

**Ohio Commission on Fatherhood (OCF)  
Executive Director Report  
February-May 2018**

**Funding:**

***Phone Call with HMRF (HHS/ACF/OFA) Regarding Future of NBNF Grant:*** OCF/NBNF Executive Director, and staff participated in a phone conference with Health and Human Services/Administration for Children and Families/Office of Family Assistance regarding decision to move forward with the NBNF grant based on low enrollment numbers at the four partner sites. By mutual agreement, HHS and the State of Ohio agreed to relinquish the NBNF grant and stop enrollment. HHS encouraged ODJFS to reapply for future HMRF funding opportunities to address the same population of fathers as recommended by HHS/Administration for Children and Families /Office of Family and Children.

**State Agency Collaboration**

***Meeting with Traci Bell Thomas & ODM Intern:*** OCF Executive Director met with Infant Mortality Project Manager, Traci Bell-Thomas and the intern from Cristo Rey High School in Columbus, Ohio. OCF Exec Director provided a high-level overview of the Fatherhood work implemented throughout the state as well as the mission and purpose of OCF.

***Home Visitor / Fatherhood Meeting:*** OCF/NBNF staff participated on a phone conference with Mr. Tom Wetzel (Parents as Teachers, Bright Beginnings), Cuyahoga County Home Visiting provider and Steve Killpack, OPNFF (Ohio Practitioners' Network for Fathers and Families) to discuss the best way to market dads through moms participating in Home Visiting programs.

***Child Support Collaborative Meeting:*** OCF Executive Director attended the quarterly ODRC/Child Support Collaborative Meeting. The group was provided an update regarding the various passed bills as well as pending bills currently in the Child Support and Rehabilitation and Correction offices. ODYS (Ohio Department of Youth Services) and ODRC will share services in a new building located on Fischer Road in Columbus.

***ODRC / Child Support Collaborative Meeting:*** OCF Executive Director attended the quarterly ODRC/Child Support Collaborative Meeting. The group was provided an update regarding the various passed bills as well as pending bills currently in the Child Support and Rehabilitation and Correction offices. ODYS (Ohio Department of Youth Services) and ODRC will share services in a new building located on Fischer Road in Columbus.

***ECMH Intentional Transformation Conference:*** OCF staff managed a vendor table at the Early Childhood Mental Health conference. OCF grantee Action for Children co-managed the OCF table and assisted with disseminating OCF marketing material, and discussed programming with conference attendees.

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### **General Fatherhood Outreach**

***Children’s Hunger Alliance 23<sup>rd</sup> Annual Menu of Hope:*** OCF Staff attended the Children’s Hunger Alliance Menu of Hope, in support of Commissioner Scott Neely. The luncheon was a fund raiser in support of children who are food insecure in Ohio. Keynote speaker Sampson Davis M.D. spoke of the issues with poverty he was confronted with in his early years, and the monumental people that assisted him through college and medical school. He encouraged attendees to be “that” person for the children in Ohio.

***Safe Schools Healthy Students Conference Planning:*** OCF Executive Director participated on a phone conference with staff from the Ohio Departments of Education and Mental Health and Addiction Services regarding Fatherhood Workshops at the upcoming Healthy Schools and Communities Resource Conference. Two workshops have been planned from OCF and three OCF community funded Fatherhood programs.

***Meeting with Clinton County Fatherhood Coordinator:*** OCF Executive Director met with Clinton County Fatherhood Coordinator Mr. David Hinman, who was hired because of the Ohio County Fatherhood Mobilization project funded during SFY 2017. Mr. David Hinman was interested in obtaining information to include Fatherhood data collection tools, which were provided to him as he explores ways to provide Fatherhood programming in Clinton County.

***Podcast Infant Mortality Interview – Wilberforce University:*** OCF Executive Director participated in a series of pod casts at the request of Dr. Valerie Alloy, Mental Health and Addiction Services. The pod cast focused on the importance of fathers in their children’s lives, specifically as protective factors in Infant Mortality.

