

# **Stark County Fatherhood Coalition Program**

*Ohio Commission on Fatherhood Meeting*

May 9, 2019

*Rob Pierson, Deputy Director of Child Support*

*Stark County Job & Family Services, and*

*Chairperson of the Stark County Fatherhood Coalition*

# Stark County Fatherhood Coalition Program

The Purpose of the Stark County Fatherhood Coalition is to Encourage Fathers to take an Active and Positive Role in their Child's Life, and to Promote and Sponsor Activities Designed to Strengthen Families.

The Fatherhood Coalition also Works to Educate the Community on the Importance of having Two Parents Actively Involved in a Child's Life, and Plans Activities to Achieve that Purpose.

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Members of the Stark County Fatherhood Coalition Includes:

- Alliance City Schools
- Canton City Schools
- Canton Parks & Recreation
- ECRC
- Massillon City Schools
- Men Making a Difference
- OSU Extension Office
- Spirit of Faith Church
- Stark Children Services
- Stark State College
- Buckeye Health Plan
- Canton City Health Dept.
- Community Legal Aid
- Goodwill Industries
- Men's Challenge
- Mount Union University
- Paramount Advantage
- Stark Child Support Agency
- Stark Metro Housing Authority
- Cong. Bob Gibbs Office

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## Structure of Fatherhood Coalition:

- Program Administrator – Matt Lytle
- Chairperson of the Coalition – Rob Pierson
- Co-Chair of the Coalition – John Petit
- Secretary of the Coalition – Michelle Mayle
- Member-at-Large – Shawn Crable
- Member-at-Large – Mildred Gurley
- Member-at-Large – Jim Molnar

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## How It All Began in Stark County:

In 2010 Stark County received \$10,000 in Seed Money from the Ohio Commission on Fatherhood to Implement a Fatherhood Program.

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Founding Members were:

- Stark County Community Action Agency (Lead Agency)
- Stark County Child Support Agency
- Goodwill Industries
- Early Childhood Resource Center
- Stark County Family Court
- Domestic Violence Project
- Stark County Children Services

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## How the Seed Money was used:

Fatherhood Summit Conducted on May 19, 2011 at the McKinley Grand Hotel in Canton.

- Purpose of the Summit was to develop a community strategy to advance and strengthen fatherhood.
- Nearly 50 individuals from 28 entities participated.
- Keynote Speaker was former State Legislator and former Cuyahoga County Commissioner Peter Lawson Jones.
- Tracy Robinson from the Ohio Commission on Fatherhood and Eric Vecere from the National Fatherhood Initiative also addressed the audience.

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## How the Seed Money was used:

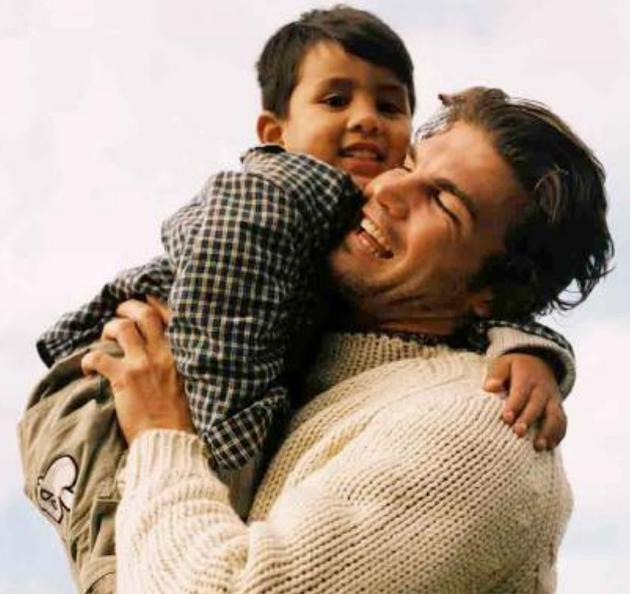
- 3 “Bridging the Gap” Forums for Custodial and Non-Custodial Parents were conducted in Canton and Alliance in 2011 and 2012.
- Child Support Warrant Amnesty Day on April 14, 2011.
- Fathers Day Cookout June of 2012.
- Fathers Walk Your Child to School Day September 2012.
- Advertising and Promotional Materials in 2013.

