

**Funding:**

***Meeting with OCF Commission Executive Committee:*** OCF Executive Director met with the OCF Commission Executive Committee to discuss the plans for providing resources toward various early intervention and prevention programs funded by the additional funds provided to the Ohio Commission on Fatherhood in the SFY 20-21 Biennial Budget.

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

***Meeting with Action for Children's (AFC's) Fatherhood Coordinator:*** OCF Executive Director met with Mr. Ashiko Hudson to discuss the upcoming grant cycle. AFC has been chosen as a grantee for SFYs 20-21. Mr. Hudson discussed the changes he plans to implement during the upcoming grant cycle to better engage fathers in various venues.

***Fatherhood Research and Practice Network (FRPN) Conference Call with Ohio University (OU) and Ohio Practitioners Network for Fathers and Families (OPNFF) Evaluation Wrap-up:*** OCF staff facilitated a conference call with Ohio University and the Ohio Practitioners' Network for Fathers and Families to discuss the end-date of data collection for the OU/FRPN data collection project. Grantees concluded entering data for the project by May 31, 2019. OPNFF worked with cleaning the data the first week of June 2019, and OPNFF transferred the data to OU on June 10, 2019 to begin the analysis for the evaluation report.

**Skype Meeting with OIS (Corey Sines):** OCF staff participated in a Skype meeting with OIS staff, Corey Sines, to discuss if a PIA (Personal Impact Assessment) is required for the buildout of the ETO (Efforts to Outcomes) system that will store the data entered by the OCF funded grantees and maintained by OPNFF (Ohio Practitioners' Network for Fathers and Families). It was determined that a PTA (Privacy Threshold Analysis) is required, instead.

**State Fatherhood Summit:**

***State of Ohio Fatherhood Summit Conference Call with Ohio Practitioners' Network for Fathers and Families (OPNFF):*** OCF Executive Director participated on the first of many scheduled phone conferences with staff from OPNFF regarding the state Fatherhood Summit. The team discussed various topics and will begin to schedule meetings with the Commissioners participating on the Summit Committee.

***Phone Conferences with Ohio Practitioners' Network for Fathers and Families (OPNFF) – State Summit Planning:*** OCF Staff participated on two calls with OPNFF to discuss the 2020 State Fatherhood Summit. Standing bi-weekly meetings were scheduled with OPNFF president and treasurer with one monthly meeting scheduled with the Commission Summit Committee members (Commissioners).

***State Fatherhood Summit Conference Call with Robina Thompson of Crowne Plaza Hotel:*** OCF Staff participated on a call with representative from Crowne Plaza Hotel to discuss a date and time for Ohio Practitioners' Network for Fathers and Families and OCF staff to visit the venue to receive an estimate regarding the services and cost of hosting the state Fatherhood Summit.

***Summit Venue at Ohio University (OU) Conference Center in Dublin with Amanda Mikkelson:*** OC staff visited Ohio University, Dublin Campus to tour and discuss the possibility of holding the 2020 State Fatherhood Summit at the facility. It was determined that the Pickerington OU branch may not accommodate the number of expected attendees, 200.

***Phone Conference with Chris Brown (NFI) National Fatherhood Institute regarding State Fatherhood Summit:*** OCF Executive Director hosted a call with President and CEO of NFI, Chris Brown, regarding his participation as co-keynote speaker during the upcoming 2020 State Fatherhood Summit. Mr. Brown advised that he is available and will provide a speaker-stipend cost.

***Summit Venue at Crowne Plaza Hotel with Robina Thompson:*** OCF staff visited the Crowne Plaza Hotel Columbus North to tour and discuss the possibility of holding the 2020 State Fatherhood Summit at the facility.

***Phone Conference with Fathers Inc. with Tracy and Kenneth Braswell:*** OCF Executive Director participated on a phone call with Ms. Tracy Braswell to discuss a speaker stipend for Mr. Ken Braswell to attend the 2020 State Fatherhood Summit as a co-keynote speaker. Mr. Braswell is often contracted by the HHS/ACF Office of Family Assistance to provide various Fatherhood services and outreach campaigns.

***Phone Conference with Ohio Practitioners' Network for Fathers and Families (OPNFF) Staff to discuss State Fatherhood Summit Planning Meeting:*** OCF Staff participated on a phone conference with OPNFF staff to continue conversations and planning for the 2020 State Fatherhood Summit. Conference calls are scheduled with OPNFF on a bi-weekly basis with the second call of the month including the commissioners on the Summit Committee.