***COTA Mobility Advisory Board (MAB) Meeting:*** OCF Executive Director attended the quarterly COTA MAB meeting. COTA provided updates on the First and Last Mile as well as the new C-Pass Program where downtown employers have an opportunity to offer low-income employees free bus passes. State and Federal workers or employees working in state, federal buildings or churches are not eligible. The First and Last Mile is a study of various other modes of transportation to assist in the first or last mile between the rider’s home and the COTA bus stop.

***COTA Mobility Advisory Board (MAB) Meeting:*** OCF Executive Director attended the quarterly COTA MAB meeting. COTA staff provided an update regarding enhances to Central Ohio’s transportation system. The board discussed meetings with ODRC and ODYS as it relates to the move from W. Broad Street to Fischer Rd. COTA does not provide services to the new ODRC/ODYS location. The Alvis House COTA Board member also asked about COTA service to Jackson-Pike. An e-mail from COTA later provided additional details regarding the topic

***Phone Conference with Ms. Karla Poole, Parent Leader Training Institute (PLTI):*** OCF Executive Director participated on a phone conference with Ms. Karla Poole, PLTI Central Ohio, co-site coordinator, regarding the services provided by the Ohio Commission on Fatherhood. Ms. Poole was referred to OCF by the Ohio Latino Affairs Commission. The program is a national model in 18 states and 2 countries, which started in 1992 in Hartford, Connecticut

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through the Children's Defense Fund. Karla is interested in collaborating with OCF and the local Fatherhood programs to ensure that fathers are better engaged in the PLTI mission.

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

***Conference call with FRPN (Fatherhood Research and Practice Network) and OU about mini-grant proposal:*** OCF staff participated in a conference call with staff from Fatherhood Research and Practice Network (FRPN) and Ohio University (OU). OU submitted a mini-grant proposal to FRPN in which they propose to analyze data collected from OCF's TANF Grantees using the online case management system, ETO. During the call, FRPN clarified changes they would like to see in OU's proposal and said if the changes are made, OU would be awarded \$25,000 to conduct this data analysis. An e-mail was later sent to confirm that FRPN has chosen Ohio University to receive funds to provide an in-depth research analysis of the data collected by the SFY 2018-2019 TANF funded Fatherhood programs. OCF staff will begin to draft a data sharing agreement (OCF/OU) based on the recommended bullet points provided by the Office of OCA/Legal.

***Starts Within Fatherhood Program Graduation.*** OCF Executive Director attended the Starts Within (Walking Logo) graduation at the Franklin Medical Center (ODRC). Inmates attend a year-long program under this curriculum. This program is not funded by OCF.

***Healthy Schools and Communities Resource Team Meeting:*** OCF Executive Director attended the quarterly Safe Schools Healthy Students/Project Aware/School Climate end-of-the-schoolyear meeting. The state resource team, and local county programs discussed successes and challenges as well as how to sustain the work after the grant funding. ODE/OMHAS received a no cost extension from SAMSHA. The next meeting is scheduled for September 2018.

***Talbert House TANF Fathers Graduation:*** OCF staff attended the graduation of Talbert House's 44<sup>th</sup> Fatherhood cohort. OCF staff met members of Talbert House staff, including the Executive Director, Neil Tilow, board members and graduating fathers. Photos were provided to post on the OCF Facebook page.

***Meeting with Columbus Urban League (CUL) Leadership:*** Executive Director met with Fatherhood programming leadership from CUL regarding current programming under the NBNF grant. A contract is currently in place between Action for Children (AFC) and CUL to serve dads connected with the Moms2B program. The contract was scheduled to terminate September 2018; however, all NBNF programming will terminate June 30, 2018. CUL leadership advised that they will pursue alternative funding to continue the programming.

