

Funding:

OCF Fiscal Funding Phone Conference for State Fatherhood Summit: OCF Executive Director and the Chair of the Commission on Fatherhood participated in a phone conference with commissioners who volunteered to participate on the Fiscal Funding Committee. The OCF Executive Director and the OCF chair provided the duties of the committee and the various OCF funded projects.

TANF Grantee Meetings, Events and Conference Calls:

Summit County Job & Family Services Child Support visit with Grantee Shawn Crable with Early Childhood Resource Center on Fatherhood Programming: OCF Executive Director facilitated a meeting at the Summit County Child Support Agency with new grantee Mr. Shawn Crable from the Stark-Canton Early Childhood Resource Center. Mr. Crable provided Fatherhood Services in Summit County under the OCF TANF grant. The meeting topics included available services provided by Early Childhood Resource Center as well as the best ways to collaborate with the current programs in Summit County.

Implementation Grantee ETO Conference Call with Steve Killpack: OCF Executive Director participated on a phone conference with Steve Killpack with OPNFF (Ohio Practitioners' Network for Fathers and Families) regarding the amendment of the OPNFF contract to add the new grantees to the ETO System. OCF Executive Director worked with the Office of Contracts and Acquisitions to modify the contract and increase the dollar value.

State Fatherhood Summit:

Phone Conference - Roles of Committee Chairs: OCF Executive Director participated on a conference call with Executive Committee Chairperson, Scott Neely to discuss the roles of the newly appointed chairs of the Fiscal/Funding Committee and the Summit Committee. Phone Conferences/Meetings were scheduled to discuss these roles with the two new chairs, Ann Ream/Fiscal Funding Committee and Joseph Hill Summit Committee.

Children's Hunger Alliance/Summit Committee Chair Meeting: OCF Executive Director met with OCF Commissioners Scott Neely and Joseph Hill. The three discussed the role of the Summit Committee Chair. OCF Executive Director also met with additional staff from the Children's Hunger Alliance regarding the Nutritional Program to be implemented in the London Correctional Facility with the incarcerated fathers and their children. OCF Executive Director provided feedback and recommended that the fathers be screened, possibly through the "Starts Within" year-long Fatherhood program currently being implemented at London Corrections. Additionally, the program should set an age limit between five and twelve years of age.

State Fatherhood Summit Cont'd:

Bartha Audio/Video Meeting: OCF Staff and OPNFF Staff visited Bartha and met with Jeffrey McMahon and Kenton Curenton to discuss the possibility of using their Audio/Visual equipment for the May 2020 State Fatherhood Summit.

Quest Conference Center Meeting: OCF Staff and Ohio Practitioners' Network for Fathers and Families (OPNFF) Staff visited Quest Conference Center and met with Kimberly Flynn to tour and discuss the possibility of using their Conference Center for the May 2020 State Fatherhood Summit.

Hughies Audio/Video Event Production Meeting: OCF Staff and Ohio Practitioners' Network for Fathers and Families (OPNFF) Staff visited Hughie's Audio Visual and met with Justin Greiner to discuss the possibility of using their Audio/Visual equipment for the May 2020 State Fatherhood Summit.

Phone Conference Summit Planning Meeting with OCF/OPNFF and Summit Committee: OCF Staff participated on the State Summit Planning Committee with OPNFF (Ohio Practitioners' Network for Fathers and Families) and various Commissioners interested in having a part in the Summit planning. The Committee discussed the venue, breakout sessions, vendors and various summit keynote and plenary speakers. Subsequent meetings have been scheduled thru April 2020.

Commission on Fatherhood Meeting: OCF Staff attended the quarterly OCF Commission meeting. Presenters included Ohio Department of Education Superintendent Paolo DeMaria, Ohio University, and the single county RFGA high-level updates were provided as well as an update regarding the State Fatherhood Summit, scheduled for May 20-21, 2020.

Ohio Practitioners' Network for Fathers and Families/Commission on Fatherhood Summit Planning Call: OCF staff participated in the monthly phone conference with OPNFF to continue planning conversations for the May 20-21, 2020 state Fatherhood Summit. Additional monthly calls were scheduled with the OCF Summit Planning Committee.

Meeting with Ms. Scharron Kane from (ODYS) Ohio Dept. of Youth Services - OCF Fatherhood Summit: OCF Executive Director met with Ms. Kane from ODYS to discuss the Incarcerated Parents Breakout Session at the Fatherhood Summit. Ms. Kane will partner with Dr. Mike Davis of ODRC to facilitate the attendee conversation.

