Action for Children: OCF Executive Director met with Ms. Angie Daniels the new Director of Family and Community Engagement at Action for Children. Ms. Daniels will oversee the Fatherhood program, Father Factor as well as all other family and community programs. OCF Executive Director provided an update to Director Daniels regarding the changes and requirements for the funded multi-county grantees.

TANF Grantee Meetings, Events and Conference Calls Cont'd:

Mental Health and Addiction Screening work Group/Teams Meeting: OCF Project Manager met with OCF funded grantees to begin conversations regarding mental health and addiction screening tools to be implemented next biennial budget grant cycle. The meetings are scheduled weekly at this time. OCF PM met with OCF funded grantees to finalize conversations regarding mental health and addiction screening tools to be implemented during the next biennial budget grant cycle. OCF Exec. Director and OhioMHAS Director John Sexten joined the Work Group/Team conversation on Monday, 10/26/2020. The final draft mental health and addiction screening tool was submitted to OCF Exec. Director for additional scrutinization.

New Grant Orientation Planning with OCS: OCF Executive Director met with staff from the Office of Child Support/Outreach, Education and Grants Management to prepare for the October 29th grantee orientation scheduled for Lucas and Gallia counties. Lucas and Gallia counties will implement No Kidding Ohio funded by the Federal Office of Child Support through a grant application submitted by the State Office of Child Support.

Annual Report Meeting with Mr. Steve Killpack: OCF Exec. Director met with Ohio Practitioners' Network for Fathers and Families (OPNFF) to discuss the data elements from the Efforts to Outcomes (ETO) system that will be used for the annual report.

Touch Base with ForeverDads: OCF Exec. Director and Project Manager met with ForeverDads to discuss the Survival Skills for Healthy Families. The purpose of the meeting was to identify how ForeverDads will incorporate this coparenting curriculum into its services for fathers and families.

State Fatherhood Summit:

Virtual 2020 State Fatherhood Summit Meeting conference call with OPNFF: OCF Staff participated on a call with OPNFF to discuss final planning decisions about the State Summit.

Meeting with Ms. Alicia Leatherman of ODH: OCF Exec. Director participated in a Teams meeting with Ms. Alicia Leatherman from ODH to discuss the two staff from ODH who will present during the Infant Mortality Prevention breakout session as well as the virtual vendor room at the virtual Fatherhood Summit.

2020 Fatherhood Summit: OCF staff participated in several technology checks with vendors, keynote speakers, presenters and moderators. OCF Exec. Director participated with Bartha Technical staff and the fatherhood and government panel which includes State Representatives, Senators, and Agency Directors, via the Zoom Platform. Bartha went over the features of using Pathable platform for the upcoming State Fatherhood Summit.

Summit Décor: OCF staff participated on a conference call with Mr. Smith to discuss additional details about the posters, selfie boards and various photos of single fathers with children in masks and some without masks, which were to be added to the posters for the State Fatherhood Summit.

Summit (Pathable) Video: OCF PM met with ForeverDads to review the commercial to be played during downtime (e.g., lunch break) on 9/3/2020.

Final Summit Planning Meeting: OCF Staff participated in the final Summit Planning OPNFF Committee meeting. The Committee discussed the final phase of the Summit such as obtaining final bios, making sure all vendors and presenters are set for their tech checks and providing updates about the program décor and promotional products.

State Fatherhood Summit Cont'd:

State Fatherhood Summit Zoom Meeting with Mr. Jerry Spencer with Bartha: OCF Executive Director participated in a Zoom Meeting with Mr. Jerry Spencer from Bartha. Bartha is the OCF/ODJFS contracted company that will produce the State Fatherhood Summit on Sept. 3rd. OCF Exec. Director asked Mr. Jerry Spencer at Bartha's if OCF Staff could present and moderate at the Bartha worksite on Thursday, Sept. 3, 2020 for the State Fatherhood Summit. Various technology checks were conducted by Bartha with plenary speakers, breakout session speakers and virtual vendor room presenters. OCF Staff will be attending the zoom training session on the 1st day of the State Fatherhood Summit. The trainings include: OPNFF Practitioner Training is scheduled in the morning and the Grant Writing Training is scheduled in the afternoon.

