

**Funding:**

***New Grant Orientation for SFY2022-2023 Biennium:*** OCF Exec. Director and Project Manager met with the Ohio JFS-Office of Child Support and its new grantees to discuss NKO (No Kidding Ohio). OCS was awarded a grant from HHS/ACF/Federal Office of Child Support to implement NKO in both Gallia and Lucas counties.

***Single County Fatherhood Implementation RFGA:*** The published Request for Grant Application (RFGA) was released on Friday, 11/20/2020. Four applications were submitted for review. The RFGA Review Team which included OCF's Project Manager, staff from the Office of Child Support and staff the Office of Families and Children reviewed the applications along with the ODJFS Office of Contracts and Acquisitions (OCA). Final scoring was completed.

Selected programs will be funded to implement fatherhood programing in Lucas, Mahoning and Scioto counties. OCA completed and released award letters and grant contracts for the new grantees. Two of the three new grantees are still reviewing their contracts. One contract has been submitted to the OCA for drafting.

***SFY2020 Funds Moving to SFY2021:*** Ohio JFS senior/executive management agreed to move obligated, unliquidated state fiscal year (SFY) 2020 funds to SFY2021. There were three fatherhood grantees and two pilot programs with SFY2020 obligated, unliquidated funds that were carried forward to SFY2021. Three amendments were executed and purchase orders (PO) modified. Two amendments are currently pending for the grantees to sign.

***SFY 22-23 RFGA Review with OCF Fiscal/Funding Committee:*** OCF Exec. Director and Project Manager met with the Commission's Fiscal Funding Committee to review the draft of the Multi-County Fatherhood Implementation request for grant application (RFGA).

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

***Meeting with Steve Killpack (ETO) Timeline for bringing on new grantees:*** OCF Exec. Director and Project Manager met with Mr. Steve Killpack to discuss enhancing Efforts to Outcomes database system (ETO) data and the onboarding process for the three new single-county grantees. The new grantees will receive ETO System training, to ensure proper data collection and uploading practices. OCF Project Manager also met with the Ohio Practitioners' Network for Fathers and Families (OPNFF) to complete a live demonstration of the ETO system.

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

***NKO-Columbus (No Kidding Ohio):*** OCF Exec. Director met virtually with Christina Nichols with Franklin County Child Support Agency to discuss the best way to work with local school districts on the implementation of No Kidding Ohio in Franklin County. Franklin County Child Support plans to work with the State Office of Child Support and apply for funding from Health and Human Services, Administration for Children and Families, Office of Child Support Enforcement (HHS).

***Zoom Meeting with Mr. Amir Saleem (By Leaps and Bounds) and Dr. Charles Modlin:*** OCF Executive Director participated in a ZOOM call with Mr. Amir Saleem and Doctor Charles Modlin, kidney transplant surgeon at Cleveland Clinic. OCF will continue to collaborate with Doctor Modlin regarding topics related to minority men's health.

***NEW NKO Cleveland PE's Meeting:*** OCF Exec. Director met with the new NKO-CLE peer educators. There are currently three male peer educators and one female peer educator. The NKO-CLE program director advised that another female will join the team soon.

The peer educators demonstrated the curriculum for OCF and staff from the Office of Child Support before presenting in any of the schools. After which there was a debriefing with the management team for the NKO-CLE. OCF Exec. Director and Project Manager gave feedback on the presentation and discussed: plans to move forward with retention and budget.

***Fairfield No Kidding Ohio (NKO)-Virtual Heath Jr. High School:*** OCF Exec. Director and Project Manager, the OFAM Exec. Director and staff from the State Office of Child Support, were present for the first day of NKO-Fairfield's three-day virtual presentation at Heath Middle School. The peer educators presented module 1 from the NKO curriculum titled, "Telling My Story".

OCF Exec. Director met with staff from the State Office of Child Support to receive their feedback on the NKO presentation.

OCF Exec. Director and Project Manager met with the NKO-Fairfield County / TeenWorks management team to discuss updates, come up with solutions for recruiting peer educators, and give feedback on both the NKO program overall, and the three-day presentation at Heath Jr. High School.

***Action for Children (AFC) Fatherhood Meeting Federal Funding and OCF:*** OCF Exec. Director met with the Fatherhood Team at Action for Children to learn more about the project, "All in Dads" newly funded by HHS/ACF/OFA under the Healthy Marriage Responsible Fatherhood five-year grant cycle.