Phone Conference with Stark County's IV-D Director Rob Pierson - State Fatherhood Summit – County Mobilization Project: OCF Executive Director participated in a phone conference with Stark County Child Support Director, Rob Pierson, to discuss facilitating the Ohio County Fatherhood Mobilization Initiative Breakout Session at the May 20-21, 2020 Fatherhood Summit.

State Fatherhood Summit Cont'd:

OCF/(OPNFF) Ohio Practitioner's Network for Fathers and Families Summit Planning Meeting: OCF staff participated on the monthly phone conference with OPNFF staff, OCF Commission Chair, Scott Neely (Children's Hunger Alliance) and State Summit Chair, Joseph Hill (Ohio Mental Health and Addiction Services). The committee discussed the ongoing plans for the State Fatherhood Summit, scheduled for May 20-21, 2020. The next Committee meeting to include the OCF Commissioners is scheduled for Oct. 25th.

State Agency Collaboration:

Meeting with Director Ryan Gies (ODYS) Dept. of Youth Services: OCF Executive Director met with the new ODYS Director to welcome him 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 ODYS Director. The ODYS Director was interested in how his agency can more collaboratively work with OCF. OCF Executive Director sent information regarding the counties who showed an interest in the Ohio County Fatherhood Mobilization Project. Director Gies shared the project with various judges and magistrates in these counties and other counties that have not received the training.

Fairfield County – No Kidding Ohio Meeting: OCF Executive Director met with Fairfield County CSEA and Teen Works leadership to discuss if and how the new Child Support policies may affect the “No Kidding Ohio Curriculum”. OCF is currently working on a contract and purchase order to re-surface the “No Kidding Ohio” curriculum.

Faith Fridays Riffe Meeting: OCF staff attended the August Faith Friday event hosted by the Governor's Office of Faith-based and Community Initiatives. OCF staff provided a brief presentation on the services the Ohio Commission on Fatherhood provides to low-income fathers and families through grant funding.

Meeting with Boards and Commissions (Governor's Office): OCF Executive Director met with Boards and Commissioners Director Jen Thrasher to discuss the upcoming “Recovery Ohio Kick-off Event” scheduled for September 10, 2019.

GOFBCI (Governor's Office of Faith-based and Community Initiatives) and Fatherhood Meeting: OCF Executive Director met with GOFBCI staff to discuss their role in the May 2020 Fatherhood Summit. OCF Executive Director and the Summit Committee would like GOFBCI to provide a breakout session as well as information for a vendor table.

State Agency Collaboration Cont'd:

Lucas County Child Support/Fatherhood and Franklin County Child Support/Fatherhood Meeting: OCF Executive Director facilitated a meeting at the Franklin County Child Support Agency where staff from the agency along with their community grant partners provided information to Lucas County Child Support and Fatherhood staff regarding partnership and collaboration. Franklin County Child Support works closely with community partners, specifically in Fatherhood to build trust and provide essential services to non-custodial parents. Brothers United in Lucas County and the Lucas County Child Support Agency explored opportunities to more effectively collaborate.

Call with Fairfield County's Teen Works: OCF Executive Director participated on a phone conference with Ms. Angela Harris from Fairfield County's Teen Works to discuss budget and deliverables for the "No Kidding Ohio" pilot project.

Meeting with Dr. Mike Davis (ODRC) Ohio Dept. of Rehabilitation and Corrections and OCF Collaboration Discussion: OCF Executive Director met with Dr. Davis, the ODRC Director designee to the Commission. Executive Director and Dr. Davis provided updates regarding upcoming initiatives, pilot projects and the ODRC Family Engagement Advisory Council.

Governor's Recovery Ohio Kickoff Meeting at Ohio Expo: OCF Executive Director attended the Governor's Recovery Ohio Kickoff meeting. The Recovery Ohio Council members introduced the 75 strategies as well as the seven focus areas. Meeting attendees had an opportunity to add additional notes to the seven focus areas as well as decide on one of the groups participate on to continue advancing the strategies. Attendees were also encouraged to take the "Stigma Pledge". OCF Executive Director took the pledge once the website was updated.

Cota Mobility Advisory Board Meeting: OCF Executive Director attended the quarterly COTA Mobility Advisory Board meeting. COTA provided updates on the various projects they are implementing to make transportation more efficient and effective in Columbus and surrounding neighborhoods, to include Smart Columbus, Mobility as a Service and COTA Plus.