***Diversity and Inclusion Committee (DNI):*** OCF staff attended the quarterly meeting of the DNI Committee. The committee is planning a luncheon on June 14<sup>th</sup> that will feature international food and TED Talk videos. All ODJFS staff will be invited to bring food to share and to attend the luncheon.

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***Fatherhood Video Conference Call (Talbert House):*** OCF staff participated in a phone conference with the Talbert House Public Relations Office regarding the possibility of sharing the upcoming June Fatherhood Celebration video on the OCF Facebook and website pages.

***Phone Call with Jessica Pearson FRPN Research Funding Opportunity:*** OCF Executive Director participated on a phone conference with Jessica Pearson (Central Policy Research), Jay Fagan (Temple University) and Dean Randall Leite (Ohio University) regarding a research opportunity to provide a “deeper dive” into the OCF SFY 2018 funded grantee data. The proposal will be provided by Ohio University with a letter of support and agreement, with a data sharing agreement, for OU to access the deidentified OCF grantee data. The proposal is to be submitted by Monday, April 9, 2018.

***Phone Conference with Karen Bennett Cuyahoga Health and Human Services:*** OCF Executive Director participated on a phone conference with Karen Bennett with Cuyahoga County Department of Health and Human Services, Communications. Karen was referred to OCF by the Director of Cuyahoga County Child Support Services, Deb Watkins. Karen plans to write an article on the collaboration between Passages and Cuyahoga County Child Support.

***Call with Dr. Brian Moore and Ms. Molly Gauntner (Probation Officer Association) – Chief Probation Office for Franklin County:*** OCF Executive Director participated in a phone conference with Dr. Brian Moore (Passages) and Ms. Moly Gauntner regarding a joint Fatherhood presentation during the Chief Probation Officers Association/Line Staff Training, scheduled for June 14, 2018.

***Meeting with Alicia Wilkes from Columbus Urban League:*** OCF Executive Director met with Ms. Alicia Wilkes from the Columbus Urban League regarding the Moms2B/NBNF Fatherhood project currently under contract between CUL and Action for Children. Ms. Wilkes is the new director over several CUL Fatherhood programs.

***Phone Call with Ken Braswell:*** OCF Executive Director participated in a phone call with Ken Braswell, Fathers Incorporated and National Responsible Fatherhood Clearinghouse. Ken Braswell made a commitment to present and will hold the two dates of December 11<sup>th</sup> and 12<sup>th</sup> for the 2018 OCPIM State Summit in Cincinnati, pending approval from ODJFS leadership to pay Mr. Braswell’s speaker fee and travel.

***Women in Fatherhood Webinar-National Responsible Fatherhood Clearinghouse (NRFC):*** OCF staff participated in the Women in Fatherhood Webinar hosted by the NRFC. Presenters included Ms. Linda Mellgren who provided information on the history of the HMRF grants and the women who contributed to the effectiveness of the grants, Ken Braswell, who discussed the importance of social service/human service workers in Fatherhood and Ms. Cheri Tillis, who discussed the Fatherhood program she oversees in St. Louis, Missouri since the 90’s and is primarily staffed by women.

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***Phone Call with Mr. Shannon (Shawn) Crable-Stark County Early Childhood Resource:*** OCF Executive Director participated on a phone conference with Mr. Shawn Crable and connected him with Ms. Irene Varley from the Dibble Institute regarding “Love Notes” training in Stark County.

***Phone Call with OU:*** OCF staff participated on a phone conference with Ohio University staff regarding the evaluation of the TANF grantee data funded by FRPN (Fatherhood Research Practice Network). The call confirmed that OCF and OU understand the time frames and research to be implemented. The draft data sharing agreement has been forwarded to ODJFS Legal and Acquisitions. OU has begun to work on their IRB.

