

PASSAGES CONNECTING FATHERS & FAMILIES  
IN PARTNERSHIP WITH THE OHIO COMMISSION ON FATHERHOOD

PROUDLY SERVING PORTAGE & LORAIN COUNTY

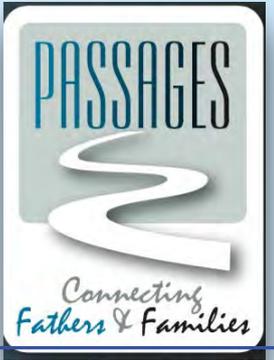


**MISSION:** Passages Connecting Fathers and Families drives positive change for families by stabilizing, supporting, and empowering fathers to be successful through fatherhood and workforce development training, holistic case management, and access to resources to obtain employment and a healthy family life.

**VISION:** A world where no child is without a nurturing, engaged and loving father and mother; and that each parent fully grasps that the most important thing they will ever accomplish in life is rearing a child who understands their relationship with the world and the fact that they have the ability to contribute in a positive way.

# History

*Out of the attic and into the world*



- \* Passages EST. 2000
- \* How have we grown?

Culture – Flexible & Responsive

Value Relationships

Our People



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# Our “Why”

*CHILDREN RAISED IN SINGLE PARENT FAMILIES OFTEN SUFFER GREATER DEPRESSION AND EMOTIONAL DISTRESS, HIGHER BEHAVIORAL AND LEARNING DIFFICULTIES IN SCHOOL, MORE LIKELY TO ABUSE DRUGS/ALCOHOL AND ARE OFTEN FORCED TO TAKE ON ADULT RESPONSIBILITIES AT AN EARLY AGE*



# What We Do



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## Collaborating with The Ohio Commission On Fatherhood

### Responsible Fatherhood

- On My Shoulders
- Domestic Violence Awareness Education

### •Healthy Relationships

- On My Shoulders
- Domestic Violence Awareness Education

### •Economic Stability

- Financial Education
- Job Readiness, Placement
- Connection to Higher Education Opportunities

441 Dads Served

67% Community-Based

33% Incarcerated



# How We Serve Families

- Provide families with access to resources that will ensure children may be cared for in their own homes
- Help unemployed and underemployed parents meet their financial obligations
- Help parents understand how to parent in separate households
- Help families reach and maintain self sufficiency; end dependency on public assistance
- Plan and host free community events that foster fatherhood engagement
- Intensive long term case management



# Family Statistics - Portage County & Ohio

## OHIO

- 2 out of 5 children live in homes without fathers
- 44% of children were born to unmarried mothers (slightly above national average)

## Portage County

- Out of 62,222 households 9% are single parent/caregiver households
- 57% of grandparents who reside in homes with grandchildren under 18 report being primary caregivers
- 7,400 absent father cases reported within the court system

## Lorain County

- Over 50% of fathers served have a felony history
- 64% of fathers served have more than one child support order
- Upon entry to the program, 50% reported not earning any money in the last 30 days