Ohio Infant Mortality Commission Presentation: OCF Executive Director presented during the Ohio Infant Mortality Commission meeting. OCF Executive Director discussed the importance of fathers in the prevention of Infant Mortality as well as other social ills that plague families and communities. OCF is working on a contract with Dads2B, the Fatherhood program working with OSU's Moms2B Motherhood program. Dads2B presented after OCF Executive Director.

Conference Call with Scott Neely Regarding a Presentation at a Children's Caucus Meeting: OCF Executive Director participated on a phone call with the Children's Hunger Alliance Director of Government Affairs, Scott Neely, regarding meeting dates to discuss a future presentation from the Ohio Commission on Fatherhood during the Children's Caucus meeting.

State Agency Collaboration Cont'd:

Meeting at GOFBI Faith Friday: OCF Staff gave a brief presentation about the Ohio Commission on Fatherhood programs that are available to low income fathers and families. OCF staff distributed handouts and answered questions.

ODRC (Ohio Department of Rehabilitation and Correction) Family Advisory Council Quarterly Meeting: OCF Executive Director attended the ODRC Family Advisory quarterly meeting. The council was formed from a two-year project that involved surveying various incarcerated adults and their loved ones to determine how ODRC can better engage and empower those incarcerated at ODRC as well as their loved ones supporting the inmates both in the facility and during re-entry. A couple of goals were implemented to include the barrier of transportation and questionable attire when a loved one travels to the prison for a visit (all facilities will have scrubs x-small to 4X. ODRC is exploring other recommendations provided in the two-year project report.

Hamilton County Fatherhood Collaboration Meeting with Calvin Williams: OCF Executive Director presented at the newly re-introduced Hamilton County Fatherhood Collaborative. The Collaborative was inactive for years, and county leadership decided to give the Collaborative new direction. Prior to the Collaborative meeting, Director Dent met with various community partners to include representatives from ROBE (Reaching Our Brothers Everywhere), which is an organization that promotes breastfeeding in the African-American communities. Two ROBE representatives are from Louisiana and Georgia.

ODRC Meeting State Library: OCF Executive Director attended the Ohio Ex-Offender Re-entry Coalition meeting. Various presentations were made to attendees to include a Franklin County project focused on children of incarcerated parents, ODRC, ODYS and updates from the statutory departments of the Coalition. OWD's Tom Hutter, is Director Hall's designee assigned to the Coalition. Mr. Hutter provided updates from OWD, Commission on Fatherhood and the State Office of Child Support.

Lorain Corrections Fatherhood Summit: OCF Executive Director attended the 2nd Annual Fatherhood Conference at the Lorain Correctional Facility. The conference began with keynote speakers and a panel Friday evening. Approximately 250 incarcerated fathers attended the event. The fathers attended workshops on Saturday, and the conference ended on Sunday with a father/child picnic. OCF Executive Director provided programming to the women in a separate location of the prison while the fathers enjoyed time with their children.

Chillicothe Correctional Institution Reentry Resource Fair: OCF Staff participated in the Chillicothe Re-entry Resource Fair by providing Fatherhood program materials and brochures to the incarcerated fathers who were seeking information and asking questions about establishing

parenting time with their children, status of child support payments and employment opportunities in their respective counties.

General Fatherhood Outreach, Meetings and Conference Calls:

Phone Conference with Reba Collins – United Methodist - ODRC: OCF Executive Director participated on a phone conference with Ms. Reba Collins from the Western Conference of the United Methodist Church to discuss the Ohio Commission on Fatherhood’s role during the upcoming “Dismantling the Community to Prison Pipeline” events scheduled in Cincinnati and Columbus, November 7th and 8th, respectively. Guest speaker will be Dr. Tia Martinez with Forward Change. ODRC leadership connected Executive Director Dent to Ms. Reba Collins and the planning committee.

Meeting with Amir Saleem and Ernest Minor (P.R.Y.D.E) & Minor and Associates: OCF Executive Director met with Mr. Amir Saleem and Mr. Ernest Minor from Cuyahoga County. Mr. Saleem and Mr. Ernest discussed the much-needed lead abatement services as well as the negative health results that children growing up in homes with high levels of lead suffer from throughout their lives. Mr. Saleem is working in some of the schools and has invited the OCF Executive Director to Cuyahoga County to meet with staff from the schools.

The 3 C’s of R.E.A.L. – Cuyahoga County Office of Re-Entry: OCF Executive Director attended the Cuyahoga County Re-Entry event, which introduced the Securus Foundation’s Exodus Planner. The app is designed for returning citizens and their families to more efficiently access community resources to assist them with successful re-entry.