### **State Agency Collaboration:**

***ODRC/Family Engagement Advisory Council Quarterly Meeting:*** OCF Executive Director was invited to participate on the ODRC Family Engagement Advisory Council. The team's first meeting included an update on the two-year project where a team assembled and met with inmates in various prisons as well as loved ones of inmates in various communities. After discussing the results, the team along with the ODRC Director, prioritized next steps to better engage family members of those incarcerated in the state prisons. Priorities include transportation for family members to their loved-one's prison, structured and more frequent visitation opportunities.

**Meeting with Dr. Penny Smith (Keys to Degrees) to Debrief After Meeting with OWD and Child Support Staff:** OCF Executive Director participated on a phone conference with Dr. Penny Smith, who developed an Application funded by Sisters of Charity, to engage non-custodial parents with Child Support cases. Dr. Smith plans to continue to work with Child Support to possibly demonstrate the application during the Ohio Child Support Directors' Association (OCDA) Fall Conference.

**Conference Call to set Agenda for September 12th Commission Meeting:** OCF staff participated on a phone conference with the Commission Executive Committee to discuss the agenda for the upcoming Sept. 12th Commission meeting. The agenda and previous meeting minutes will be provided to the commissioners two weeks before the Sept. 12th meeting.

**Ohio Commission on Fatherhood Meeting:** OCF Staff attended the quarterly OCF Commission meeting. Ohio Department of Rehabilitation and Correction Director, Annette Chambers-Smith, provided a presentation on the vision and pending changes to better engage families of incarcerated adults. David Fluellen from "DADS" program presented on the programming he provides to fathers enrolled with moms at "Moms2B". OCF staff provided information on the upcoming Fatherhood State Summit as well as a high-level presentation on participant data provided by the seven Fatherhood programs.

**Meeting with Senator Dave Burke:** OCF Executive Director met with newly appointed Commissioner, Senator Dave Burke. The Senate President appointed Senator Burke as the Republican appointment to the Commission. OCF Executive Director provided Senator Burke with information regarding the mission and vision of the Commission.

**Child Support Strategic Workgroup:** OCF Executive Director participated in the Child Support Strategic Workgroup meeting. The workgroup picked-up from the last meeting to discuss the results of the S.W.OT. analysis. The group decided to focus on strengths and opportunities. The workgroup members received updates from the Office of Child Support bureaus with an opportunity to ask questions.

**Meeting with Director Lori Criss from (ODMHAS) Ohio Dept. Mental Health and Addiction Services:** OCF Executive Director met with newly Governor appointed Director of Mental Health and Addiction Services, Director Criss and her staff. OCF Executive Director provided Director Criss, as a newly appointed Commissioner, with information regarding the mission/vision of the Commission as well as funded programs.

**London Corrections Fatherhood Starts Within Program – Mock Interviews:** OCF Executive Director attended the Starts Within Fatherhood Program cohort to assist with resume' and interview skills. The various incarcerated adults were provided feedback on their interview skills as well as how to enhance and market themselves in 13 seconds of a potential employer reading his resume'.

***Ohio Collaborative to Prevent Infant Mortality (OCPIM) Quarterly Webex Meeting – Virtual Meeting:*** OCF Executive Director participated in the OCPIM meeting. Various meetings throughout the year are held face-to-face while others are virtual web meetings. The next meeting is scheduled to take place in Cuyahoga County (Northeast Region). OCPIM leadership and ODH worked on developing a regional map, which allowed for an equitable grouping of counties. The OCPIM leadership encouraged the webinar attendees to complete the survey regarding the effectiveness of the regional programming and webinar vs. face-to-face quarterly meetings.

***Fatherhood Commission phone conference with Chip Weiant:*** OCF Executive Director participated on a Phone Conference with Mr. Chip Weiant, longest serving member of the Governor's Office of Faith-based and Community Initiatives, to discuss the ongoing connections with Fatherhood and Faith-based programming.

***Fatherhood Meeting with Staff from Ohio Dept. of Medicaid:*** OCF Executive Director met with staff from Medicaid to discuss how Fatherhood programs in the various counties (specifically OEI Counties) can assist with Infant Mortality prevention programming. OCF has also included verbiage in the recently funded Request for Grant Application to provide incentive pay to funded programs when engaging expectant and new fathers.

***GOFBCI Faith Friday Event: OCF Executive Director presented at the monthly Faith Friday event hosted by GOFBCI at the Riffe Towers.*** The events are held to provide information to Faith-based and non-profit organizations that are interested in applying for TANF funds to serve families in their respective communities.