### **OCPIM and other OCF Infant Mortality Initiatives**

***Embracing and Empowering Fathers in Maternal, Child and Family Health Action Group meeting – OCPIM (Ohio Collaborative to Prevent Infant Mortality) Workgroup:*** OCF Executive Director co-hosted the OCPIM Fatherhood workgroup conference call with Mr. Steve Killpack from OPNFF (Ohio Practitioners’ Network for Fathers and Families). OCF/NBNF staff as well as various partners and stakeholders, as members of the workgroup, discussed the overall strategies (another meeting to be scheduled regarding a deeper dive into the strategies) as well as workshops for the upcoming OCPIM State Summit in December 2018.

***Phone Conference with Diego Espino, Vice President of Community Engagement, Planned Parenthood of Central Ohio:*** OCF Executive Director participated on a phone conference with OPNFF, Steve Killpack and Mr. Diego Espino from Planned Parenthood. Mr. Espino is the newest member of the OCPIM Engaging and Empowering Fathers in Maternal, Child and Family Health Action Group. OPNFF, Steve Killpack and OCF Executive Director co-chair the Action Group.

***Weekly Infant Mortality Call with Governor’s Office:*** OCF Executive Director participated on several weekly Infant Mortality calls with the Governor’s Office, ODH and ODM. Topics include: Focus on the Faith-Based components of the Infant Mortality coalitions in the nine OEI (Ohio Equity Institute) counties, ensure connections are made between the IM Coalitions, the Faith-based communities and Fatherhood programs and an update regarding the link that was made between Ms. Bernadette Kerrigan of First Year Cleveland and Reverend Dr. Brian Moore of Passages. The two are scheduled to meet on Wednesday, April 11<sup>th</sup> to discuss how First Year Cleveland can work closely with the expectant and new fathers enrolled in NBNF. The Cuyahoga County Fatherhood Initiative was not allotted funding under the Infant Mortality Medicaid dollars to continue working with fathers. Additionally, OCF Executive Director advised that a meeting is scheduled for Monday, April 9<sup>th</sup> to meet with Montgomery County Public Health Director, Terra Williams to discuss working with ULM’s NBNF program in Montgomery County.

***OCPIM Executive Steering Committee Meeting:*** OCF Executive Director participated on the OCPIM Executive Steering Committee to discuss plans on the upcoming OCPIM Summit, vote on the title of the Summit, receive instructions regarding the various workshops from the

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workgroups, and plans for Dr. Arthur James and Lisa Holloway, to step down as co-chairs of the taskforce.

***Infant Vitality Toolkit Committee Meeting:*** OCF Executive Director met with staff from Celebrate One, Columbus Public Health and the Columbus Urban League to continue discussions on the Fatherhood Infant Vitality Toolkit to be use while engaging fathers in healthy birth outcomes and preventing infant mortality in Ohio. The toolkit will be an on-line toolkit anyone can access for resources when working with fathers in Infant Mortality prevention in Franklin County. The toolkit is scheduled to be complete August 2018. Additionally, the OCPIM Fatherhood Action Group plans to submit a request to provide a workshop at the OCPIM State Summit.

***Ohio Injury Prevention Partnership Safe Sleep Subcommittee & Ohio Statewide Safe Sleep Stakeholder Call:*** OCF Executive Director participated in the Safe Sleep Subcommittee meeting led by ODH. The committee meets quarterly to discuss the infant sleep related death preventative measures and strategies. The team is currently working on the development of safe sleep training.

***OCPIM (Ohio Collaborative to Prevent Infant Mortality) Fatherhood Workgroup Phone Conference:*** OCF Executive Director co-chaired the OCPIM Engaging and Empowering Fathers in Maternal Child and Family Health Action Group phone conference. The team finalized the four Fatherhood sessions to be provided during the OCPIM Summit, scheduled for December 2018.