Ohio Commission on Fatherhood Connections with Rachelle Brown, Franklin County: OCF Executive Director met with Franklin County Health Department’s Community Health Worker Ms. Rachelle Brown. Executive Director provided various resources to assist Ms. Brown in engaging fragile families in Franklin County as well as contiguous counties.

Conference Call with William Vincent of Passages: OCF Executive Director participated on a phone conference with Mr. William Vincent of Passages regarding Dr. Raymond Levy’s “Parents in Recovery” curriculum with a focus on fathers. Dr. Levy is the Director of the Fatherhood Project at Massachusetts General Hospital. After further discussions and with the challenge of determining how the curriculum was identified as evidence-based, OCF will not pursue additional conversation with Dr. Levy.

(CDCFC) Child Development Council of Franklin County’s Community Resource Fair: OCF Staff participated in the CDCFC Resource Fair by providing information and materials about the Ohio Commission on Fatherhood and the funded Fatherhood program services.

Preparation for the Dismantling the Community to Prison Pipeline (Columbus) - Building Bridges of Opportunity Planning Team Meeting at West Ohio Conference Center United

Methodist Church with Reba Collins and ODRC: OCF Executive Director met with the planning team from the West Ohio Conference of the United Methodist Church to discuss the plans, agenda, etc. for the upcoming Dismantling the Community to Prison Pipeline event at the United Methodist Church on Bethel Road in Columbus.

Preparation for Dismantling the Community to Prison Pipeline (Mason, OH) - Building Bridges of Opportunity Planning Team Meeting with Reba Collins in Mason, Ohio and ODRC: OCF Executive Director met with the planning team from the West Ohio Conference of the United Methodist Church to discuss the plans, agenda, etc. for the upcoming Dismantling the Community to Prison Pipeline event at the Crossroads United Methodist Church in Mason, OH. OCF Executive Director also met the mentors who were providing services to restored citizens on parole in Hamilton County under the JIYA (Justice Involved Young Adults) mentoring program. The participants are 18-22 years of age.

General Fatherhood Outreach, Meetings and Conference Calls **Cont'd:**

Meeting with Jamie Wood of the Ohio State University Athletic Dept.: OCF Executive Director met with Mr. Jamie Wood from the OSU Athletic Department based on a request from Athletic Director Eugene Smith. There has been an increase in the number of OSU athletes over the past year. OCF Executive Director provided various resources the Athletic Department can access to assist parent athletes.

Meeting in Cuyahoga County with Amir Saleem: OCF Executive Director met with Director Amir Saleem of “By Leaps and Bounds” in Cuyahoga County. Director Saleem also invited the Cleveland Police Commissioner and the Director of Embodied, a Delta Theta Sigma organization focused on working with young African-American males ages 8-17.

Meeting with Lindsay Ciavarelli and Ra’Shawd Davis from the Columbus Public Health Father Engagement: OCF Executive Director met with Healthy Start staff from Columbus Public Health Department. The five Healthy Start sites have received funding to engage 100 fathers. Each site has various planned strategies. OCF Executive Director received information regarding Cuyahoga County’s Healthy Start Fatherhood program as well as the Franklin County Healthy Start Fatherhood Program. OCF Executive Director reached out to the other three Healthy Start sites, Lucas, Montgomery and Hamilton counties, regarding their Fatherhood strategy models.

Meeting with Pastor Reginal Hayes and Duane Floro: OCF Executive Director met with the Southern Baptist Conference representatives regarding the various community initiatives to include the UCAN Camp, which is a camp for male youth in single-mother households.

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Montgomery County's Infant Mortality Prevention Conference "Everyone Reach One": OCF Executive Director attended the Montgomery County Infant Mortality Conference. The conference offered various subject matter speakers, workshops and other pertinent information related to addressing the Infant Mortality issues in Montgomery County, specifically in the African-American communities. OCF Executive Director attended the Fatherhood workshop facilitated by Mr. Mike Newsom, Montgomery County Fatherhood Coordinator.

Conference Call with Alexandria Citrin to discuss Ohio's Fatherhood work: OCF Executive Director participated on a phone conference with representatives referred to the Ohio Commission on Fatherhood by Sue Williams from Families and Children Services. Families and Children Services staff were working to develop programming under the Family First Prevention Services Act. Ms. Alexandria Citrin is with the Center for the Study of Social Policy and is working with Families and Children Services to clarify Ohio's candidacy definition, develop the framework for accessing services, and identifying/building a network of evidence-based practices throughout the state. A part of the legislation specifically addresses the needs of pregnant and parenting youth in care, which includes expecting fathers.