***Ohio State Fair – ODJFS Booth:*** OCF Executive Director attended the Ohio State Fair to provide information to fair attendees on the various services provided by the Ohio Department of Job and Family Services to include Family Assistance, Fatherhood, and Families and Children. Various resources were provided, Passports were stamped, and responses were provided to questions asked by those who stopped by the ODJFS booth.

***Meeting with Director Annette Chambers-Smith at (ODRC) Ohio Dept. of Rehabilitation and Corrections:*** OCF Executive Director met with the new ODRC Director to welcome her to the Ohio Commission on Fatherhood as a statutorily appointed commissioner. OCF Executive Director provided pertinent information regarding the mission of the Commission, the outreach materials, the By-laws, padfolio and lapel pin to the ODRC Director. The ODRC Director also discussed ways that the two agencies can continue to collaborate in serving incarcerated adults and returning citizens.

***Meeting with Director Acton at (ODH) Ohio Dept. of Health:*** OCF Executive Director met with the new ODH Director to welcome her to the Ohio Commission on Fatherhood as a statutorily appointed commissioner. OCF Executive Director provided pertinent information regarding the mission of the Commission, the outreach materials, the By-laws, padfolio and lapel

pin to the ODH Director. The ODH Director was interested in how her agency can more collaboratively work with OCF. OCF Executive Director will send pertinent information regarding how the two agencies worked together in preventing Infant Mortality, specifically the pilot project with Moms2B and the Fatherhood program as well as the Infant Vitality Toolkit project.

**Child Support Awareness Event – Franklin County:** OCF Executive Director attended the Franklin County Child Support Empowerment Day as a part of Child Support Awareness Month. Franklin County Child Support hosted an event at the Reeb Avenue Center and the Gladden House. The event provided various resources and information regarding the Child Support program in Franklin County as well as the various partners and the services they offer in the community as well.

**Phone Call with New Cuyahoga County CSEA Director, Tiffany Dobbins-Brazelton:** OCF Executive Director participated on a call with new Cuyahoga County CSEA Director, Tiffany Dobbins-Brazelton. OCF Executive Director discussed some of the services provided by the grantees funded by OCF as well as how Cuyahoga County Fatherhood Programs like Passages can assist with engaging alleged fathers and newly established legal fathers stay connected with the Child Support Agency. OCF Executive Director provided the Information Memorandum issued by Health and Human Services/Administration for Children and Families in October 2018 encouraging programs to be intentional when engaging fathers.

### **General Fatherhood Outreach, Meetings and Conference Calls:**

**Aspen IDEAS Festival – Aspen, Colorado:** OCF Executive Director was invited to participate on a panel during the Aspen IDEAS Festival. Jessica and Jerry Seinfeld, who founded the Good + Foundation, provided a session during the festival named “The Father Factor”. Other panel presenters included Fatherhood practitioners from Baltimore, MD, and Denver, Colorado as well as a father served by the Good + Foundation’s Father Factor program in New York.

**Meeting with Dibble Institute’s Irene Varley:** OCF Executive Director met with Irene Varley from the Dibble Institute to discuss the cost of providing Love Notes curriculum training in Columbus. OCF plans to provide curricula training to Fatherhood practitioners entering the business of Fatherhood.

**Phone Conference with Representatives from Midwest Evaluations:** OCF Executive Director participated on a phone conference with staff from Midwest Evaluations. OCF Executive Director met the staff during the National Fatherhood Conference hosted by Health and Human Services/Administration for Children and Families in Nashville, TN. Midwest Evaluations discussed the services they provide and OCF Executive Director provided information on the services provided by OCF.

**Phone Conference with Fathers Support Center – Cheri Tillis:** OCF Executive Director participated on a call with Ms. Cheri Tillis with the Fathers Support Center. The two discussed the Fatherhood work provided under TANF funds in Ohio and how other states can pursue TANF funds to support low income fathers.

**Meeting with Salvation Army – Rafael Viana:** OCF Executive Director hosted a meeting with Captain Rafael Viana of the Salvation Army. OCF Executive Director provided information on the vision and mission of the Commission and how the Salvation Army can work closely with community and faith-based Fatherhood programs. OCF Executive Director also connected Captain Viana to the Governor’s Office of Faith-based and Community Initiatives.