Commission Meeting

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Mr. William Green's Recording (Mr. Ehrman) Teams Meeting: OCF Exec. Director met with Mr. Ben Ehrman, representative for Mr. William Green (former Brown's NFL Player) regarding signed football cards for Fatherhood Summit winners as well as Mr. Green producing a video, focusing on Fatherhood to post to the OCF website.

New Print Process with DAS with Mr. Matthew Cunningham MS Teams Meeting: OCF Exec. Director participated in a Teams Meeting with Mr. Matthew Cunningham to discuss the concerns of not receiving OCF's promotional products within a timely manner. The vendor that was selected by DAS via the competitive bid process is Ken of Koppel Advertising. The vendor continues to state the problem is COVID-19. The promotional items are still being sent to us via e-mail as proofs requesting approval. None of the products have been shipped to us. It doesn't look as though we will receive any of the promotional products before the scheduled State Fatherhood Summit. Mr. Cunningham suggested that the OCF Exec. Director send two separate e-mails questioning the process and if payment has been made to the vendor. Promotional Products Teams Meeting with Ms. Tonya Burke: OCF Staff met with Ms. Burke to discuss concerns of not receiving the promotional products by the requested deadline for the State Fatherhood Summit. The specifications of some of the sample products sent via e-mail were incorrect. OCF plans to schedule a meeting with DAS Coordinator Mike Ruhermund to get further information about the process.

State Agency Collaboration:

Exec. Committee Commission Meeting Conference Call: OCF Staff participated on a phone call with the Exec. Committee to discuss the upcoming September 10, 2020 Commission Meeting Agenda topics and opening of the Bylaws. OCF Exec. Director and staff met with commissioners to plan for the next commission meeting scheduled for Thursday, 11/12/2020. The OCF Executive Committee approved the agenda.

Ms. Reba Collins and Live Chat about Building Bridges/All in Community Summit: OCF Exec. Director participated on a call with Ms. Reba Collins with the West Ohio Conference of the United Methodist Church to discuss the upcoming prison summit, scheduled as a virtual event October 1-2, 2020. OCF Exec. Director participated on a call with Mr. Joey Green from Columbus Urban League regarding his participation in the Building Bridges, All in Community Summit. Executive Director Dent recommended Mr. Green to Ms. Reba Collins with the West Ohio Conference of United Methodist Church as a potential speaker at the October 1-2, 2020 Prison Summit. OCF Exec. Director participated in the final Building Bridges, All in Community planning event committee. The event is being hosted by the West Ohio Conference of the United Methodist Church and ODRC. The two-day event will offer various sessions focused on large, medium and small counties, services, gaps in services, successes and challenges for restored citizens and loved ones of restored citizens. OCF Executive Director presented at the All in Community/Building Bridges of Opportunity two-day event with more

than 525 attendees. OCF Executive Director facilitated the session titled Pandemic Impact, practices, pivots & opportunities for Recovery Support as well as the Closing the Basic Needs Gap for Families during the pandemic.

Building Bridges, All in Community (Lunch and Learn): OCF Exec. Director participated in one of the Lunch and Learn events during the All in Community/Building Bridges of Opportunity two-day event. The Lunch and Learn included ODRC and other stakeholders in Southeast Ohio.

Meeting with Mr. David Fluellen (Dads2B) and Ms. Twinkle (Moms2B): OCF Exec. Director met with staff from Moms2B and Dads2B to discuss the upcoming session at the Building Bridges, All in Community event where Exec. Director Dent will facilitate the discussion during the “Closing the Basic Need Gaps for Families During the Pandemic” session. Ms. Twinkle Schottke and Mr. David Fluellen are two of four presenters.