Active Child Support Cases

9,251

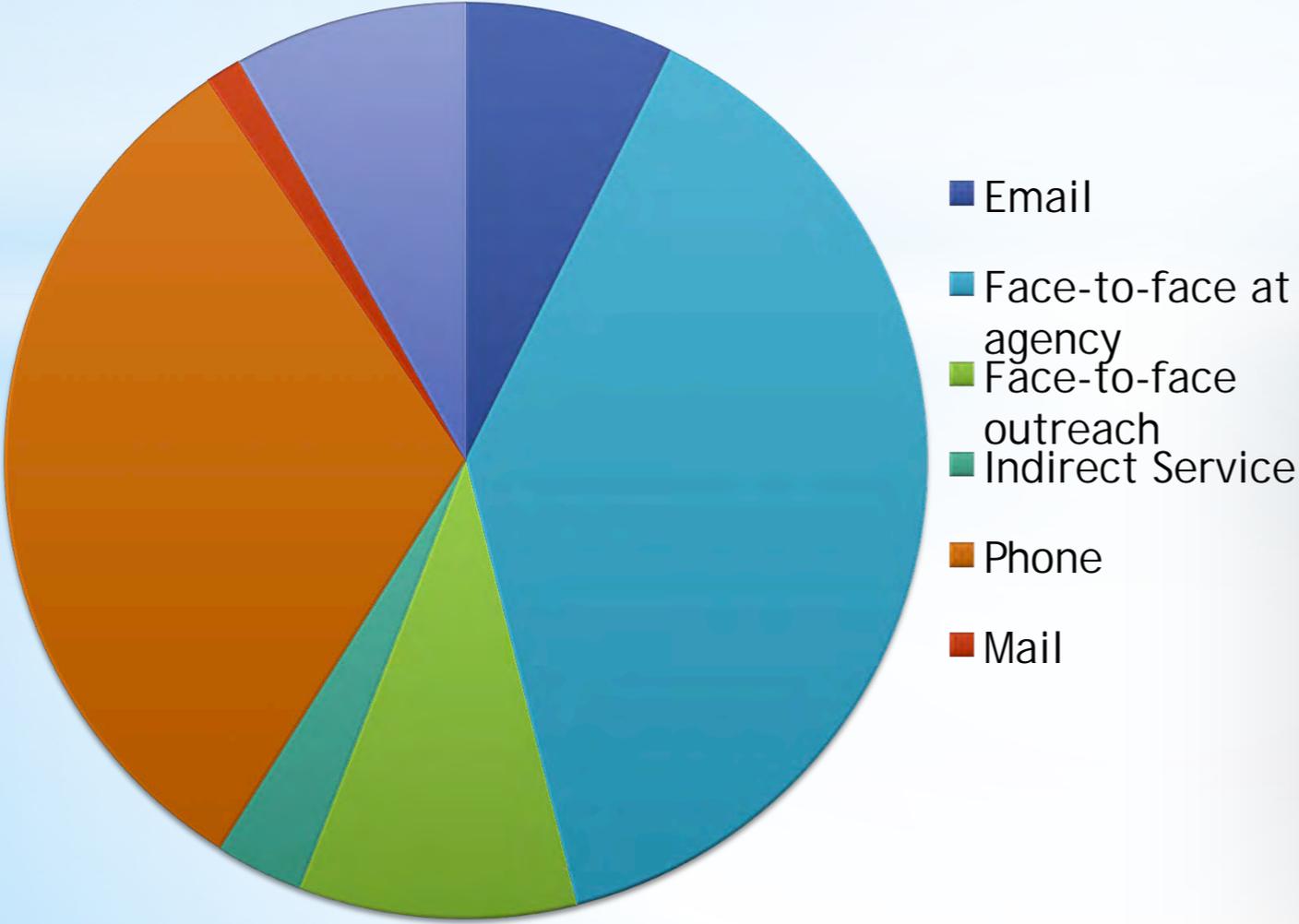
Active Child Support Cases

31,000

# Reaching Out

From July 1<sup>st</sup>, 2017 through June 30<sup>th</sup>, 2019

Passages had **5,721** significant units of service to our fathers.