***OCPIM Quarterly Meeting:*** OCF Executive Director attended the quarterly OCPIM meeting. The current co-chairs, Lisa Holloway from March of Dimes and Dr. Arthur James are stepping down as OCPIM co-chairs as of June 2018. The taskforce is asking for nominations of two new co-chairs. Additionally, the taskforce discussed the upcoming OCPIM Summit scheduled for December 11-12, 2018 in Cincinnati. Steve Killpack and Kim Dent, co-chairs of the Engaging and Empowering Fathers in Maternal, Child and Family Health Action Group will provide a Doodle Poll to the members of the Action Group to discuss the four Fatherhood workshops to be provided at the OCPIM State Summit.

***Meeting with Montgomery County Public Health Director:*** OCF Executive Director, OCF/NBNF staff and Crystal Hagans, Project Manager at Urban Light Ministries, met with Terra Williams, Director of Health Promotion, various other staff from Dayton-Montgomery Public Health and Ron White from the Moms and Babies First program. Each agency discussed what they were doing in the space of infant mortality and fatherhood to continue discussions regarding opportunities for collaboration.

***Montgomery County Infant Mortality Faith-based Governor's Office/ODH/ODM Meeting:*** OCF Executive Director participated in the "Everyone Reach One" Infant Mortality Faith-based meeting in Dayton-Montgomery with staff from ODH, ODM and the Governor's Office. The collaborative engaged various members of the faith-based communities regarding their roles in addressing this social ill from their respective pulpits and other outreach efforts.

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***Stark County Infant Mortality Faith-Based Meeting w/ ODH/ODM & the Governor's office:*** OCF Executive Director attended the Stark County (THRIVE) IM Faith-Based meeting in Massillon, OH. The local IM coalition provided information to the state team regarding partnerships and collaborations with the Faith-Based community. Staff from Abide Ministries inquired about the spraying services of bed-bugs by JFS. The inquiry was sent to the local JFS.

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

***Fathers and Families Coalition of America Conference in Los Angeles, California:*** OCF and NBNF (New Beginnings for New Fathers) staff, both state and local, attended the 19<sup>th</sup> Annual Fathers and Families Coalition of America's Conference in Los Angeles from February 19<sup>th</sup> thru February 23<sup>rd</sup>. OCF Executive Director provided a TALK session on the cost of father absence and OCF/NBNF state and local staff provided a workshop on the NBNF project.

***HHS Grantee Peer to Peer Conference Call:*** OCF/NBNF staff participated on the monthly peer-to-peer conference call with various HMRF (Health Marriage Responsible Fatherhood) programs throughout the U.S. The programs shared various successes and challenges and discussed the HHS/ACF/OFA and Public Strategies site visits.

***Urban Light Ministries (ULM) NBNF Sub-Grantee Site Visit:*** OCF / NBNF staff traveled to Springfield to meet with NBNF sub-grantee Urban Light Ministries (ULM) to discuss: current cohorts, recruiting efforts, enrollment process, infant mortality, parenting time, basic father rights, staffing changes and grant expectations. OCF / NBNF staff provided specific guidance as it applies to current processes and recruiter and case manager job duties. OCF / NBNF staff will continue to monitor and provide guidance to ULM to increase enrollment and retention. Several calls were held with Urban Light Ministries over the past weeks regarding relationship building, staffing concerns and appropriate e-mail communications. Additional conversations have been planned to ensure that ULM continues to align with the mission of the New Beginnings for New Fathers project.

***Action for Children (AFC) NBNF Sub-Grantee Site Visit:*** OCF/NBNF staff visited Action for Children (AFC), NBNF sub-grantee to discuss: hiring a recruiter and expectations of the position; AFC's collaboration with Franklin County Child Support, and the Columbus Urban League; issues with infant mortality; ways to connect with fathers when recruiting; current cohorts; retention / drop off rates. OCF / NBNF staff are positive that the collaboration with Columbus Urban League and Franklin County Child Support will be beneficial. The fathers that are referred from both agencies will assist with enrollment and retention, and receive services that promote responsible parenting.