Building Bridges, All in Community- Meeting with Ms. Zaria Davis: OCF Exec. Director participated in a meeting with Ms. Zaria Davis, who reached out to OCF Exec. Director via the Whova application. The Whova application was used during the All in Community/Building Bridges of Opportunities two-day event. OCF Exec Director provided Ms. Davis with information and resources located on the OCF website.

Building Bridges, All in Community-Debrief: OCF Exec. Director, as part of the planning committee, participated in the post Building Bridges of Opportunities event to debrief and review evaluations. The planning committee discussed ways to improve future events, when to have the next event, number of planning meetings to schedule, etc.

Recovery Ohio Recovery Supports Workgroup Catch-Up MS Teams Meeting with Director Alisha Nelson: As the temporary co-chair of the Recovery Ohio, Recovery Supports Workgroup, OCF Exec. Director joined the other workgroup co-chair, Janice Mader in a Teams meeting to update Ms. Alisha Nelson, co-chair of Recovery Ohio. OCF Exec. Director, as a member of the Recovery Ohio, Recovery Supports Workgroup participated in a meeting to discuss how the two subcommittees are progressing. The two subcommittees are Community & Peer Recovery Supports and Housing. The focus remains on the question regarding how services and resources can continue to be provided during the COVID-19 pandemic.

State Agency Collaboration Cont'd:

ODRC Family Engagement Subcommittee Teams Meeting: OCF Exec. Director participated in a Teams meeting with ODRC and other stakeholders. The subcommittee discussed the mandatory features of a family engagement event. These meetings occur bi-weekly at this time. Other meetings focused on the elements of Family Engagement. The committee will focus on identifying what the various FE sessions will look like as ODRC Family Engagement events.

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ODRC Family Engagement Advisory Council: OCF Exec. Director participated in the quarterly ODRC Family Engagement Advisory Council meeting. ODRC Director Chambers-Smith provided an update to the council, regarding various processes and procedures in the state prisons during COVID-19.

ODRC, OCS and OFC: OCF Exec. Director facilitated a meeting among three different offices, Ohio Department of Rehabilitation and Correction, Office of Child Support and Office of Families and Children. ODRC Director is interested in knowing more about the paternity and foster care protocol as it relates to incarcerated adults in Ohio's state prisons. OCF Exec Director invited the SME's (Subject Matter Experts) to participate in the call. Subsequent calls will be scheduled per the request of ODRC leadership staff. OCF Executive Director attended the virtual Montgomery County Office of Re-entry Family Engagement event. Family and loved ones of incarcerated adults were provided an opportunity to hear about resources and ask questions to local resource organizations, the re-entry coalition and ODRC.

Conference Call with Mr. Chip Weiant: OCF Exec. Director met with Mr. Chip Weiant regarding information that grantees collect from participants. Mr. Weiant, the longest serving member on GOFBCI (Governor's Office of Faith-based and Community Initiatives) has suggested a meeting with Director Michele Reynolds, GOFBCI Exec Director to discuss data collection tools implemented in their programs. OCF Exec. Director participated on a call with GOFBCI staff and board member Chip Weiant regarding changes in the data collection tool OCF plans to introduce to OCF commissioners and implement during the next biennial budget grant cycle. The data collection tool will contain questions focused on the father's well-being before exploring questions related to his role as a father. OCF is also working with current grantees to include questions related to mental health and addiction. OCF would like to include questions focused on the father's hobbies and other support systems like faith organizations and other community support systems.

OCTF (Ohio Children's Trust Fund) Questions on Virtual Summit: OCF Exec. Director participated in a meeting with OCTF Executive Director Williams and staff to discuss how OCF chose Bartha as the audio/visual vendor for the State Virtual Fatherhood Summit. OCTF is planning a virtual event in Spring 2021.

General Fatherhood Outreach, Meetings and Conference Calls:

National Dads Take your child to school day planning meeting: OCF Exec. Director participated in a WebEx meeting with Mr. Scott Leach from New York City's Fatherhood program as well as other national Fatherhood practitioners to discuss the webinar to promote the virtual "Dad Take Your Child To School Day" event scheduled for September 17, 2020.

