

INTRODUCING THE VISION FOR:  
**FATHERING INSTITUTE**  
SUPPORTING RESPONSIBLE FATHERHOOD IN CLARK COUNTY.  
PILOTING A PROMISING MODEL FOR MOBILIZED OHIO  
COUNTIES.



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The Problem



Too Many Ohio Children  
Are Growing Up  
**Fatherless!**



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The Problem

- In Ohio, father absence is at 25.7%
- Clark County ranks 2.6% higher than the state average at 28.3%
- **Springfield's rate is significantly higher at 40%**



2003-2009 American Community Survey

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**The Problem**

It's an even direr situation for black children in the U.S. where 64% live in father-absent homes.

Often their fathers are economically unstable.



Advertisement for 2014 US Census Bureau Survey, Study 10-1049, African American Children, Age 0-17, Single-Family Homes




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**The Problem**

Without fathers or father-figures consistently present, engaged, and skilled in their lives, children are more likely to...

- Be poor
- Commit crimes
- Experience school failure
- Use drugs and alcohol
- Become sexually active prematurely
- Suffer abuse or neglect

...than their peers with engaged fathers.




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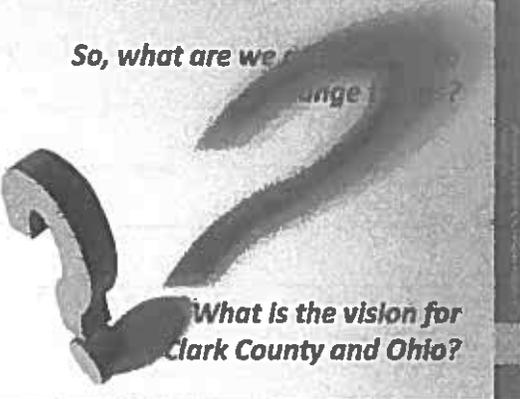
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*So, what are we going to do to change things?*



**What is the vision for Clark County and Ohio?**

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THE ULTIMATE VISION

CLARK COUNTY AND OHIO IS WHERE EVERY CHILD HAS A COMMITTED FATHER, AND FATHERING INSTITUTE PARTNERSHIPS ARE ADDRESSING THEIR NEEDS FOR JOB TRAINING, EMPLOYMENT, LIFE SKILLS, PARENTING SKILLS, RELATIONSHIP SKILLS, AND SOCIAL SERVICES FOR THEIR DADS.



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THE MISSION: FATHERING INSTITUTE

INCREASE THE NUMBER OF OHIO CHILDREN WHO ARE GROWING UP WITH FATHERS THAT ARE:

- Present and Engaged in Their Kids' Lives
- Holistically Supportive of Their Children
- Gainfully Employed with a Living Wage Job
- Skilled and Coached in Healthy Fathering and Healthy Relationship Practices
- Themselves Living Healthy, Stable Lives



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THE PLAN: FATHERING INSTITUTE

at CLARK STATE  
COMMUNITY COLLEGE

**PILOT GOALS:**

1. Develop a permanent, community based, college placed, locally operated institution in Springfield that serves willing, unemployed and underemployed fathers with minor children that live in Clark County.



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THE PLAN: FATHERING INSTITUTE  
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COMMUNITY COLLEGE

**PILOT:**  
**2. Create it to be a model for mobilized communities throughout Ohio.**



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THE PLAN: FATHERING INSTITUTE  
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**PILOT:**  
**3. Support participants with resources designed to address every barrier that prevents attainment of their fathering goals.**



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THE PROGRAM: FATHERING INSTITUTE  
at CLARK STATE  
COMMUNITY COLLEGE

Participants will...

- Make a 12-month commitment to their personal development
- Be assigned a Fathering Coach for 12-months
- Draft a plan for their personal & fathering success on week 1



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THE PROGRAM: FATHERING INSTITUTE



Participants will...

- Complete 3-weeks of fatherhood, relationship, and employability skills classes
- Complete 3-weeks of job skills training
- Be employed in a living-wage job



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THE PROGRAM: FATHERING INSTITUTE



"Supported Employment" will include assistance in bridging the transition to work and family life with:

- Educational Attainment
- Coaching and Advocacy
- Social Services & Community Resources
- Employer Commitment to the New Hires' Success



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THE PARTNERS: FATHERING INSTITUTE



Proposed FI@CS Pilot Partners Include:

- Fatherhood Clark County
- Clark State Community College
- Urban Light Ministries
- Ohio Means Jobs of Clark County
- Area Employers
- Ohio Commission on Fatherhood
- Others



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THE PARTNERS: FATHERING INSTITUTE  
at  CLARK STATE

**Potential Pilot Funders Include:**

- **Fatherhood Ohio**
  - FO is a statewide organization forming to raise private funding in support of community mobilization and Fathering Institutes statewide
- **Others**



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