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Funding:

The Ohio Commission on Fatherhood (OCF) is funding the following programs:

- **5 Multi-County Grantees Funded**
 - Action for Children
 - Early Childhood Resource Center
 - ForeverDads
 - Passages
 - Talbert House

- **4 Single-County Grantees Funded**
 - Community Action Organization of Scioto County
 - National African American Male Wellness Agency (AAMWA)
 - Pathway/Brothers United in Lucas County
 - Starts Within Organization

- **8 Funded Pilot Projects Funded**
 - Advocates for Educational Equity and Excellence – Fathers at the Education Table
 - By Leaps and Bounds – No Kidding Ohio (NKO) Pregnancy Prevention
 - CLEAN Enterprises – The Clean Way
 - Community Legal Aid Services – Parenthood Project
 - Fairfield County TeenWorks – NKO Pregnancy Prevention
 - Urban Family Development Center – Dads2B Program
 - Passages and Cuyahoga CDJFS
 - Ohio State Collective – Families Read
 - OCF has implemented two Performance Improvement Plans (PIPs)

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State Agency Collaboration:

- OCF staff participated in the quarterly Commission meeting at the Rhodes State Office Towers. This was the first in-person Commission meeting since February 2020. Meeting attendees heard presentations from OCF funded single-county grantee, Community Action Organization of Scioto County regarding the services provided to fathers and families in Scioto County. Attendees also heard a presentation from OCF Project Manager and Commissioner Ann Ream with Summit County Children Services on the revamping of the “Best Practice Guide for Engaging Fathers: A Toolkit for Children Services Staff”. They also provided an update on the newly implemented Passages and Cuyahoga County PCSA pilot project. The meeting was one commissioner short of a quorum; therefore, the May meeting minutes were held for vote until the September 8, 2022, meeting.
 - OCF Executive Director and Program Administrator presented to the local WIC projects during one of their monthly meetings. The invitation to speak was from the State WIC Breastfeeding Coordinator, Ohio Department of Health, Bureau of Maternal, Child, and Family Health.
 - OCF Executive Director joined staff from Recovery Ohio and Ohio Mental Health and Addiction to provide the Addiction Policy Forum training. The 186 attendees included family members of those in addiction as well as peer supporters and others working in the field of addiction services. OCF Executive Director presented on modules 5 and 6, Enabling vs Helping and Developing an Action Plan.
 - OCF Executive Director was notified that they are approved to have the State Fatherhood Awareness and Training Event at the Pro Football Hall of Fame (HoF) venue. OCF is planning an Awareness and Training Event at the HoF October 25-26, 2022.
 - OCF Executive Director met with ODJFS Director Damschroder and his executive team to discuss how the Roe v Wade changes will impact fathers.
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- OCF Program Administrator, Terena Arnold, conducted the first site visit of SFY 2023 on Friday, August 12, 2022. Ms. Arnold met with the founder of the Starts Within Organization (SWO) and Program Manager for the Single-County Responsible Fatherhood grant, Mr. Carlos Christian. Ms. Arnold reviewed programmatic details and deliverables with Mr. Christian who works specifically with incarcerated, recently released, and/or restored fathers. Program Administrator Arnold was able to observe Mr. Christian teach a fatherhood class at the outpatient residential reentry program housed at the Volunteers of America in Mansfield,

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- OCF Administrative Professional, Terri Simons, attended the Guernsey County Fatherhood Mobilization Orientation Meeting on August 18, 2022. Ms. Simons spoke with the Ohio Practitioners' Network for Fathers and Families (OPNFF) Coaches, Mr. Burl Lemon, and Mr. James McDonald, as well as the Guernsey County Leadership Team regarding the process of implementing the Ohio County Fatherhood Mobilization Initiative.
- OCF Executive Director presented during the Office of Child Support (OCS), Ohio Department of Rehabilitation and Correction (ODRC), and Ohio Child Support Directors' Association (OCDA) "Building Bridges of Opportunities" webinar. County Child Support staff received information from ODRC staff; ODRC staff received information from OCS staff. The webinar focused on both programs remaining in contact to ensure incarcerated parents who owe child support, are supported during incarceration. OCF Executive Director provided information regarding Fatherhood programs and supports for incarcerated fathers and restored citizens. The webinar was held twice, once in August and once in Sept.

General Fatherhood Outreach, Meetings, and Conference Calls:

- The OCF Executive Director met with representatives from the Ohio Laborers' Apprenticeship Program in Westerville, OH. The representatives would like to continue to work with OCF to support the program and offer career and training opportunities for fathers enrolled in the OCF funded grantee programs. The apprenticeship program is interested in employing construction workers. The Ohio Laborers' Apprenticeship Program met with an OCF Commissioner in the past year through the Proud Dad Fatherhood Series at the First Church of God in Columbus to offer apprenticeship and career opportunities to participants in the program.
- OCF Executive Director Dent and Program Administrator, Terena Arnold, visited Dr. J Robinson with American Fitness Health and Wellness Institute in Dayton, OH. OCF staff toured the facility and learned of the various grants received and grant activities implemented by the organization. The organization is operating programming through a GOFBCI (Governor's Office of Faith-based and Community Initiatives) grant and a grant from Montgomery County.
- The Ohio Commission on Fatherhood Executive Director, Kim Dent, presented during the national Supervised Visitation Network webinar. OCF Executive Director Dent provided information on the history of the Commission as well as the four purposes of the Commission. She also provided information regarding implicit bias and how it negatively impacts services to families. She also provided recommendations regarding how to engage fathers and ensure that their Access and Visitation facilities are father-friendly and father-inclusive.

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- The OCF Executive Director attended and presented at the 1st Annual Grafton Corrections Fatherhood Conference. The conference is titled, “Moving Fathers Forward, Determined, Inspired and Committed to Fatherhood”. The three-day event included an opening session with guest speakers on Friday, a series of workshops on Saturday, and a father/child event on Sunday. Workshop presenters included Ms. Tiffany Chinn from the State Office of Child Support, and Ms. Kristin Adkins and Ms. Alyssa Kletrovets from Families and Children Services. OCOMM assisted OCF with obtaining a Resolution from the governor for the 1st Annual Grafton Corrections Fatherhood Conference.

- OCF Executive Director, Kim Dent, attended the National Parent Leadership Training Institute (PLTI) at the Columbus YWCA. Various state PLTI leaders provided information on the parent leadership work in their respective states. The Ohio Commission on Fatherhood has worked over the years with the Central Ohio Parent Leadership Training Institute (COPLTI), including attending graduations held at the State House.

Program	# Of program participants	Overview	Income Eligibility	Work Requirement	As of 08/31/2022
Commission on Fatherhood	# Of fathers served The total number of times a TANF-eligible father was served so far in SFY 2023 is 1,695; the total number of fathers served irrespective of his TANF eligibility is 2,386.	OCF funds five multi-county grantees and four single-county grantees.	N/A	The three overarching components to providing services: Parenting Skills Co-Parenting Skills Economic Stability, to include job readiness, obtaining a job and job retention	Data is pulled from ETO (Efforts to Outcomes) The data is reflected thru 08-31-2022. The next update of the data will be available the first week of October 2022, which will reflect data thru 09-30-2022