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

**Monthly Program and Grantee Agreement Touch Base:** OCF Exec. Director and Project Manager met with multicounty, single county and pilot project grantees for the monthly touch base meeting. The meeting included guest speakers from The Ohio Department of Health, Women, Infants, and Children (WIC) program Coeffective and Ohio Guidestone. The ODH, WIC program and Coeffective initiative focuses on state and local coordination and collaboration to help improve breastfeeding rates and access to support moms. They also discussed the resource database for the WIC program. Ohio Guidestone was recently awarded a grant from the Ohio JFS-Office of Families and Children, Ohio Children’s Trust Fund. They came to discuss the ongoing study’s effort to understand fatherhood and paternal postpartum depression.

**Grantee Program Manager and Job Developer Monthly Touch Base:** OCF Project Manager met with grantees and pilot project programs for the monthly program manager and job developer meeting. These meetings give the OCF funded programs an opportunity to discuss successes and challenges.

**Grantee Program and Case Manager Month:** OCF Exec. Director met with the grantees’ program and case managers. The discussion included the importance of timely data entry and the domestic violence screening.

**Fathers at the Education Roundtable Pilot Program:** The grantee signed the grant contract. The contract is with the Director’s office for full execution. Upon execution, OCF Project Manager will initiate the Purchase Order (PO) requisition.

**Passages – FIRE Grant Services:** OCF Exec. Director and OCF Project Manager met with Dr. Brian Moore to discuss the FIRE grant under the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services. OCF wanted to confirm that Passages has a process in place to ensure that they are not serving the same father under the federal grant and OCF funding.

### **State Agency Collaboration:**

**Meeting with Mr. Lamar Turner:** OCF Project Manager met with Mr. Lamar Turner and Ohio Domestic Violence Network (ODVN) team member Mr. Glenn Harris. Mr. Turner agreed to film a “then-and-now” interview style success story about fatherhood programming in Ohio. Mr. Turner is currently featured, on the OCF website, in a video he participated in when he was 19 years old.

**Co-Authoring Chapter with Ann Ream – Ohio University Request:** OCF Exec. Director and Director Ann Ream of Summit County Public Children Services are co-authoring a chapter in a book discussing child protective services for Ohio University and the University of Denver.

**State Agency Collaboration:**

**Family Engagement Committee with ODRC:** OCF Exec. Director participated in the bi-weekly ODRC Family Engagement meeting. The committee members re-capped and debriefed the Montgomery County Re-entry Family Information evening event. The Committee decided to invite and work with the family members who attended the Montgomery County Re-entry event, at upcoming Family Engagement Advisory Council event.

**ODRC Family Engagement Advisory Council:** OCF Exec. Director met with the ODRC Family Engagement Advisory Council. The members had an opportunity to hear from ODRC Director Chambers-Smith regarding how the prisons continue to address COVID-19. The members also heard from an author who wrote a children's book, intended to help children of incarcerated mothers understand and cope with the situation. The title of the book is "How Mommy Found Her Way Home."

**OSU's Statewide Family Engagement Advisory Council Meeting:** OCF Executive Director participated on the quarterly OSU Family Engagement Center Meeting. The council members discussed the various strategies, successes and challenges of virtual learning for Ohio's youth. OCF Executive Director advised that she is interested in participating on the advisory council. OCF Exec. Director participated in the final meeting for 2020 and the first meeting of 2021 with the other council members. The new parent and student representatives were introduced and the 2021 goals and strategies.

**Meeting with Families and Children-Joan Vanhull (CFSR-PIP):** OCF Executive Director met with Families and Children's Joan Vanhull to discuss the ongoing issue of the state failing the federal audit in father engagement and services provided to fathers on case plans. OCF Executive Director pointed Joan to the Tool Kit: Engaging Fathers in Child Welfare for Child Welfare Workers (the tool kit is on the OCF website at [www.fatherhood.ohio.gov](http://www.fatherhood.ohio.gov)). Subsequent conversations will be scheduled to discuss how OCF can assist the 15 counties identified in the PIP. Families and Children will pull 164 cases to review by October 2021.

**Montgomery County Fatherhood Summit with Mr. Mike Newsome:** OCF Exec. Director was asked to be a guest speaker for the opening session of the Montgomery County Fatherhood Summit. The Summit was held virtually via ZOOM; other opening session speakers included County Commissioners, JFS leaders and Judge Rice.