# Personal Development Services

Child Support Workshops **662 sessions**

Counseling Referrals **75 fathers**

Addiction & Recovery Referrals **43 fathers**

GED/High School/Vocational **45 fathers**

Social Service/Emergency Needs Referrals **254 fathers**



# Employment Services

## Charting the Course

Career Assessments & Success Plans 155 fathers

Resume Development 213 resumes

Direct Referral to Employers 211 fathers

Provided Suits and Work Attire 22 fathers

Job Application Assistance 177 fathers

Conducted 346 mock interviews

Individual Strategy Session on Managing Job Issues/Stress  
173 fathers



# Employment Services

## The Road Forward

Job Placements **116 fathers**

Average Hourly Wage **\$11.79**

Average Hours Worked per Week **39 hours**

Scheduled Interviews **109**

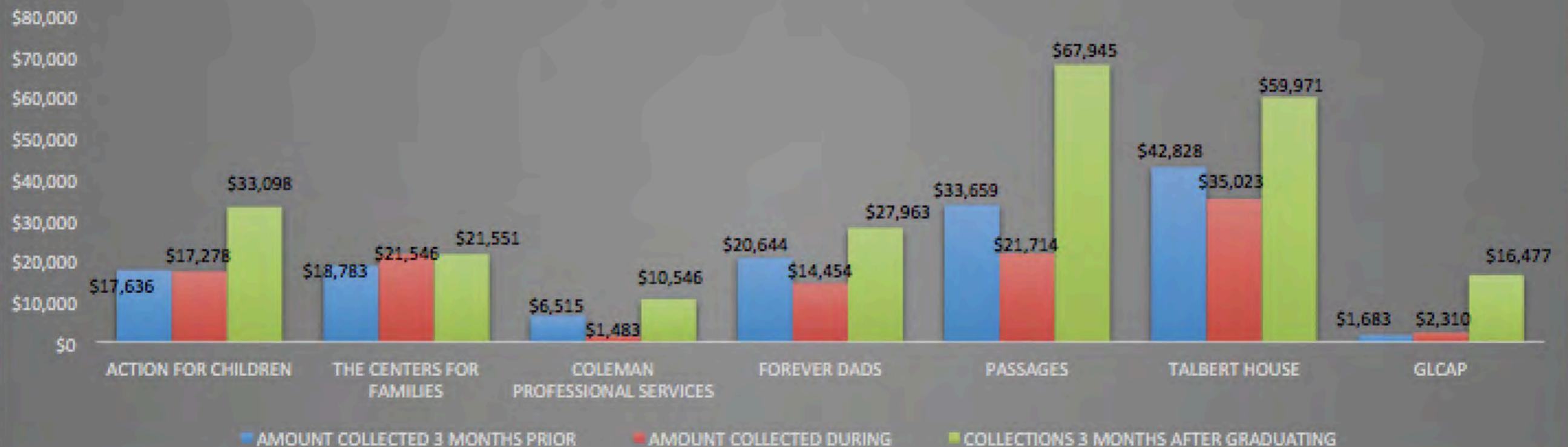
Multiple Interview Experiences **63**

**77% of Dads that indicated “Finding a Job” as their top priority obtained employment**



# Family Economic Stabilization

Collection Summary for all Participants that Completed the OCF Program by Grantee



