

Elevating Fathers and Igniting Fatherhood Programming

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Kimberly Dent

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Kim began her career at the Franklin County Child Support. Before joining the Ohio Commission on Fatherhood, she worked with the OhioJFS-Office of Child Support in areas such as County Services, Policy, and Education Outreach and Grants Management. Kim was appointed the Executive Director by the Governor in 2012.

Josh began his career at the Franklin County Department of Job and Family Services. Before joining the Ohio Commission on Fatherhood, he worked with the OhioJFS-Office of Family Assistance in areas such as Policy, Operations, Security and Access Management, and Agreement/Contract Management.

*Admin
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Terri Simons

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Ashiko Hudson

Terri began her career with the Ohio Department of Job and Family Services, Office of Information Services (formerly MIS). Before joining the Ohio Commission on Fatherhood, she worked in Legislation; Office of Communications; Research, Evaluations, and Performance Center; the Director's Office; and OFA, Bureau of Technical Assistance and Support.

Ashiko Hudson began his career with Chase Bank, formerly Bank One. He has spent much of his career working in the non-profit and public sectors. Prior to joining the Ohio Commission on Fatherhood, he worked for the Ohio Commission on Minority Health, as a Program Administrator.

Who are we? Ohio Revised Code 5101.34, et al

- Created in the department of children and youth and consists of the following members:
 - *4 members of the house of representatives*
 - *2 members of the senate*
 - *The governor, or the governor's designee*
 - *1 representative of the judicial branch of government*
 - *The directors of health, children and youth, rehabilitation and correction, mental health and addiction services, youth services, and education and workforce, or their designees;*
 - *1 representative of the Ohio family and children first cabinet council*
 - *5 representatives of the general public appointed by the governor*
- Members shall serve two-year terms. The governor or the governor's designee shall serve until the governor ceases to be governor. The directors or their designees shall serve until they cease to be director. Members may be reappointed.

Without Healthy and Engaged Fathers:




POVERTY
4X GREATER RISK OF POVERTY

SUBSTANCE ABUSE
MORE LIKELY TO ABUSE DRUGS AND ALCOHOL



INCARCERATION
MORE LIKELY TO GO TO PRISON



MOM-CHILD HEALTH
2X GREATER RISK OF INFANT MORTALITY



CRIME
MORE LIKELY TO COMMIT CRIME

CHILD ABUSE
MORE LIKELY TO FACE ABUSE AND NEGLECT



EDUCATION
2X MORE LIKELY TO DROP OUT OF HIGH SCHOOL



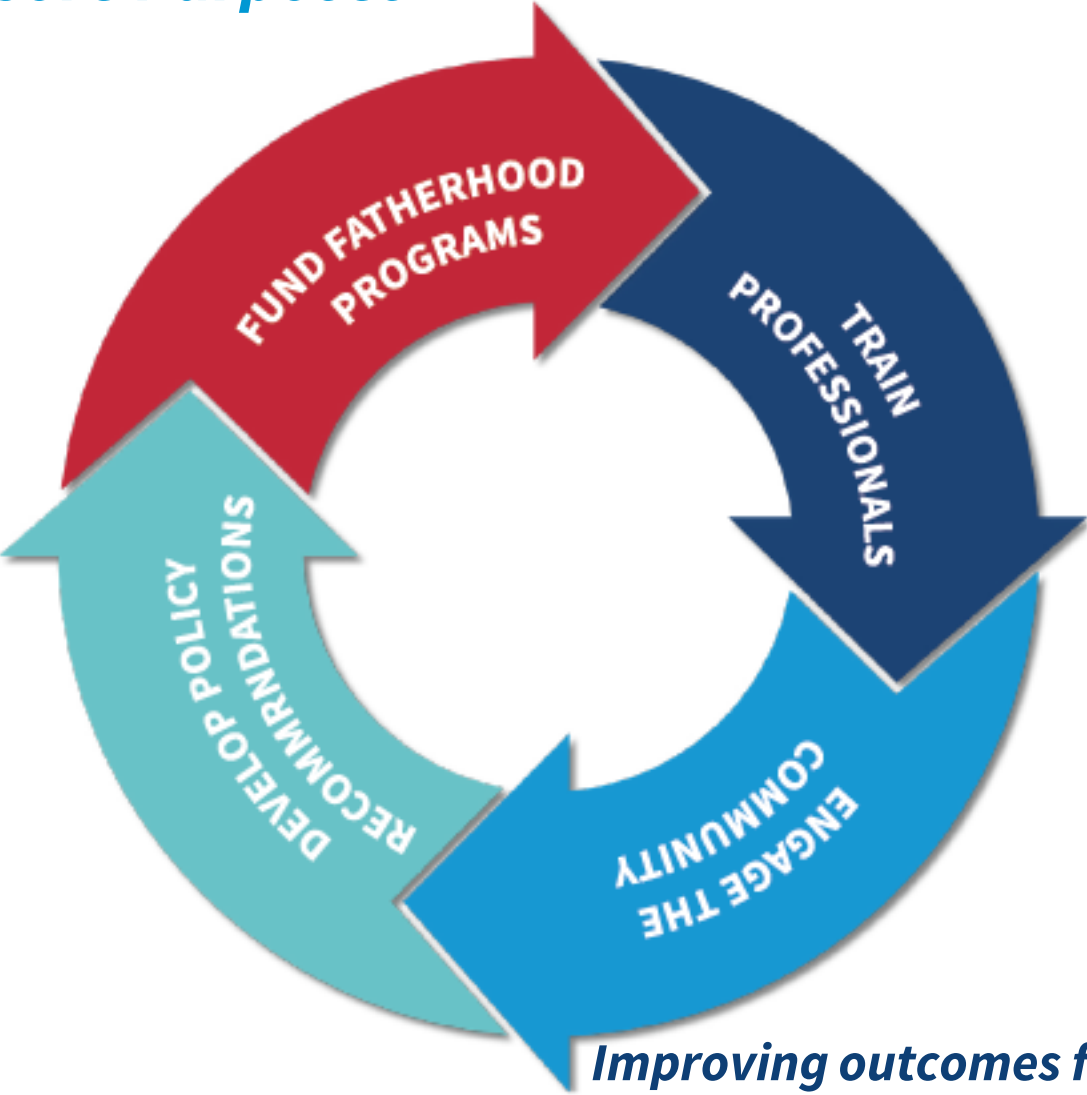
CHILD OBESITY
2X MORE LIKELY TO SUFFER OBESITY