***Cuyahoga County Child Support Services Meeting:*** Leadership from the Cuyahoga County Child Support Agency and Passages Fatherhood program CEO participated in a meeting with OCF Executive Director in Columbus to continue discussions regarding how the New Beginnings for New Fathers grant can best infuse programming in the paternity and support establishment processes at the agency. Plans have been made for OCF/NBNF and Passages staff to provide a presentation/training to Establishment supervisors as well as the entire Child Support Agency that will be scheduled for a later date.

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***NBNF Bi-weekly Conference Call:*** OCF/NBNF Project Manager hosted the NBNF Bi-Weekly phone conference, which provides an opportunity for NBNF partners to discuss successes, challenges, and program service implementation. The team continues to discuss ways to increase recruitment and retention numbers.

***Phone Conference with Federal Program Specialist (FPS) – HHS/ACF/OFA:*** OCF/NBNF staff participated in a phone conference with Health and Human Services/Administration for Children and Families/Office of Family Assistance regarding the low enrollment numbers at the four partner NBNF sites. OFA/OCF will provide a response regarding the strategies to address the concerns in the Pre-Corrective Action plan as well as the letter provided by the FPS.

***NBNF Weekly Program Manager Meeting:*** OCF/NBNF staff facilitated the first weekly program managers meeting to discuss the new expectations of all four NBNF program sites. The team discussed the current budgets due, both SFY and FFY by COB Friday, March 23<sup>rd</sup>. The team discussed marketing, recruiters, recruitment, referrals, staff time management, etc. The expectation is for each program to provide oversight of their staff, to know their recruiters' schedules, and the effectiveness of their recruiters in the field.

***Weekly NBNF Managers Meeting:*** OCF Executive Director facilitated the weekly NBNF managers meeting. As the NBNF grant service delivery is scheduled to conclude June 30, 2018, the team discussed number of fathers currently enrolled, the staff necessary to complete services, planned vacation for NBNF staff and finalizing April-June 2018 budgets for HHS.

***Fiscal/Invoice Call with Urban Light Ministries (NBNF):*** OCF/NBNF and OFA fiscal staff participated on a conference call with ULM NBNF Program Manager and ULM Chief Operating Office regarding the April NBNF invoice received from ULM. The invoice will not be paid until every discrepancy identified is corrected. Once the invoice is re-submitted, OCF/NBNF staff and OFA fiscal staff will review for compliance before payment.

***NBNF site visit to the Urban Light Ministries NBNF Montgomery County Location:*** OCF Executive Director, OCF/NBNF staff met with various members of Urban Light Ministries NBNF staff to discuss current process flow with various NBNF procedures. Current recruitment strategies and processes were discussed, along with where recruiting is occurring. OCF staff advised of HHS meeting to determine the NBNF program approach and the potential programmatic changes to come.

***Ohio University NBNF Continuous Quality Improvement (CQI) Conference Call:*** OCF/NBNF staff facilitated a call with the Ohio University (OU) staff to discuss ongoing CQI at the four NBNF partner sites. Ohio University will continue to work with the NBNF sites to improve enrollment and retention. A meeting has been scheduled to discuss how OU can provide additional in-person CQI due to the enrollment and retention issues.

***Passages Site Visit:*** OCF/NBNF staff provided a site-visit to Passages in Cuyahoga County. OCF/NBNF staff had an opportunity to speak with all the Passages NBNF staff, discuss the

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required hiring of recruiters, recruitment efforts, NBNF and B3 (Building Bridges and Bonds) data, and other pertinent information regarding the grant.

### **B3 / MDRC Meetings**

***NBNF (New Beginnings for New Fathers) Monthly B3 (Building Bridges and Bonds) MDRC Conference Call:*** OCF/NBNF staff participated on a phone conference with the B3 cognitive behavior study staff. The B3 study is currently being implemented at Passages via MDRC and is connected to the NBNF project. Participants may qualify for both the B3 and NBNF program services or only one of the programs via random selection process. B3 is currently funded by Health and Human Services in conjunction with the Healthy Marriage Responsible Fatherhood grant.