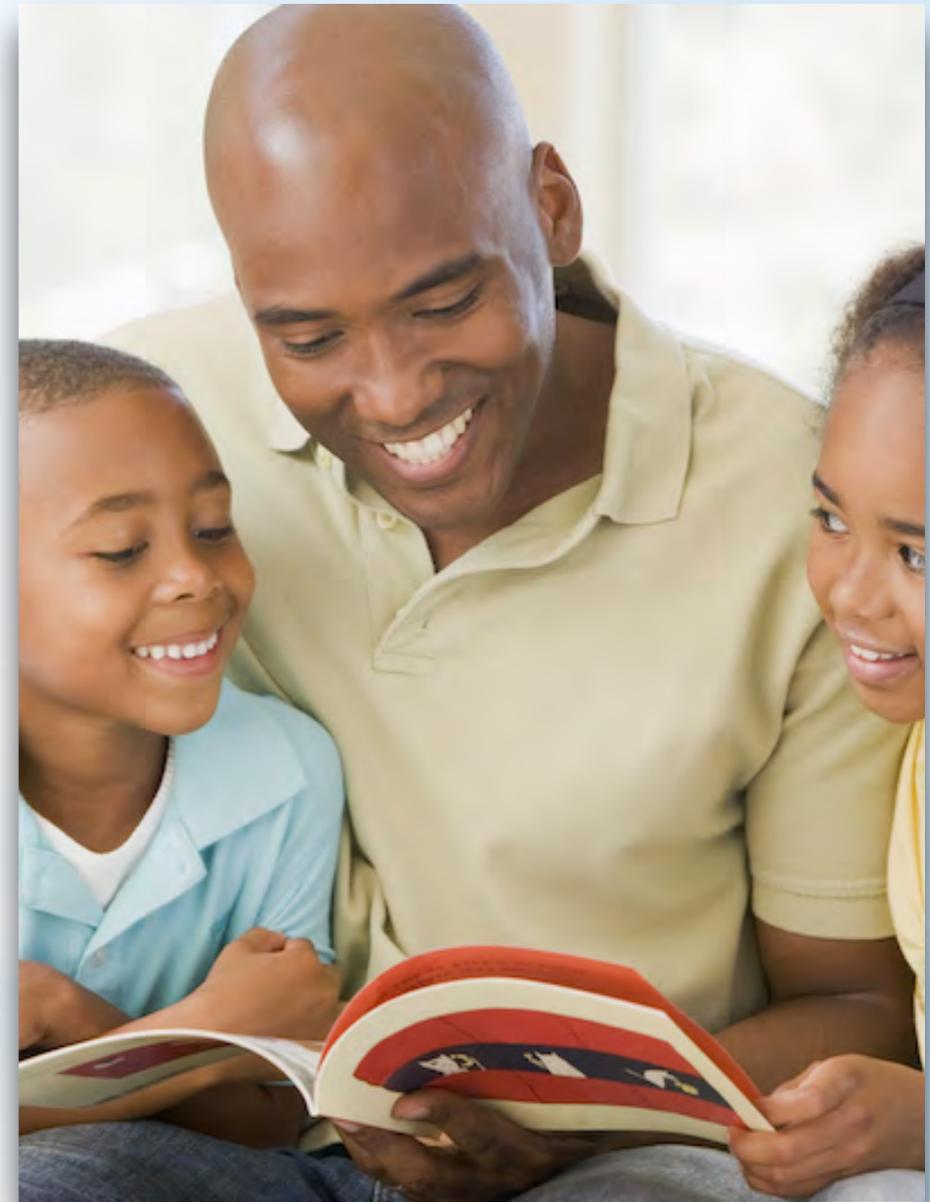
Number of New Payors 23

Amount Collected \$22,780

# Parental Skill Development

## Responsible Fatherhood & Healthy Relationships

- ✳️ One of the evidence based curriculums we utilize is On My Shoulders
- ✳️ Learn to replace communication danger signs with proactive strategies for respectful talking and listening
- ✳️ Explore the role that personality plays in relationships with others - especially with their kids
- ✳️ Keep a Gratitude Log to help recognize and practice expressing gratitude as a building block of happiness
- ✳️ Acknowledge and carefully consider the role discipline takes in their household
- ✳️ Consider secure and insecure attachments
- ✳️ Practice strong assertive positive communication
- ✳️ Discuss the forces in society that serve to stereotype or limit a man's role
- ✳️ Understand the importance of commitment



# Access . Visitation . Custody

Parenting Time Order Assistance **57 fathers**

Paternity Establishment **17 fathers**

Referred for DNA Testing **3 fathers**

Coaching on Ways to See Children More Often **83 fathers**

510 Individualized Sessions (30-120 mins) focused on  
General Parenting/Relationship Guidance and  
General Family Health





# Incarcerated Fathers

145 Fathers Served

## Portage County

- Portage County Justice Center

## Lorain County

- Lorain County Jail
- CBCF



Over 305 fathers completed fatherhood development since 2016



Passages partnered with the Ravenna City School District, Kent State University, Parker Hannifin and Community Action Council.

- The program fosters relationships that impact the lives of students in grades 8-12 in the Ravenna City School District.
- Mentors and mentees meet twice a month for 2.5 hours from October to May.
- Through one-on-one and group mentoring, Passages helps children build healthy and positive relationships, develop character, develop goal orientation and provides them with opportunities to explore education/career paths.

# Community Events

- Recognizing the importance of father/child activities  
Passages sponsors various fatherhood celebration events in Portage County
- 1,180 parents served per year



PASSAGES AND PORTAGE COUNTY JFS

## 3rd annual Fatherhood CELEBRATION

**FREE!** COME JOIN US! RAIN OR SHINE!

**SATURDAY JUNE 18TH  
NOON-4:00PM**  
BROWN MIDDLE SCHOOL  
228 S. SCRANTON ST.  
RAVENNA, OH 44266

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FOR MORE INFORMATION  
PLEASE CONTACT US AT:  
WWW.PASSAGES-OH.ORG  
OR CALL 330.296. DADS (3237)

Family Games	Petting Zoo
Free Car Seat Checks	Pony Rides
Community Resources	Face Painting
Hot dogs/Snacks	Giveaways
Tea Party	and more!

Sponsored by:  
Portage County Job & Family Services, Area Faith-Based Organizations & the Ohio Commission of Fatherhood  
Passages Connecting Fathers and Families, Inc. - 122 N. Prospect Street - Ravenna, OH 44266

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A vibrant night sky filled with numerous stars of varying colors, including bright white and yellow ones, and some blue stars. A large, diffuse nebula with a mix of blue and brownish-red hues is visible in the lower-left and central areas. The text 'Featured Father' is written in a clean, white, sans-serif font, centered in the upper half of the image. Below it, the name 'Daniel Brenner' is written in a bold, yellow, sans-serif font with a subtle green glow effect, also centered.

Featured Father

Daniel Brenner

# Thank you for your time

## Questions?



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