

**Ohio Commission on Fatherhood (OCF)
Executive Director Report
May-June 2013**

OCF Grantees

Grantee Conference Calls and Monthly Meeting: In addition to monthly conference calls with mandatory participation by all grantees, OCF staff convened an in person grantee meeting in order for Dan Houston & Associates to provide training to all OCF grantees on the new assessment tool.

RFPs and Contracts

OCF Evaluator: OCF staff met staff members of Dan Houston and Associates to finalize evaluation tools and additional software needed to run comparative analysis. OCF staff is scheduled for training on software to run preliminary data analysis.

2014-2015 Fatherhood Grantee Request for Grant Application (RFGA): The RFGA was released on May 8, 2013 and the application deadline was June 6, 2013. The ODJFS Contracts office received 12 proposals. A review team has been organized and will begin reviewing applications soon.

County Meetings

Ohio County Fatherhood Initiative: Lucas County held the final Fatherhood Community Conversation. The conversation was facilitated by OPNFF Project Team Members contracted by OCF. The facilitator led participants in a series of questions and discussions around fatherhood. Among other things, the conversations produced information regarding perceptions about fathers and identified the Greater Purpose Statement and the items their counties want to avoid.

Ohio County Fatherhood Initiative: Lake, Perry, Cuyahoga and Hamilton Counties held their Fatherhood Stakeholders luncheons. The conversations were facilitated by OPNFF Project Team Members contracted by OCF. The facilitator led participants in a series of questions and discussions around fatherhood and funding. Among other things, the conversations produced information regarding the importance and need of this fatherhood initiative in their respective counties.

Ohio County Fatherhood Initiative - Hamilton County Provider Forum: OCF staff attended the Hamilton County Fatherhood Providers Forum. The purpose of the Providers Forum is to gather county leaders to brainstorm on how to engage funders and service providers to increase responsible fatherhood. The forum also allowed participants to think about what resources are needed to make that happen.

Ohio County Fatherhood Initiative- Hamilton County Funders Luncheon: OCF staff attended the Hamilton County Funders Luncheon. The purpose of the Funders Luncheon was to present a

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brief overview of their experience participating in the Ohio County Fatherhood Initiative and a brief synopsis of their Hamilton County Fatherhood Initiative plan.

Prison Outreach

Chillicothe Correctional Facility: OCF staff participated in the Chillicothe Correctional Facility Re-entry Resource Fair and shared information with inmates on responsible fatherhood and resources available once released.

North Central Correctional Facility: OCF staff visited North Central Correctional Institution to present on responsible fatherhood. Staff conducted workshops for inmates covering topics such as child support, father engagement and how to stay connected to their child/ren.

Mansfield Correctional Facility: OCF staff visited Mansfield Correctional Institution to present on responsible fatherhood. Staff conducted workshops for inmates covering topics such as child support, father engagement and how to stay connected to their child/ren.

London Correctional Facility: OCF staff participated in the London Correctional Re-entry Resource Fair and shared information with inmates about responsible fatherhood and resources available once released.

Marion Correctional Facility: OCF staff visited Marion Correctional Institution to present on responsible fatherhood. Staff conducted workshops for inmates covering topics such as child support, father engagement and how to stay connected to their child/ren.

Building Assets for Fathers & Families (BAFF)

BAFF Regional Training (Cuyahoga, Montgomery, Athens & Toledo): OCF staff presented at the Building Assets for Fathers and Families Regional Training events. The training events were very successful as Fatherhood practitioners and Child Support and Financial Education professionals met to cross-train and discuss how they can implement a similar project in their respective counties.

BAFF Conference calls: OCF staff participated in the monthly BAFF Advisory Board conference calls with Ohio BAFF leadership team.

Other Meetings of Note

Coshocton County Fatherhood Stakeholders Meeting: OCF staff presented at the Coshocton County Fatherhood Stakeholders Meeting. OCF staff gave an overview of the Commission, presented key facts on the importance of fatherhood and a brief overview of the RFGA.

Teen/Young Adult Stakeholder Meeting (Fairfield County): OCF staff participated in a stakeholder meeting discussion on the needs of fathers in Fairfield County. Action for Children, a program funded by OCF, has begun services (Father Factor and Mothers Matter) in Fairfield

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County. The group also discussed a Fairfield/Franklin Fatherhood Summit, scheduled for June 14th at Nationwide Children's Hospital.

PTOC 12: OCF staff participated in the Parenting Time Opportunities for Children in Child Support (PTOC) monthly steering committee meeting. Meeting consisted of subcommittee updates and next steps for the grant.