**Phone Conference with Mr. Raymond Travis about Ohio Commission on Fatherhood Grants:** OCF Executive Director participated on a conference call with Mr. Raymond Travis. Mr. Travis was interested in hearing more about the services provided by the programs funded by OCF and requested to be connected to one of the local programs. OCF Executive Director connected Mr. Raymond Travis to Mr. Ashiko Hudson, Father Factor Program Manager at Action for Children.

**Phone Conference with Mr. Gifford referred from the State Fair:** OCF Executive Director participated on a call with Mr. John Gifford, who was referred to OCF via the State Fair. Mr. Gifford was interested in hearing about co-parenting classes. OCF Executive Director referred Mr. Gifford to Ashiko Hudson, Program Manager at Action for Children’s Father Factor Program.

**Building Bridges of Opportunity Design Team Meeting with Reba Collins:** OCF Executive Director participated in the Building Bridges of Opportunity Design Team meeting with various Ohio stakeholders interested in working on strategies to address the “Community to Prison Pipeline” cycle. The Design Team discussed a strategic list of invitees for the events scheduled in Cincinnati and Columbus during the month of November 2019 as well as planning to hold a National Conference in Ohio (possibly Cincinnati).

**Phone Call with Mr. Drayco Edwards:** OCF Executive Director participated on a call with Mr. Drayco Edwards. Mr. Edwards was recently released from incarceration (West Virginia) and had concerns regarding how his daughter was adopted by the foster mother during his incarceration. Families and Children staff are following up for a response to Mr. Edwards.

**Central State University Talk Radio Interview (WCSU Talk to Me):** OCF Executive Director participated on a Talk Radio show recorded at Central State University. Other participants included Harold Howard Director of the Community Care Service Line at the Talbert House and president of Ohio Practitioners’ Network for Fathers and Families and Mr. Michael Newsom, Montgomery County Fatherhood Coordinator. The one hour talk radio show focused on various aspects of Fatherhood from myths, to realities, policy, services, etc.

**Phone Conference/Meeting with Ms. Vicki Turetsky:** OCF Executive Director participated in a part-two interview with former Commissioner of OCSE (Federal Office of Child Support's), Vicki Turetsky. Ms. Turetsky, as contracted by the Good Plus Foundation, is developing a "white paper" regarding "make sense" Child Support policies and practices. These policies and practices are to be presented to OCSE in hopes to spark dialogue that will address how the Child Support program can better support families holistically by relieving some of the requirements that become barriers to low income non-custodial parents and hinder their relationships with their children.

**Meeting with Dads2B Phase 2 Pilot Outcomes with David Fluellen and Twinkle Schottke:** OCF Executive Director met with David Fluellen and Twinkle Schottke with Moms2B/Dads2B regarding the possibility of funding a pilot project that will focus on infant outcomes. OCF funded a program with Moms2B and Mr. David Fluellen as a practitioner with the Columbus Urban League. The pilot project provided outcomes that measured expectant and new dads' knowledge and attitude behaviors. OCF Executive Director will discuss the pilot project with the ODJFS office of Contracts and Acquisitions and OFA's fiscal staff.

**Program Return on Investment (PROI):** OCF Executive Director attended the PROI training session hosted by Pathways, Brothers United Fatherhood program in Toledo. Ms. Bernice Smoot with Saint Wall Street presented the organizations database that provides projected economic and societal return on investment based on dosages of programming. Brothers United is working on a sustainability plan as a grantee of the Healthy Marriage Responsible Fatherhood HHS/ACF funding.

**Meeting with Angela Harris to discuss possible pilot project – No Kidding Ohio (NKO):** OCF Executive Director met with Angela Harris with Fairfield County's TeenWorks. OCF Executive Director was interested in funding NKO in various middle schools as a premature Fatherhood prevention project and measure various outcomes of student knowledge and attitudes. ODJFS owns the NKO Curriculum, which was developed in OWD and replicated from a Texas program.

**Fatherhood meeting with OSU Staff Madeline McIntyre/Athletic Director Eugene Smith:** OCF Executive Director met with staff from the Ohio State University's Athletic Department as requested by Athletic Director Gene Smith. There has been an increase of student athletes becoming mothers and fathers. OSU Athletic Director Gene Smith is interested in services provided by OCF.

**Training Cost Discussion Phone Conference with National Fatherhood Initiative (NFI):** OCF Executive Director participated on a phone call with Erik Vecere with NFI to discuss the cost of providing 24/7 Dads Fatherhood curriculum training in Columbus. OCF plans to provide curricula training to Fatherhood practitioners entering the business of Fatherhood.