**Columbus Fatherhood Coalition December Meeting:** OCF Exec. Director met with the Franklin County Fatherhood Coalition for its monthly touch base. OCF Exec. Director connected local government agencies to the African American Male Wellness Agency, National Center for Urban Solutions, to participate on the coalition. Directors from Franklin County Child Support, Franklin County Children Services, and the Franklin County Ohio Means Jobs office assigned staff to join the coalition.

**State Agency Collaboration:**

**2020 SOC Symposium Pennsylvania:** OCF Exec. Director and OCF Project Manager attended Pennsylvania's fatherhood symposium. Included was a brief presentation of Pennsylvania's Journey to ensure child wellbeing, safety, and permanency for every child within the Commonwealth, as well as personal interviews with two Distinguished Pennsylvania System Change Leaders for Greater Father Family Involvement: "From Whence They Come." The symposium was scheduled for three days, December 1, 8, and 15. The three-day symposium addressed the consequences of Father Absence and/or Father Non- Involvement. A diverse group of expert panelists assisted in unraveling the question, "Are Fathers intentionally included, or not, in Pennsylvania's child and family services and programming that are designed to enhance well-being outcomes for both?"

**Meeting with Commissioner Randi Thomas, ESQ:** OCF Exec. Director met with the newly appointed Commissioner, Mr. Randi Thomas, to officially welcome him to the Commission. He is an appointee of the Governor. Mr. Thomas is a professor at Miami University. OCF Executive Director discussed the mission and purpose of the Commission and provided information located on the OCF website. OCF staff will mail items to Mr. Thomas; he will provide a bio and photo for the OCF website.

**Recovery Supports Work Group with Janice Mader:** OCF Exec. Director participated in the Recovery Ohio, Recovery Supports Work Group. The work group received an update from the co-chairs regarding plans to continue to focus on continuum of care for vulnerable Ohioans working through substance abuse. The co-chairs from the two sub-committees, housing and Peer/Community Supports provided updates on the respective strategies and how they are tied to the Governor's Recovery Ohio Plan.

**Meeting with Talbert House Staff and ODJFS OCOMM:** OCF Exec. Director and Project Manager met virtually with ODJFS, OCOMM, Chris Bournea and Talbert House staff to discuss the best method to video record Mr. CJ Anderson, a basketball player from Xavier, who worked with Talbert House to obtain a parenting time order for his daughter.

**Building Bridges Planning Team by Reba Collins:** OCF Exec. Director participated in a ZOOM meeting with the Building Bridges Planning Team to discuss the October 1-2, 2020 All in Community event hosted by the West Ohio Conference of the United Methodist Church and the Ohio Department of Rehabilitation and Correction. OCF Exec. Director also participated in the monthly Building Bridges Meeting, hosted by the West Ohio Conference of the United Methodist Church and ODRC. The planning committee discussed the big takeaways from the surveys provided after the "All in Community, Building Bridges" virtual event. Planning Committee members discussed "big bucket", "small bucket", and "easy, obvious, and strategic responses" next steps.

**State Agency Collaboration:**

**OCF Executive Committee:** OCF Exec. Director and staff met with the executive committee to plan for February 11, 2021 Commission meeting. Meeting information is on the OCF Website.

**Fatherhood and Cares Act:** OCF Exec. Director met with Mr. Scott Neely from Children's Hunger Alliance. They discussed the e-mail to send to ODJFS leadership regarding the conversation with Representative West on the Cares Act dollars and Fatherhood.

**Connecting Ohio Guidestone Fatherhood Project with the Commission on Fatherhood:** OCF Exec. Director and Project Manager met with Ohio Guidestone to discuss a new project funded by Ohio JFS-Office of Families and Children (OFC)/Children's Trust Fund.

**Child Trends APPAM:** On November 11, 2020 OCF Exec. Director joined 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.

**Knox County Fatherhood Mobilization:** OCF Exec. Director and Project Manager met with representation from Knox County to discuss the ongoing county mobilization initiative and possible opportunities for Knox County.

**Columbiana County Fatherhood Mobilization:** OCF Exec. Director met with representation from Columbiana County to discuss the ongoing county mobilization initiative and possible opportunities for Columbiana County to participate in the Ohio County Fatherhood Mobilization Project.

**Meeting request for Nebraska Fatherhood Initiative Program with Cheri Anderson:** OCF Exec. Director and Project Manager met with representatives from the Nebraska Department of Health and Human Services (NDHSS). NDHSS is starting a new fatherhood initiative in Nebraska. As a national leader for fatherhood, OCF leadership provided guidance and best practices.