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

***Monthly Call with TANF Grantee WSOS – George Dupey:*** OCF staff spoke with WSOS program manager about data reports from ETO database and discussed proposed revisions to client surveys.

***Monthly Call with TANF Grantee Passages – Billy Liber:*** OCF staff spoke with Passages program manager about data reports from ETO database and discussed proposed revisions to client surveys.

***TANF Grantee Case Managers' Conference Call:*** OCF staff led bi-monthly call with all case managers. Discussed proposed changes to the touchpoint, "OCF participant Services." This is the tool they use to record services provided and outcomes achieved by fathers in the ETO (Efforts to Outcome) System.

***TANF Grantee Site Visit to Passages:*** OCF staff traveled to Passages in Ravenna to meet with grantee staff in their new office location. Discussed changes to online case management system, ETO and data collection to date.

***TANF Grantee Site visit: ForeverDads / ETO Compliance Review:*** OCF staff met with ForeverDads staff to review data from ETO database and answer questions about ETO functionality.

***TANF Grantee Site Visit: The Centers for Children & Families:*** OCF staff traveled to Cleveland to observe a fatherhood class at the Salvation Army Lighthouse. Also met with grantee staff about online case management system, ETO (Efforts to Outcome) and changes to the data collection system they requested.

***TANF Grantee Site: WSOS:*** OCF staff traveled to Fremont and met with WSOS staff to review ETO data and answer questions about data collection reports. OCF staff also traveled to CROSSWEH Community Correctional Center and observed a fatherhood class facilitated by grantee program manager, George Dupey.

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***ForeverDads TANF Grantee: Tribute to Fatherhood:*** OCF staff attended the Forever Dads Tribute to Fatherhood event where various fathers in Zanesville are recognized for their stellar roles as fathers to their children and community servants.

***Action for Children TANF Grantee Graduation / Newark:*** OCF staff attended the Fatherhood graduation hosted by Action for Children in Licking County. OCF funds AFC to provide specific services to fathers in Franklin County and contiguous counties to include Licking. Fathers learn good parenting skills, co-parenting/healthy relationship skills and economic stability to include job skills

***Talbert House TANF Fathers Graduation:*** OCF staff attended the graduation of Talbert House's 44<sup>th</sup> Fatherhood cohort. OCF staff met members of Talbert House staff, including the Executive Director, Neil Tilow, board members and graduating fathers. Photos were provided to post on the OCF Facebook page.

***TANF Grantee Meeting at Action for Children:*** OCF staff attended all-day grantee meeting hosted by staff of TANF grantee, Action for Children. Program managers, case workers and job developers from the seven funded programs participated and shared lessons learned from serving fathers under the OCF grant. A follow up meeting is scheduled for September 13, 2018 and will be hosted by ForeverDads staff in Zanesville.

***TANF Grantee Program Managers' Conference Call:*** OCF staff led monthly call with all program managers. Discussed outcomes report that they were required to provide for the first time. Report captures the number of fathers who 1. Receive case management; 2. Complete a class cohort; and 3. Obtain employment. A follow-up call was held to explain where and how the data would be used and shared with the public. OCF plans to include the monthly outcomes report data in this bi-weekly, in quarterly commissioner meetings and in the OCF Annual Report.

***OCF Participant Services Meeting:*** OCF staff met with case workers from three TANF grantees to revise the data collection tool used to record services provided by case workers. Suggested revisions will be shared with all grantee staff for their comment and feedback and any changes to the tool will be implemented beginning in year two of the grant.

***Phone Call w/TANF Grantees-Action for Children, Forever Dads and WSOS Presentations:*** OCF Executive Director participated in phone conferences with the three programs that will present during the Safe Schools Healthy Students Conference, scheduled for June 4<sup>th</sup> and 5<sup>th</sup> in Columbus. Executive Director will present on June 4<sup>th</sup> and the TANF Fatherhood grantees will present on June 5<sup>th</sup>.