



The Fatherhood Project's History

- Started as a program of Services United for Mothers & Adolescents (SUMA) back in 2000.
- Original concept was to serve teen fathers.
- Funded by the O'Neill Foundation out of Cleveland.
- United Way of Greater Cincinnati.
- Transition to Talbert House on July 1, 2008.

Father's Profile

- Community 71%
- Incarcerated 29%
- Child Support 87%
- Unemployed 83%
- Misdemeanor 76%
- High School Diploma 69%

Program Components

- Nurturing Fathers Classes
- Co –Parenting Coaching
- Legal Services
- One-on-One Coaching

Other benefits

- Fellowship Support Meetings
- Father and Child Activities
- Employment and Housing Assistance

Co-Parenting Lessons Learned

- Uniqueness of our Population
- Shifting and complex dynamics of co-parenting
- Categories and approaches
 - Intact Relationship or relationship in which there is a desire to make it work
 - Father wants to be a father, but mother wants nothing to do with him, or will not give up what she perceives as power or control to allow him access to his children
 - Co-parents have moved on but still have a willingness and desire to co-parent.

Co-Parenting Needs Identified

- Better ways to engage and support the mother.
- Mental Health access for fathers and mothers
- Programming for mothers

Current Funding

- The Ohio Commission on Fatherhood-\$105,000
- United Way of Greater Cincinnati-\$69,000
- The City of Cincinnati-\$37,000
- The Cincinnati Bar Foundation-\$5,000
- Donations-\$200,000











- <http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=RfpogNrc2DU>
- <http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=9tifv0VmGWw>

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