

**Funding:**

**Refugee RFGA Review:** OCF staff participated in RFGA review team of applications to provide employment services to new refugees. Seven applications were submitted and six were selected for funding. All six Ohio regions will have a funded program.

**Fatherhood RFGA Proposal Review with Contracts and Acquisitions:** OCF Staff reviewed new proposals submitted by programs interested in receiving OCF funding during the next biennial budget. The funding opportunity expired on May 17, 2019, and the Proposal Review Team met to receive and discuss the submitted proposals. The team scored the proposals individually and met later to consensus score. Five Fatherhood programs were selected to provide services to fathers and families in during the next State Biennial. Award and denial letters were sent to the programs. Once the seven-calendar day appeal process ends, the Office of Communications will issue a press release.

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

**Phone Conference with Steve Killpack – Ohio Practitioners’ Network for Fathers and Families (OPNFF) Efforts to Outcomes (ETO) Touch Points:** OCF staff participated on a couple of phone conferences with Steve Killpack from OPNFF. OCF plans to continue to work with OPNFF during the next grant cycle to collect essential data in the ETO system. The Data Sharing Agreement will be included in the contract.

**Phone Conference with TANF Funded Fatherhood Program Managers:** OCF staff facilitated final monthly call with the OCF Grantee Program Managers. Steve Killpack led the discussion about what to include in the new ETO touchpoint he is creating regarding case status. This information was requested by the researchers at (OU) Ohio University who will be completing their data analysis with grantee data through May 31, 2019.

**ForeverDads Graduation:** OCF Executive Director attended and provided comments at the ForeverDads Fatherhood Graduation. ForeverDads is a current and future grantee. The Fatherhood program serves Muskingum and contiguous Appalachian counties. After the fathers graduated from various Fatherhood cohorts, OCF Executive Director provided lapel pins to the fathers and the grantee provided a celebration picnic for fathers, families and the community.

**All Grantees: Action for Children, Talbert House, Passages, ForeverDads, The Centers for Families and Children, GLCAP (Great Lakes Community Action Partnership) debrief on ETO (Efforts to Outcomes) and grant conference call:** OCF staff participated on several calls with grantees as they wrap-up services under the current two-year grant cycle. Grantees provided information on the ease and/or challenges of using ETO (Efforts to Outcomes) system as well as feedback on their individual programs. OCF Staff and Grantees discussed the process and protocol of recording collected data in ETO. The grantees also provided feedback on the grant experience and recommended how the grant activities can be improved in the future.

**FRPN (Fatherhood Research and Practice Network) & Ohio University Check-in Conference Call:** OCF staff participated on a phone conference with representatives from Ohio University and FRPN to discuss the final data collection from the seven grantees wrapping up SFY 19 services. The group will continue to hold calls as Ohio University works on the final report due to FRPN by August 2019. The analysis will also be reflected in the Ohio Commission on Fatherhood's Annual Report, due by December 31, 2019.

**Phone Conference with FRPN (Fatherhood Research and Practice Network) and Temple University:** OCF Executive Director participated on a phone conference with Dr. Jessica Pearson and Dr. Jay Fagan to discuss imputing missing data. Imputation of missing data is a "state of the art" way for researchers to statistically identify information from missing data.

### **Ohio County Fatherhood Initiative Mobilization:**

**Morgan County's Fatherhood Mobilization Project Community Conversation:** OCF staff attended the Morgan County Fatherhood Mobilization Community Conversation with the Morgan County Leadership Team and Coach James McDonald and other community stakeholders. The Morgan County Leadership team reviewed and discussed the agencies/organizations that completed the Assessment Survey Results regarding Father Inclusive Practices and the Community Data Surveys. The team discussed Fatherhood Programs and Services that they plan to offer to the Community. The Morgan County Leadership Team began writing out the action plan. The Leadership team chose three/four events to recognize Fathers and Children during the first year: (1) Father's Day Celebration, (2) Fathers Walk with kids, and (3) Tribute to Fatherhood and they also want to include (4) FRED (Fathers Reading Every Day). Morgan County will need to submit their Action Plan by June 30, 2019. Morgan County sent their final Action Plan and it was approved by OCF Staff to receive the \$10,000.