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**Children need their fathers.  
Get Involved.**



**Need Help? Call 330-454-6337.**



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In the middle of 2012 due to Funding Constraints Experienced by the Stark County Community Action Agency, they could no longer financially support the Fatherhood Coalition or serve as the lead agency.

Recognizing the importance of the program, Stark County Job and Family Services took over as lead agency and began making an annual contribution of \$5,000 to the Coalition's Activities Fund.

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When this Transition Occurred, the Coalition had 3 Major Events Planned or In Place that We were Committed to Continue Sponsoring or Co-Sponsoring:

- Child Support Warrant Amnesty Day
- Fathers Walk Your Child to School Day
- Fishing Rodeo Father's Day Weekend

We also wanted to continue to expand our program and positive impact on our community.

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## Amnesty Day Thursday, August 14th

### Life Ministries

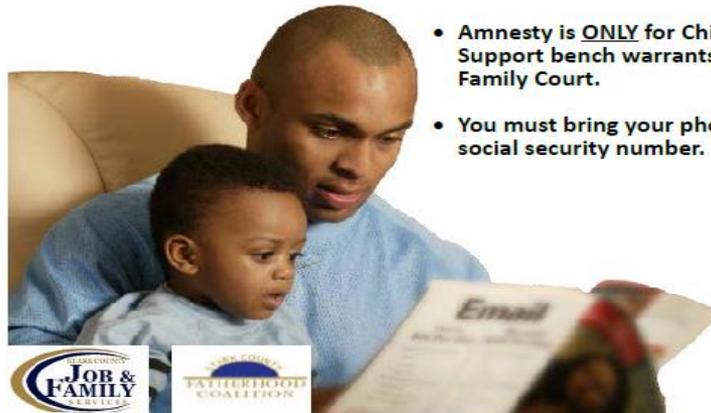
2651 Market Ave. N.  
Canton, Ohio 44714

9:00 a.m.-3:00 p.m.

**You can avoid arrest!**

The Stark County Family Court, in cooperation with the Stark County Job & Family Services' Child Support Enforcement Division, the Stark County Fatherhood Coalition, and the Interdenominational Ministerial Association of Stark County, is offering you this opportunity to resolve your child support bench warrant **WITHOUT** fear of being arrested.

- Amnesty is ONLY for Child Support bench warrants from Family Court.
- You must bring your photo ID and social security number.



For more information contact the Stark County Child Support Enforcement Agency at 330-451-8945.

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## Fathers Walk Your Child to School Day

Tuesday, September 18th, 2018

**When a father is involved in his child's education,  
the child performs better in school!**

On this day fathers, grandfathers, uncles, brothers and other significant male caregivers are encouraged to walk or drive their children to school to show their support of their children's education and the important role fathers play in a child's life.

**The first 100 participating children at each school will be given a Stark County Fatherhood Coalition Draw String Backpack with a Fatherhood Coalition water bottle inside. Each father will receive a Fatherhood Coalition water bottle sponsored by Paramount Advantage and Buckeye Health.**

Representatives from the Fatherhood Coalition will be present at each participating school to greet fathers and their children and distribute give-a-ways.

The goal of the Stark County Fatherhood Coalition



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## Father's Day Weekend Fishing Rodeo

Saturday, June 15, 2019

8:00AM — 12:00PM

Youth: ages 4-17 (accompanied by an adult)

Fishing is for children only until 12:00PM

Cooks Lagoon

Mahoning Rd NE, Canton, OH



Sponsored by:



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The Road Map for the Fatherhood Coalition to Expand was by:

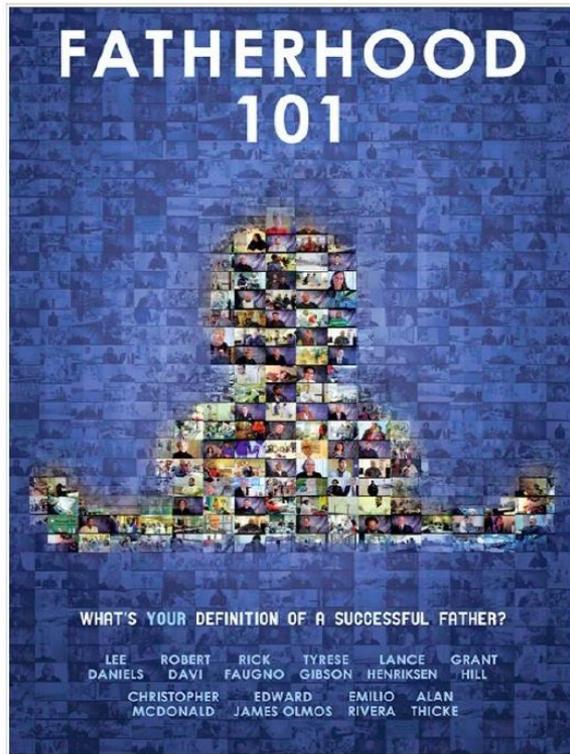
- Serving as a referral center to forward fathers to existing programs in the community.
- Educate the community on why fathers mattered.
- Develop new programs that benefited fathers and their children.
- Involve the schools whenever possible.
- Become a 501(c)(3) Non-Profit
- Look for new funding to support Fatherhood efforts.

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In 2014 the Fatherhood Coalition began a serious campaign to Educate the Community on the Importance of Fathers in the Lives of their Children. The vehicle used was a documentary titled “Fatherhood 101”.

- Film was co-produced by Peter Lawson Jones and directed by Marquette Williams.
- Both celebrities and everyday people are interviewed on what it meant to have, or not have, a father in their life growing up.

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**A DOCUMENTARY FILM  
ON THE ROLE OF DADS  
IN OUR SOCIETY AND THEIR  
IMPACT ON CHILDREN.**

*Including testimonials from celebrity fathers to ordinary dads.  
Featuring programs in Ohio that are already helping fathers  
connect with their kids.*

**FREE SHOWING**  
with Special Guest

**Peter Lawson Jones**  
*Co-Executive Producer*

October 23, 2014  
6:30 p.m. — Doors Open  
7:00 p.m. — Film Begins

Canton Palace Theater  
605 Market Avenue North  
Canton, Ohio



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In promoting the Importance of Fatherhood thru the showing of this documentary we had:

- Stark County premier of the film at the Palace Theater in Canton on October 23, 2014.
- Shown at the Lincoln Theater in Massillon.
- High Schools, Churches, Community Centers
- Ohio's Statewide Child Support Conference and at local Child Support agencies to county staff.
- State and Federal Prisons in Ohio

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WHAT'S YOUR DEFINITION OF A SUCCESSFUL FATHER?



*Belmont Correctional Institution ◊◊◊ Responsible Adult Men (RAM)  
Stark County Job & Family Services ◊◊◊ Stark County Fatherhood Coalition*

*Invite You to a Showing of*

## FATHERHOOD 101

A DOCUMENTARY FILM ON THE ROLE OF DADS IN OUR SOCIETY  
AND THEIR IMPACT ON CHILDREN

*Including testimonials from celebrity fathers and ordinary dads.  
Featuring programs in Ohio that are already helping fathers connect with their kids.*

**Tuesday, June 27th, 2017 at 8:30 a.m.**

**Multi-Purpose Room**

*Everyone concerned about building strong families and communities is encouraged to attend.*

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## Funding the Expansion of the Fatherhood Coalition:

- TANF dollars for Expungement/CQE Program
- Relationship with the Pro Football Hall of Fame
- THRIVE dollars for New Fatherhood Programs
- Federal Grants Received by Stark CSEA also created opportunities for fathers
- Sisters of Charity of Canton

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## Expungement/CQE Program in Stark County:

- Discussion of a Expungement and CQE program began in November of 2013 when Family Court Judge Mike Howard formed a work group to potentially develop a program in our county.
- Members of the group included the Family Court, Community Legal Aid, the CSEA, the Fatherhood Coalition and the United Way.