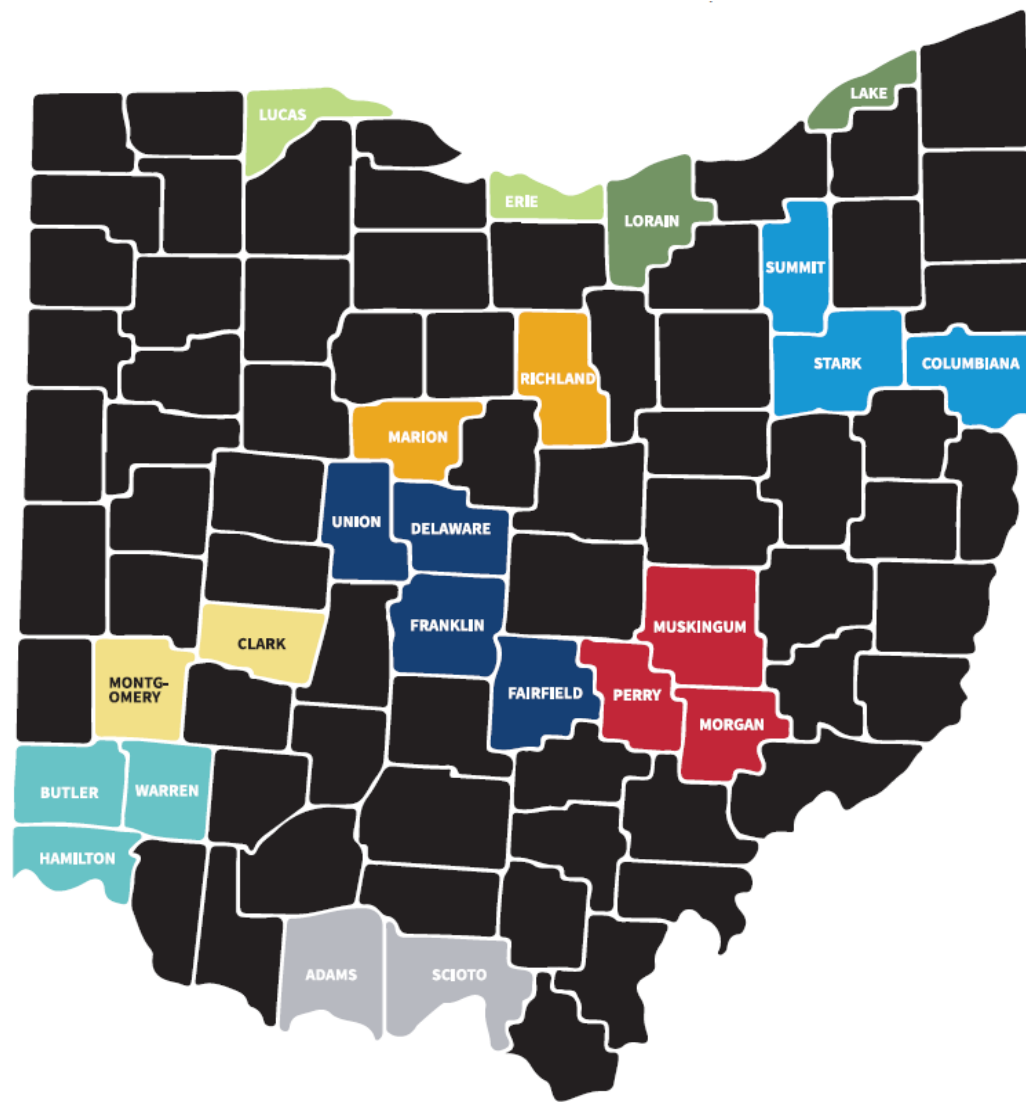
BEHAVIORAL PROBLEMS
MORE LIKELY TO HAVE BEHAVIORAL PROBLEMS



OCF's Mission and Core Purposes



Improving outcomes for children and strengthening two-parent families by helping fathers be the best parents, partners, and providers possible



- Action for Children: Fairfield, Franklin, Delaware, and Union
- Early Childhood Resource Center: Columbiana, Stark, and Summit
- Talbert House: Butler, Hamilton, and Warren
- ForeverDads: Muskingum, Perry, and Morgan
- Passages: Lorain and Lake
- The Starts Within Organization: Richland and Marion
- Community Action Organization of Scioto County: Scioto and Adams
- Montgomery County Office of Strategic Initiatives: Clack and Montgomery
- Pathway Inc.: Lucas and Erie

