

Ohio | Commission on Fatherhood

Ohio County Fatherhood Mobilization Project

While the crisis of father absence is national, solutions must be found and implemented at the local level, one community at a time. Moreover, in this time of budget shortfalls and rising needs, local leaders must build collaborations and coordinate services. With this in mind, in 2011 the Ohio Commission on Fatherhood launched the first ever Ohio County Fatherhood Initiative. To date, the following counties have participated in the project:

Butler	Clark	Clinton	Coshocton	Cuyahoga	Delaware
Fairfield	Franklin	Greene	Guernsey	Hamilton	Lake
Licking	Lorain	Lucas	Mercer	Montgomery	Morgan
Muskingum	Perry	Portage	Richland	Ross	Scioto
Stark	Summit	Trumbull	Warren		

What did counties receive?

- Training on how to conduct a Needs and Assets Assessment in their communities
- Planning for a Leadership Summit on Fatherhood
- Assistance on how to implement a Community Action Plan on Fatherhood
- Guidance in how to identify and apply for sustaining funding for your County Fatherhood Initiative
- \$10,000 implementation grant to begin or continue fatherhood programs in their county

Who provided the training?

The Ohio Commission on Fatherhood staff, fatherhood practitioners and leaders from other counties who have completed the training.

How long was the training?

Training took place over six months and consisted primarily of conference calls and webinars. There were two in person meetings.

How much did the training cost?

The Ohio Commission on Fatherhood provided the training at no cost to the counties. In fact, counties participating in the initiative received a one-time \$10,000 implementation grant to begin or continue fatherhood programs in their county. The funds are dispersed to a participating organization or county agency at the end of the training.

Who must participate in the training?

The leadership team must participate in the training. Effective July 1, 2019, the leadership team must consist of 5 of the following 7 people or their designees:

1. County Commissioner or State Representative

2. Family or Domestic Relations Judge

3. Director of Child Support

4. Director of Child Welfare

5. Leader of a local faith-based entity or business

6. Community Father

7. Corrections Representative from jail or community corrections located in the county

By working together, counties can promote responsible fatherhood and create long term solutions to the father absence crisis, one family at a time. Our hope is that eventually leaders from all 88 Ohio counties will participate in this training and launch successful County Fatherhood Initiatives in every county in the state.

To apply to participate in a future training go to:

<http://www.fatherhood.ohio.gov/FundedPrograms2/CountyFatherhoodInitiativeParticipationForm.aspx>