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The CSEA and Fatherhood Coalition was successful in Obtaining Dollars to Fund an Expungement/CQE Program.

- Participants in the Right Path Employment Parenting Program would have federal grant dollars pay for the services.
- PRC/TANF dollars would fund NCPs outside of Right Path and for qualifying Custodial Parents.
- Community Legal Aid thru a contract with the CSEA would provide the services.

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## **ERASE THE CRIME ERASE THE PAST:**

Criminal Expungement Informational Clinics

Life Ministries Church  
2651 Market Ave N  
Canton, OH 44714

August 14th  
9:00 am- 3:00pm

### **UNLOCK THE BARRIERS TO JOBS**

Expungement information sessions will be held every 30 minutes beginning at 9:00am

- Qualifying criteria
- Certificate of Qualification for Employment (CQE) for those that may not qualify for expungement

If you qualify, Legal Aid can help you



For more information contact Legal Aid  
[www.communitylegalaid.org](http://www.communitylegalaid.org) 877-691-9047

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Program Numbers December 2014 thru March  
2019:

- 80 Expungements issued
- 25 CQEs issued

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Relationship Developed with Pro Football Hall of Fame has been Significant to our Program

- Expanded Events for Low-Income Fathers and their Children to Attend.
- Provided Opportunities for the Fatherhood Coalition to Earn Income for our Activities Fund.

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The Stark County Fatherhood Coalition  
invites you and your kids to



**Official Hall of Fame Character Camp  
June 25<sup>th</sup> 9 a.m. – Noon**

**For dad and up to 4 children  
(recommended for children ages 4-13)**

**Event Includes:**

- Football skills and drills with Hall of Famers Jim Kelly and Anthon Muñoz
- Chance to interact with Kelly and Muñoz
- Lunch Vouchers from Chick-Fil-A
- Self-guided tour of the Pro Football Hall of Fame

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**STARK COUNTY FATHERHOOD COALITION**

STARK COUNTY FATHERHOOD COALITION 3<sup>RD</sup> ANNUAL  
**WINTER RETREAT**

**ACTIVITIES INCLUDE:**

- Football Combine Drills
- Scavenger Hunt with prizes
- Viewing of the "A Game for Life" and Super Bowl Theaters
- Lunch will be served following the event

A photograph of a man and a young boy. The man is wearing a red t-shirt and is holding a football. The boy is wearing a plaid shirt and is smiling at the man. They are both looking at each other and smiling.

**FREE EVENT!**  
MUST REGISTER WITH MATT LYTL 330-451-8477

**FEBRUARY 23, 2019**  
PRO FOOTBALL HALL OF FAME

Registration begins at 8:15am. Please be prompt! Activities will begin at 8:45am and conclude at appx. 1:00pm.

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Opportunities Pro Football Hall of Fame Provides to the Coalition to Volunteer and Earn Money for the Activities Fund:

- Serve as Cashiers during the 4 Day Enshrinement Festival in August at the Hall of Fame.
- In April of this Year Served Wine and Beer at the Hall of Fame's Wine Expo.
- In September we will be Serving Beverages at the Hall of Fame's Beer Festival.

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THRIVE has Been a Vital Partner in Funding the Following New Programing:

- Provide the 34% local share for our Fatherhood Program Administrator Position.
- Provide 100% funding for our Community Health Worker in the THRIVE Program.
- Provide 100% funding for our Parenting Time Order Program.
- Provide funding to Coalition member ECRC for Fatherhood Services.

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Fathers in our Community have Benefited from two Federal Grants Stark County Child Support Received to work with NCPs in Positive Programing:

- Right Path for Fathers Partnership which was an Employment and Parenting Program (2012 to 2018).
- Procedural Justice Informed Alternatives to Contempt (PJAC) grant which is a diversion program to court action, contempt, and jail time (2016 to 2021).

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A Sisters of Charity of Canton grant, along with funds from THRIVE, have allowed Right Path to continue providing services.