**Scioto County Fatherhood Mobilization Project Community Conversation:** OCF Executive Director and staff attended the Scioto County Fatherhood Mobilization Initiative Community Conversation. The Scioto County Leadership Team and other community stakeholders received training from OPNFF Coach, Calvin Williams. The attendees also reviewed the results of the county assessment and focused on some of the issues to address in preparation of developing their Action Plan. The attendees were also interested in learning more about the Governor's Office of Faith-based and Community Initiatives and the Faith-Friday and Regional outreach events. Scioto County sent their final Action Plan before June 30, 2019 and it was approved by OCF Staff to receive the \$10,000.

**Ross County's Fatherhood Initiative (CFI) Mobilization Project Community Conversation:** OCF staff attended the Ross County Fatherhood Mobilization Community Conversation with the Ross County Leadership Team, other county stakeholders and OPNFF coaches, Glenn Harris and Harold Howard. The Ross County Leadership team reviewed and discussed the agencies/organizations that completed the Assessment Survey Results regarding Father Inclusive Practices and the Community Data Surveys. The team discussed Fatherhood Programs and Services that they plan to offer to the Community. The Leadership Team began writing out the

action plan. At their next meeting they will choose three community events to recognize fathers and children during the first year. Ross County sent their final Action Plan before June 30, 2019 and it was approved by OCF Staff to receive the \$10,000.

**Warren County's Fatherhood Initiative (CFI) Mobilization Project Community Conversation:** OCF staff attended the Warren County Fatherhood Mobilization Initiative Community Conversation. The Warren County Leadership Team and other community stakeholders received training from OPNFF Coach, Calvin Williams. The attendees also reviewed the results of the county assessment and focused on some of the issues to address in preparation of developing their Action Plan. Warren County sent their final Action Plan before June 30, 2019 and it was approved by OCF Staff to receive the \$10,000.

### **State Agency Collaboration:**

**Meeting with Senator Hearcel Craig, Senate Appointed Commissioner:** OCF Executive Director met with Senator Hearcel Craig to welcome him to the Ohio Commission on Fatherhood as a Senate appointed commissioner. Senator Craig was previously appointed to the OCF Commission as a member of the House of Representative. OCF Executive Director provided Senator Craig with a padfolio, lapel pin, OCF By-laws and other pertinent handouts.

**Meeting with Representative Thomas West:** OCF Executive Director met with Representative West to welcome him to the Ohio Commission on Fatherhood as a newly House appointed Commissioner. Representative West recently replaced Representative Holmes, who was initially appointed by Speaker Householder. OCF Executive Director provided Representative West with a padfolio, lapel pin, OCF By-laws and other pertinent handouts.

**Phone Call with Mr. John Silverman (Governor Appointed Commissioner):** OCF Executive Director participated on a phone conference with Mr. John Silverman regarding his continued interest in participating on the OCF Commission. Because of travel constraints, Mr. John Silverman resigned as an OCF Commissioner.

**Conference call to set Agenda for upcoming OCF Commission Meeting:** OCF staff participated on a phone conference with OCF Executive Committee regarding the upcoming OCF Commission Meeting, which will be held on July 11, 2019. The Executive Committee approved the Agenda.