Co-Parenting

Triple P

Children Services

Fatherhood Classes



Legal Advocacy

Parenting

Case Management

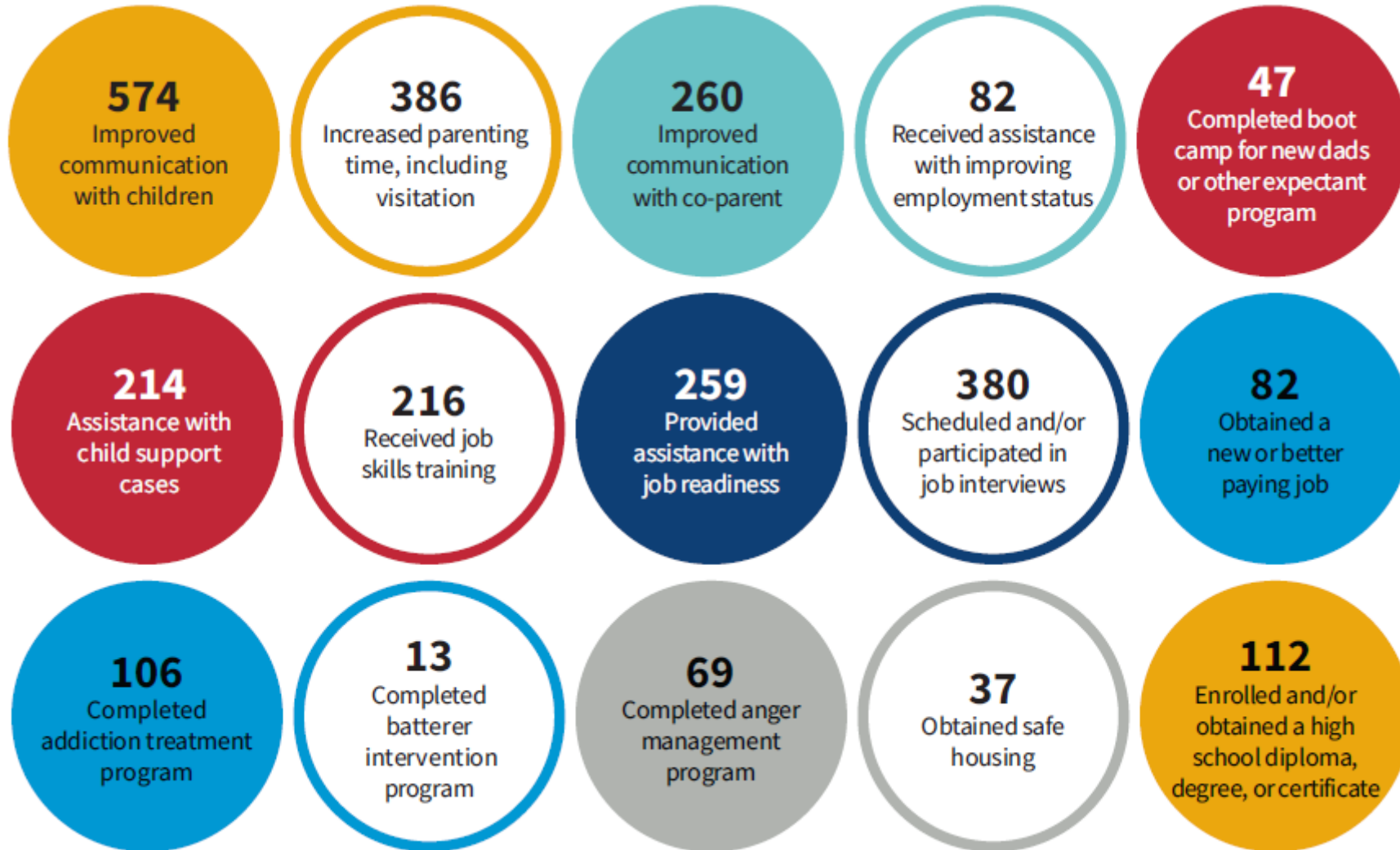
Barrier Removal

Child Support

Economic Stability

Well-Being

Core Fatherhood Program Outcomes



Unduplicated number of fathers served by each responsible fatherhood grantee

Responsible Fatherhood Program Grantees Funded to Provide Parenting, Co-Parenting, and Economic Stability Services	# of TANF-Eligible Fathers Served	% of Annual Goal for TANF-Eligible Fathers Served	# of TANF-Ineligible Fathers Served	Total # of Fathers Served
AFC	203	101.50%	9	212
AAMWA	112	112%	4	116
CAO of Scioto County, Inc.	97	97%	6	103
ECRC	305	152.50%	38	343
ForeverDads	201	100.50%	13	214
Passages	193	96.50%	20	213
Pathway	155	155%	19	174
SWO	135	135%	1	136
Talbert House	428	214%	112	540
TOTAL	1,829	130.64%	222	2,051