DTYCTSD National Webinar: OCF Exec. Director participated in the national WebEx webinar “Dad Take Your Child to School Day” with other national Fatherhood practitioners throughout the states, including the Virgin Islands. The official date of the virtual event is Sept. 17, 2020.

OSU’s Family Engagement Leadership Summit (virtual): OCF Exec. Director attended the OSU Family Engagement Leadership Summit. Exec. Director Dent participates on the OSU Family Engagement Advisory Council and attended the Summit to hear from various leaders throughout the state on best practices, successes and challenges during the current school year.

Blueprint Taping: Social live Link with Mr. Kenneth Braswell: OCF Exec. Director participated in an interview with Mr. Kenneth Braswell, Fathers Incorporated. The documentary “Dark Hearts,” was produced by Mr. Braswell, and the pre-recorded interviews with various Fatherhood practitioners, researchers, policymakers, etc. will air with the documentary on September 29, 2020. ***Mr. Kenneth Braswell’s The Blueprint Forum:*** OCF Exec. Director watched the Blueprint forums. OCF Exec. Director wrapped-up the day of conversations post the screening of “Dark Hearts.” Various leaders in non-profit, faith-based, scholar and government entities participated in various forums to discuss the importance of engaging, supporting and empowering fathers.

Ohio Commission on Fatherhood Teams Meeting w/Ms. Cherrelle Turner: OCF Exec. Director continues to meet with Ms. Cherrelle Turner, Foster America Strategy Fellow. Ms. Turner is currently working in the Office of Families and Children Transformation and will continue to work with OCF on how to better engage fathers in the foster care system as well as how foster care systems can best implement protocols and policies that are both father-friendly and father-inclusive.

Cornell University Webinar Zoom Meeting w/Ms. Rosemary Avery: OCF Exec. Director participated in a tech check with other speakers scheduled to speak during the Cornell University webinar on Wednesday, Sept. 30th at 7:00 p.m. The webinar on criminal justice, low income families, and Fatherhood is scheduled for one hour with the following hour scheduled as a meeting with 50 students from Cornell University asking follow-up questions from the webinar. Executive Director Dent will discuss Family Engagement in the prisons as well as dismantling the community to prison pipeline.

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Engaging Fathers APPAM Session Planning with Ms. Mindy Scott: OCF Exec. Director participated in a tech check and pre-conference meeting with staff from Child Trends and HHS/ACF regarding their presentation at the APPAM (Association for Public Policy Analysis & Management) Conference. OCF Exec. Director will join the staff at Child Trends and HHS/ACF

in a presentation on Charmed (Co-parenting & Healthy Relationship & Marriage Education for Dads) at the APPAM Conference.

InsideOut Dad Training Webinar (2-Days): OCF Staff opened the two-day InsideOut Dad training. The training is evidence-based curriculum and it is being held virtually on October 14th and 15th. OCF is sponsoring the training and purchased training kits for the first 25 people who registered.

Co-Parenting Network Advisory Committee Meeting: OCF Exec. Director participated in the first meeting hosted by Child Trends, which focused on steps to develop a survey to be used when working with young fathers. The next meeting is scheduled for Spring 2021; however, the committee will review the surveys and participate in a focus group post survey development.

RECS (Research and Evaluation Conference): OCF Exec. Director met with Ms. Mindy Scott to discuss the Research and Evaluation Conference Session on Engaging Fathers. OCF Exec. Director attended the RECS (Research and Evaluation Conference on Self-Sufficiency) to observe the flow of the session on Engaging Fathers. OCF Executive Director will speak at the APPAM (Association for Public Policy and Management) conference). After staff from Child Trends, Mathematica and the University of Denver present, OCF Executive Director will be the discussant to wrap up the conversation.

Fathers at the Education Table Meeting with Ms. Cassandra Archie: OCF Executive Director and Project Manager met with Ms. Cassandra Archie with Advocates for Educational Equity and Excellence, to discuss the pilot project, “Fathers at the Education Table, the Forgotten Experts.” OCF PM provided an operational plan o Ms. Archie to submit with the budget.