**Ohio Commission on Fatherhood Meeting:** OCF staff hosted the quarterly Ohio Commission on Fatherhood meeting. The agenda included introductions of the newly appointed commissioners, election of Executive Committee officers, presentations from Stark County Child Support Director, Rob Pierson and Family and Children First Council, East Regional Coordinator, Aimee Matusik. OCF Executive Director submitted the Executive Director's Report and asked for Commissioners to consider participating on the Summit Committee. Several Commissioners showed an interest in participating in the planning of the 2020 Fatherhood Summit. After the election was held these were the elected Executive Committee Officers: Chair - Director Scott Neely, Vice-Chair Representative Thomas West and Secretary-

Mr. Joseph Hill. A Contingency from (PA) Pennsylvania also attended the Commission meeting. Pennsylvania Fatherhood Coalition with Legislative support introduced a bill to form a state Fatherhood Commission. The Pennsylvania visitors were interested in hearing from Commissioners as to why Ohio was and is as successful in sustaining the Ohio Commission on Fatherhood. OCF Executive Director debriefed with the PA Contingency after the meeting.

***OCPIM (Ohio Collaborative to Prevent Infant Mortality) State Advisory Committee***

***Conference Call:*** OCF Executive Director participated on a conference call with members of the OCPIM Advisory Committee. The team discussed next year's OCPIM State Summit, to include location, theme, budget, etc. The team also discussed lessons learned from the 2018 OCPIM Summit hosted in Cincinnati.

***African-American Male Wellness Walk Planning Committee:*** OCF Executive Director participated in a meeting at the Columbus Health Department to discuss the August 3, 2019 African-American Male Wellness Walk. The group discussed volunteer committees and had an opportunity to review the official African-American Male Wellness Walk shoe designed by New Balance and DSW. This year The Ohio State University Wexner Center provided grant funding to fund the event and plan to research 100 men who were screened with elevated health risks.

***Phone Conference with Harold Howard, Region V Presenter Discussion:*** OCF Executive Director participated on a phone conference with Mr. Harold Howard from Talbert House to discuss the upcoming July 9, 2019 Region V Fatherhood Conference call that will include Ohio and Wisconsin and how Child Support Agencies collaborate with Fatherhood programs to better engage non-custodial parents. OCF Executive Director connecting Harold Howard to Franklin County Child Support Director, Susan Brown.

***GOFBCI (Governor's Office of Faith-based and Community Initiatives) Faith-Friday Event:***

At the request of Executive Director Michele Reynolds, OCF Executive Director attended and presented at the second Faith-Friday meeting hosted at the Riffe Towers. Various Faith-based and non-profit organizations were provided information on the services and grant opportunities offered by GOFBCI. Moms2B presented as a GOFBCI grantee, contract and fiscal staff from Family Assistance provided information on TANF funding, and OCF Executive Director provided information on the Ohio Commission on Fatherhood.

***Healthy Start Conference Call with Steve Killpack from Ohio Practitioner's Network for***

***Fathers and Families (OPNFF):*** OCF Executive Director participated on a conference call with Steve Killpack from OPNFF and Healthy Fathering Collaborative. Cuyahoga County's Healthy Start program has mandated working with fathers by enrolling 100 fathers in programming. OCF Executive Director will follow-up with the other four Healthy Start sites in Franklin, Hamilton, Lucas and Montgomery counties to determine if there will be similar mandates to work with fathers.

***OCSE (Office of Child Support Enforcement) Veterans Military Liaison Network Call-***

***Webinar with James Murray:*** OCF Executive Director participated on a Webinar hosted by OCSE Veterans Network. The other presenters included Vernon Wallace from Baltimore's

Center for Urban Families, Alan-Michael Graves from Good + Foundation and James Murray from OCSE. OCF Executive Director provided information on how Fatherhood programs in Ohio work closely with the State and County Offices of Child Support.

**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.

**GOFBCI's (Governor's Office of Faith-based and Community Initiatives') Faith Friday Event:** OCF Executive Director presented during GOFBCI's Faith-Friday event. Faith-based and Non-Profit organizations attend the events through November 2019 to receive pertinent information on becoming TANF funded programs under the mission of GOFBCI. Attendees heard presentations from certified grant writers, OCF Executive Director, as well as Office of Family Assistance fiscal staff.