Potential number of children impacted by their fathers' participation in a fatherhood program*

Number of Children All Fathers Have Under the Age of 18	4,222
Number of Unborn Expectant Children for All Fathers	142
Number of Children Between 1 Day Old and Less than 1 Year for All Fathers	243
Number of Children Between 1 Year and 5 Years Old for All Fathers	1,200

**The numbers may include duplicated children. For example, when a father receives fatherhood program services for a time that spans his co-parent's pregnancy and after the birth of his child, the data would reflect the child in the unborn expectant category, and then also in the between 1 day old and less than 1 year category after is born.*

Who are the pilot fatherhood program grantees?

- [Advocates for Educational Equity and Excellence](#) prepares and empowers fathers in Franklin County whose children have Individualized Education Plans (IEPs) or 504 Plans to be invested in their children's education through the Fathers at the Education Table pilot program.
- [CLEAN Enterprises](#) provides financial, entrepreneurial, and business education to justice-involved fathers in Allen, Clinton, Jackson, Lawrence, Marion, Ross, Scioto, and Union counties through the CLEAN Way pilot program.
- [Community Legal Aid Services, Inc.](#) provides legal advocacy and education to custodial and non-custodial fathers in Columbiana, Trumbull, and Stark counties through the Parenthood Project pilot program.
- [Fairfield County TeenWorks](#) provides pregnancy prevention education to middle and high school students, as well as employment and other supports to young parents in Fairfield County through the No Kidding Ohio (NKO) pilot program.
- [Passages EPIC\(CFSP 5 Year Plan\)](#) in partnership with the Cuyahoga County Division of Children and Family Services improves inclusion of fathers in all steps of the children services process, which increases fathers' participation in the family case plans, in Cuyahoga County through the Engaging Practices to Inspire Change (EPIC) pilot program.
- [The State of Ohio Collective](#) helps fathers and their middle school age children with literacy, comprehension, and leadership development through the Families Read pilot program.
- [Urban Family Development Center](#) provides supports, services, and education to expecting and new fathers in Franklin and Montgomery counties with the focus on decreasing Ohio's infant mortality rate through the Dads2B pilot program.

Outcomes for pilot fatherhood program grantees and participants served

Pilot Fatherhood Grantee in SFY 2023	# of Participants
Advocates for Educational Equity & Excellence (Fathers at the Education Table Pilot Program)	33 Fathers 38 Children
CLEAN Enterprises (CLEAN Way Pilot Program)	168 Fathers
Community Legal Aid Services, Inc. (Parenthood Project Pilot Program)	258 Fathers
Fairfield County TeenWorks (NKO Pilot Program)	752 Children
Passages (EPIC Pilot Program)	68 Fathers
The State of Ohio Collective (Families Read Pilot Program)	564 Fathers
Urban Family Development Center (Dads2B Pilot Program)	108 Fathers 104 Children

With Whom Does the Ohio Commission on Fatherhood Partner?

OCF works closely with all the following partners:

[The Governor's Office of Faith-Based and Community Initiatives](#) to ensure that funded community programs work together to serve Ohio's families and communities.

[The Latino Affairs Commission](#) to better serve and engage Latino fathers, families, and communities. Most recently, OCF and the Latino Affairs Commission partnered to offer Latino organizations a free two-year subscription to the National Fatherhood Initiative's (NFI) *Fathering in 15TM* online, evidence-informed fatherhood curriculum in Spanish.

[The Ohio Departments of Health and Medicaid](#) to continue to address high infant mortality rates in Ohio. Research shows that when fathers encourage breastfeeding, do not smoke, and practice safe sleep habits with their babies, infant mortality rates decline.

[The Ohio Department of Job and Family Services' Office of Child Support](#) on various policies and strategies to ensure that Ohio's child support services foster father engagement and serve children's best interest.