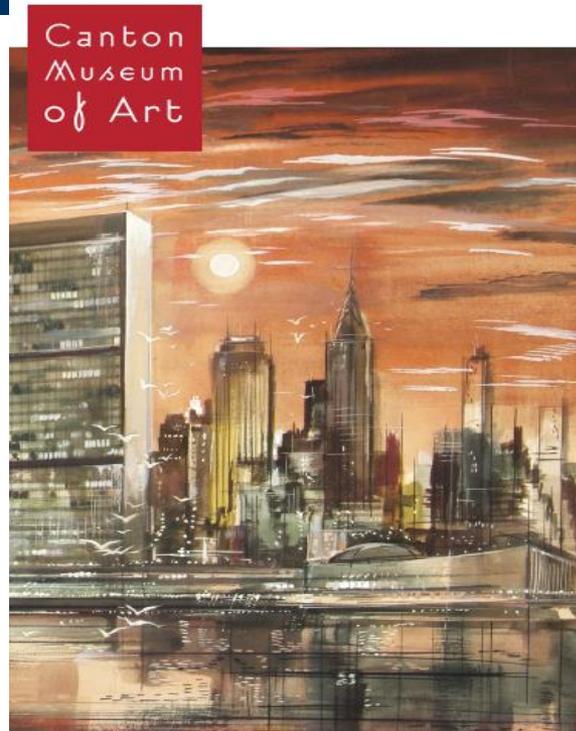
- Received a Federal Waiver to continue the project with 66% Federal Financial Participation.
- Goodwill conducts the Employment/Job Readiness Classes and ECRC conducts the Parenting Classes.
- During the Federal Grant period 81% of NCPs who completed the classes (or left early due to finding a job) became employed.

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## Other New Programs Sponsored by the Fatherhood Coalition:

- Columbus Charge Basketball Game in December 2018
- Canton Art Museum for Father/Child in April 2019
- Fatherhood 5K Race Fundraiser May 18, 2019

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## EXPERIENCE:

- + Relaxing Atmosphere
- + Fun & Inspiring Gallery Tours
- + Hands-on Art Activities
- + All Art Supplies Provided

## EVENT DETAILS:

- + SAT., APRIL 6, 2019
- + 10:00AM - 12:00PM
- + FREE Admission
- + Limited Seating, Must RSVP

## TO REGISTER PLEASE CONTACT:

**MATT LYTLE**  
PROGRAM ADMINISTRATOR, SCFC  
matthew.lytle@jfs.ohio.gov  
330-451-8477



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**MAY THE COURSE BE WITH YOU**

**STARK COUNTY FATHERHOOD COALITION  
5K RUN & 1 MILE WALK FUNDRAISER**  
ALL PROCEEDS BENEFIT THE STARK COUNTY FATHERHOOD COALITION

**WHEN** Saturday, May 18, 2019

**WHERE** Jackson North Park  
7660 Fulton RD NW  
Across from Jackson High School

**TIME** Registration at 10:00 AM  
Runners begin at 11:00 AM  
Walkers begin at 11:05 AM

Hot Dogs, snacks and drinks will be served at noon.

**REGISTRATION**

Register at [runsignup.com](http://runsignup.com)  
Adults \$25 (\$30 day of race)  
Youth 9-17 \$10  
Youth 8 & under are free!

**T-SHIRTS & DONATIONS**

Monetary donations and t-shirt purchases can be made at [runsignup.com](http://runsignup.com)



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## Community Outreach and Education Continues:

- The Fatherhood Coalition attends Resource Fairs and Events in our Community to Educate the Public on Services and Programs available for Fathers.
- The Fatherhood Coalition for the past 18 months sponsored 4 SARTA buses with a “Bus Wrap” promoting the Fatherhood Coalition, and the importance of Dads spending time with their children.



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with their kids!



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Our Partners and their Programs Combined  
with Specific Programs the Fatherhood  
Coalition Sponsors Is Making A Difference in  
Stark County Each and Every Day!

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Questions???

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