**Meeting with Scott Neely:** OCF Executive Director met with OCF Commission Chair to discuss programming to be funded with additional funding currently pending in the state budget. OCF Executive Director and Chair will present the list to the remaining Executive Committee during a separate meeting.

**Keys to Degrees Presentation:** OCF Executive Director, along with representatives from Workforce, state and county Child Support Offices and the Child Support Director's Association attended a presentation introducing the results of the Keys to Degrees Application. The project was funded by the Cleveland Sisters of Charity to develop a phone application for non-custodial parents that provides assistance with self-sufficiency and eliminating poverty.

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

**OSU Moms2B and Dads2B Fatherhood Programming Meeting:** OCF Staff attended the Moms2B and Dads2B Program session at the Franklinton location (Mt. Carmel West Hospital). The program is funded by ODJFS and The Ohio State University's Wexner Center and is in eight high Infant Mortality hotspot zip codes. Expectant moms and dads attend the program and receive pertinent information, skills and resources that potentially lead to a healthy birth outcome and ultimately to their infant reaching his or her first birthday. OCF staff debriefed with Moms2B/Dads2B staff regarding a potential pilot project that will build upon the previous pilot project and collect data on infant outcomes.

**Meeting with Katie Wright, Clinton County:** OCF Executive Director met with Ms. Katie Wright, who led the Ohio County Fatherhood Mobilization Initiative in Clinton County SFY 17. Katie was the former Clinton County Child Support prosecutor and now teaches at a local college. OCF Executive Director provided information on how children are impacted when their parents are incarcerated. Katie will provide a presentation during a prosecuting attorney conference.

***National Fatherhood Conference Pre-Summit Webinar:*** OCF Executive Director participated on a webinar with invited presenters planned to provide Sessions during the National Fatherhood Conference in Nashville, TN. HHS/ACF/OFA representatives discussed presentation logistics, provided the PowerPoint template and provided the due date for all presentations to be submitted and approved by OFA. OCF Executive Director will host a panel of women who lead successful Fatherhood programs.

***Phone Call with Ms. Geneva Ware-Rice (HHS/ACF/OFA) National Fatherhood Conference Panel Host Instructions:*** OCF Executive Director participated on a phone conference with Ms. Geneva Ware-Rice to discuss expectations when hosting the Women in Fatherhood panel during the National Fatherhood Conference in Nashville, TN. PowerPoint slides were due May 14<sup>th</sup>. OCF Executive Director also drafted a series of questions for the panel. The questions were approved; however, they will be modified to more of a “dialogue” format.

***Phone Conference with ACF (Administration for Children and Families) and the National Fatherhood Summit Women in Fatherhood Panel Participants:*** OCF Executive Director participated on a call with ACF staff and three women who lead Fatherhood programs. The team discussed the questions that OCF Executive Director will ask while hosting the session. The team also reviewed the PowerPoint and agreed to meet Wednesday, June 5<sup>th</sup> during the morning, prior to the Women in Fatherhood afternoon session.

***National Fatherhood Summit Nashville, TN:*** OCF Executive Director attended the first Health and Human Services/Administration for Children and Families National Fatherhood Conference. The Summit, “Fanning the Fatherhood F.I.R.E. (Family-Focused, Interconnected, Resilient, Essential). The plenary and breakout sessions provoked ideas and recommendations to continue to build upon as related to policy and procedure changes across multiple systems focused on child outcomes, strengthening families and decreasing the need for Public Assistance.

***Phone Conference with Ms. Avis Files, Brothers United (Toledo):*** OCF Executive Director participated on a phone conference with Ms. Avis Files, Executive Director of Brothers United in Toledo. Ms. Files operates Brothers United under funding from the Healthy Marriage Responsible Fatherhood grant provided by HHS/ACF/Office of Family Assistance. Ms. Files does not receive the local county support regarding referrals and engagement. A phone call has been scheduled to include Avis Files, Mr. James Murray from the Federal Office of Child Support and a representative from Lucas County Child Support. OCF Executive Director will also participate on the call.

