

Ohio Commission on Fatherhood

Executive Director Report Summary – April - May 2009 Meeting

1. Outreach

Executive Director made presentations at the following:

Talbert House, Nurturing Fathers Graduation New Thought Center, Cincinnati, Ohio (March 31, 2009)

Infant Mortality Task Force, Ohio Center for Occupational Health and Safety, Pickerington, Ohio. Developing a plan to address in infant mortality and disparities in Ohio. Discussed “What fathers can do to support healthy outcomes for mother and child during prenatal care?” Final report to Governor September 2009. (April 7, 2009)

Women of Achievement 24th Annual Luncheon, Breaking Down Barriers, YWCA Columbus, Ohio 2009. (April 8, 2009).

Talbert House, 2009 Fatherhood Celebration. Millennium Hotel Cincinnati, Cincinnati, Ohio. (April 24, 2009)

Wal-Mart Managers Diversity Training, Regional Operation Center, Gove City, Ohio. Provide Overview of the Ohio Commission on Fatherhood, Highlight the problem, strategies and goals. (April 28, 2009).

Forever Dads/Advance Fatherhood Ohio Spring 2009 Summit, Salt Fork State Park, Cambridge, Ohio. (April 30 – May 1, 2009).

PowerNet of Dayton, 4th Annual Raising the Bar Ex-Offender Reentry Conference, Sinclair Community College, Dayton, Ohio. (May 2, 2009)

Ohio Grantmakers Funders Brownbag program, Lunch & Learn, Increase awareness about fatherhood programs. Ohio Commission on Fatherhood and National Fatherhood Initiative. Cleveland, Ohio. (May 8, 2009)

Ironton-Lawrence Co. CAO Head Start Father's and Family Fun Festival, Central Park, Ashland, Ky., (May 8, 2009)

Briefings:

Governor’s Office on Faith Based and Community Initiatives Advisory Council. Executive Director Robinson represents Ohio Commission on Fatherhood. Burl Lemon, Forever Dads will make a fatherhood presentation on serving Appalachian dads on June 25, 2009. (April 2, 2009)

Ohio State Treasures Office: Fatherhood and Finances
Met with Tei Street, Director, Community Education and Engagement Department, Traci Bell-Thomas, Marketing & Strategic Communications Manager, Public Affairs Department, Office of, Kevin L. Boyce; and Eddie Harrell, President & CEO, Columbus Urban League. Discussed co-hosting a statewide conference in Columbus, Ohio in Autumn 2009 on Fatherhood and Finances (April 9, 2009)

Community Fatherhood Awareness Program, Lighthouse REAL Dads, New Unity Thought Center, Cincinnati, Ohio. (April 16, 2009).

Gene Smith, Athletic Director, The Ohio State University. Second meeting to discuss development of fatherhood program for Athletic Department at The Ohio State University. (April 27, 2009).

Legislators

State Representative Weddington (D-27th District) Columbus (first term)
Briefed Rep. Weddington on the purpose of the Ohio Commission on Fatherhood. He expressed a desire to join the commission as a member. He has requested the Speaker Budish Office for an appointment. (April 9, 2009)

Congressmen Steve Driehaus, U.S. House of Representatives, Cincinnati, Ohio. Briefed Congressmen Driehaus on Ohio Commission on Fatherhood. (April 16, 2009).

State Representative Marian Harris (D-19th District) Columbus (first term)
Briefed Rep. Harris on the Ohio Commission on Fatherhood purpose. She recommended meeting with Rep. Yates to discuss proposed legislation from previous session on prevention of pregnancies. (April 13, 2009).

State Representative Michael DeBose (D-12th District) Cleveland. Briefed Rep. DeBose on the Ohio Commission on Fatherhood purpose. Rep. DeBose expressed his support for the Commission.

Senator Jimmy Stewart (R-20th District) Albany Briefed Senator Stewart on the Ohio Commission on Fatherhood purpose. (April 23, 2009).

State Senator Jason H. Wilson (D-30th District) Columbiana. Assistant Minority Whip. Briefed Senator Wilson on the Ohio Commission on Fatherhood purpose. He possesses a personal strategy for his own approach to fatherhood. (April 15, 2009)

Family Stability Legislative Agenda addressing our of wedlock births, divorce rates, child custody and child support. Hosted by State Senator Ray Miller, (D-15th District), Minority Whip and OCF Member. Columbus, Ohio. Senator Miller plans to introduce legislation to the Ohio General Assembly in near future. (May 1, 2009).