**Two Technology Checks for 11/12/2020 OCF Commissioner's Meeting:** OCF staff met with the Commissioners to verify and test their video and sound quality connections, as well as, determine if they had access to the Microsoft Teams Live platform for the upcoming Commissioners Meeting.

**TYRO Dads Discussion:** OCF Exec. Director participated on a call with Mr. Brandon Tijernas to discuss adding the evidence-based TYRO Dads list of evidence-based curriculum to the OCF website.

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

***Native American Fathers and Families Association Webinar:*** OCF Exec. Director attended the ZOOM presentation provided by the Native American Fathers and Families Association. The one-hour webinar focused on the best practices to engage and retain Native American fathers in programming.

***Update -Mr. Malcolm White – National Center for Urban Solutions (NCUS):*** OCF Exec. Director virtually met with Mr. Malcolm White with NCUS. Mr. White has been assigned the task of implementing the Franklin County Fatherhood Coalition. OCF Executive Director reached out to Franklin County Directors of the Child Support Agency, Child Protective Services and Ohio Means Jobs. The Directors provided names of those from their respective agencies that will participate on the coalition.

***OCF and Fatherhood Fundamentals:*** OCF Exec. Director and OCF Project Manager met with the new fatherhood point of contact with the Columbus Health Department. The Columbus Health Department received a grant from Healthy Start to engage 100 fathers. OCF continues to offer its support to the Columbus Health Department when engaging fathers in fatherhood programming.

***Virtual Meeting with Mr. Muqit Sabur - Cleveland:*** OCF Exec. Director met virtually with Mr. Muqit Sabur, Fatherhood Practitioner in Cleveland. Mr. Sabur is interested in how he can better serve the Muslim/Islamic population in incarcerated settings. OCF Executive Director sent Mr. Sabur information on both Building Bridges of Opportunity and Dr. Tia Martinez’s “School to Prison Pipeline”.

***January Columbus Fatherhood Coalition Meeting:*** OCF Exec. Director participated in the monthly Franklin County Fatherhood Coalition meeting. The African American Male Wellness Walk Agency, National Center for Urban Solutions facilitates the meetings in hopes to implement a robust county Fatherhood Coalition.

***Fatherhood – Child Protective Services Book (Chapter 4):*** OCF Exec. Director met with Commissioner Ann Ream. They are coauthoring a chapter in a social worker’s textbook being created by the Schools of Social Work at: Ohio University, The University of Denver, Baylor University and the University of North Carolina.

***Meeting with Stark County Fatherhood Coalition and Legal Aid:*** OCF Exec. Director and Project Manager met with Stark County Legal Aid and Stark County Child Support Director Rob Pierson to continue the conversation focused on the parenting time project, previously funded by a Special Improvement Project grant provided by HHS/ACF/OCSE.

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**Meeting with Mr. Kenneth Hampton:** OCF Exec. Director met with Mr. Kenneth Hampton and exchanged his book regarding mentoring, teaching young adults and more mature adults how to overcome obstacles in their lives. Mr. Hampton is a motivational speaker and author. He currently mentor's youth in Pickerington and Columbus City Schools.

**Stark County Fatherhood Coalition Meeting:** OCF Exec. Director attended the Stark County Fatherhood Coalition meeting. Various members provided updates on how they continue to engage and service fathers and families in the Stark County area. One of the organizations that provided an update was Stark County Legal Aid. OCF Executive Director requested a follow-up meeting with the organization to discuss how OCF can support the project that focuses on working with unmarried parents to establish a parenting time order that both parents agree upon.

**Primary One- OCF Meeting:** OCF Exec. Director met with staff from Primary-One to provide an update on the various services provided by the Commission. The Primary-One staff are serving expectant parents and would like to refer expectant fathers to Fatherhood programs in Franklin County.

**Virtual Meeting with Mr. Kenneth Hampton:** OCF Exec. Director met virtually with Mr. Kenneth Hampton who wanted to hear more about the Ohio Commission on Fatherhood and how he can help advance the message through his work. Mr. Hampton is a motivational speaker and author. He currently mentor's youth in Pickerington and Columbus City Schools.

**Delaware Fatherhood Conference with Ms. Sherani Patterson:** OCF Exec. Director met with Ms. Sherani Patterson regarding the State of Delaware's Fatherhood Conference. OCF Exec. Director has been asked to speak as well as provide feedback on how the State of Delaware can launch a state Commission on Fatherhood. Commission Meeting scheduled for February 11, 2020. The Admin. Assistant mailed OCF brochures to Mr. Black for further knowledge.