***Conference Call with Brothers United (Toledo), Lucas County Child Support Agency and ACF (Administration for Children and Families):*** OCF Executive Director participated on a phone conference to provide feedback and recommendations to Lucas County Child Support Agency as to how to better engage the Brothers United Fatherhood program. Brothers United is an ACF, Office of Family Assistance grant recipient (HMRF-Healthy Marriage Responsible Fatherhood). The ACF representatives on the phone were from the Federal Offices of Child Support (OCSE) and Family Assistance. Next steps were discussed to include a visit by Brothers

United staff to other county Child Support Agencies to observe partnerships between Fatherhood programs and Child Support Agencies.

**Meeting with Stacy Yeager from Greater Good Ambassadors:** OCF Executive Director met with Ms. Stacy Yeager with the Greater Good Ambassadors. OCF Executive Director provided information on the planned prevention and early intervention strategies to be funded because of the pending increase in the upcoming OCF budget (SFYs 2020/2021). OCF Executive Director will link Ms. Yeager to the Governor's Office of Faith-based and Community Initiatives Executive Director and staff. Ms. Yeager will connect OCF Executive Director to other Faith-based leaders in Franklin County.

**Katie and Adam- Sinclair College Meeting:** OCF Executive Director met with Ms. Katie Deland and Mr. Adam Murka with Sinclair Community College. Former State Senator and OCF Commissioner, Bill Beagle referred Ms. Deland and Mr. Murka to OCF. Sinclair Community College has been selected by ODRC to provide education services to inmates in 19 correctional facilities. OCF Executive Director provided information on how and why grants are provided to non-profit and faith-based organizations and discussed the grant activities under the previously funded Fatherhood program that provided services in Clark and Montgomery counties.

**Child Support and Parenting Time Conference Call with Mr. Don Lykins:** OCF Executive Director participated on a phone call with Mr. Don Lykins to discuss the role of the Ohio Commission on Fatherhood and the current Child Support and Parenting Time legislation.

**Conference Call to discuss webinar on ASPIRE Project:** OCF Executive Director participated on a conference call with members from Mathematica, the Federal Office of Child Support and other state Fatherhood organizations to discuss the June 26<sup>th</sup> ASPIRE webinar, with a focus on TANF funds to assist non-custodial parents.

**ASPIRE (Assisting Special Populations to Improve Readiness and Engagement) Webinar:** OCF Executive Director presented during the ASPIRE Webinar hosted by Mathematica and Health and Human Services/Administration for Children and Families. The webinar focused on how various states and programs as well as the Federal Office of Child Support promotes the use of TANF funds to engage and assist low-income non-custodial parents.

**Aspen Ideas Festival Panel (Conference Call) with Good + Foundation:** OCF Executive Director participated on a phone conference with Jessica Seinfeld and Alan-Michael Graves from the Good + Foundation as well as other Fatherhood practitioners who will participate on the Father Factor panel during the Aspen Ideas Festival in Colorado in June 28, 2019. Jessica Seinfeld will moderate questions from the audience after the presenters provide updates on how they engage and empower fathers in their respective states and programs.

**Meeting with Representatives from National Center for Urban Solutions (NCUS) and Academy of Urban Scholars (AUS):** OCF Executive Director participated in a meeting with Mr. Perry Gregory from the NCUS and Mr. Emmanuel Anthony from AUS to discuss the mission, vision and purpose of OCF. Mr. Perry and Mr. Anthony are interested in facilitating the Ohio County Fatherhood Mobilization Project in Mahoning County.

**Meeting with Barb Linek:** OCF Executive Director participated on a phone conference with Ms. Barb Linek from Building Family Bridges (Chicago, IL) to discuss how the Ohio Commission on Fatherhood uses TANF funding to provide services to low-income fathers and families. Ms. Linek works with Dr. Alicia LaHoz who presented with OCF Executive Director during a panel at the National Fatherhood Summit in Nashville, TN.