[The Ohio Department of Job and Family Services' Office of Families and Children](#) on father engagement strategies for families involved in the children services system.

[The Ohio Department of Rehabilitation and Correction](#) on family engagement and child support strategies for incarcerated noncustodial parents. OCF staff participates on family engagement councils and committees that support and facilitate ongoing connections between incarcerated adults and their families. Also, OCF participates in reentry fairs with ODRC facilities. Finally, OCF assists with coordination of and participation in fatherhood conferences hosted within various prisons.

The [Ohio Department of Mental Health and Addiction Services and Recovery](#) to address the drug and opioid epidemic. Funded Fatherhood programs continue to implement strategies to link fathers to essential community services that support fathers and families facing mental health and addiction challenges.

The [Ohio Department of Youth Services \(ODYS\)](#) to participate in its fatherhood summits within the youth facilities.

The [Ohio Domestic Violence Network \(ODVN\)](#) and [Ohio Men's Action Network \(OHMAN\)](#) to address intimate partner violence (IPV) and how to best help fathers who are perpetrators or victims of domestic violence.

The [Ohio State University's Ohio Statewide Family Engagement Advisory Council](#) to focus on student success and parent involvement. OCF is dedicated to continuing its participation on this advisory council to incorporate strategies into Ohio's Whole Child Framework.

The [Ohio Practitioners Network for Fathers and Families \(OPNFF\)](#) to organize and mobilize both OCF-funded and non-OCF funded fatherhood practitioners and organizations across Ohio. OPNFF supplies access to training and technical assistance for the case management and data collection system, Efforts To Outcomes (ETO).

The [Ohio Department of Developmental Disabilities \(DODD\)](#) to focus on engaging fathers who have children with developmental disabilities. DODD offers support across the lifespan of people with developmental disabilities. DODD oversees a statewide system of supportive services that focus on ensuring health and safety, supporting access to community participation, and increasing opportunities for meaningful employment. Additionally, OCF participates on the Bringing Fathers Forward workgroup.

The [Fetal Alcohol Spectrum Disorder \(FASD\) Steering Committee](#) to ensure the father perspective is presented in the FASD conversation. FASD's mission is to increase awareness of the impact of alcohol-exposed pregnancies, collaborate with agencies to establish resources, coordinate interventions, and diagnostic services for families affected by Fetal Alcohol Spectrum Disorder.

[The Ohio Department of Education and Workforce \(DEW\)](#) to promote a statewide awareness of the Fathers Walk Your Child to School Day in September. DEW is a diverse team of passionate, education-focused professionals dedicated to fulfilling the vision, which is “[i]n Ohio, each child is challenged to discover and learn, prepared to pursue a fulfilling post-high school path and empowered to become a resilient, lifelong learner who contributes to society.” Commissioner Tarik White is appointed by the Superintendent, Department of Education.

[The Family and Children First Council \(OCFC\)](#) is a partnership of state and local government, communities and families that enhances the well-being of Ohio’s children and families by building community, capacity, coordinating systems and services, and engaging families. OCFC’s vision is for every child and family to thrive and succeed within healthy communities. Commissioner Elisha Cangelosi is Executive Director of the Ohio Family and Children First Council with the Office of Families and Children.

[The Children’s Hunger Alliance](#) collaborates with organizations throughout Ohio to provide nutritious meals to at-risk children who need them most. Commissioner Scott Neely is Chair on the Commission and Senior Director of Government Affairs with Childrens’ Hunger Alliance.

[The Supreme Court of Ohio](#) to ensure Ohio’s highest court is part of the conversation in the support of fathers focused on positive outcomes for their children.

[Members of the public appointed by the Governor](#) to ensure residents of Ohio have a “seat at the table” to discuss building strong and resilient families by engaging and empowering Ohio fathers.

[The Columbus Urban League \(CUL\)](#) to provide invaluable services to fathers, children, and families in Central Ohio.

We are Honored and Humbled to have Spoken with you Today

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