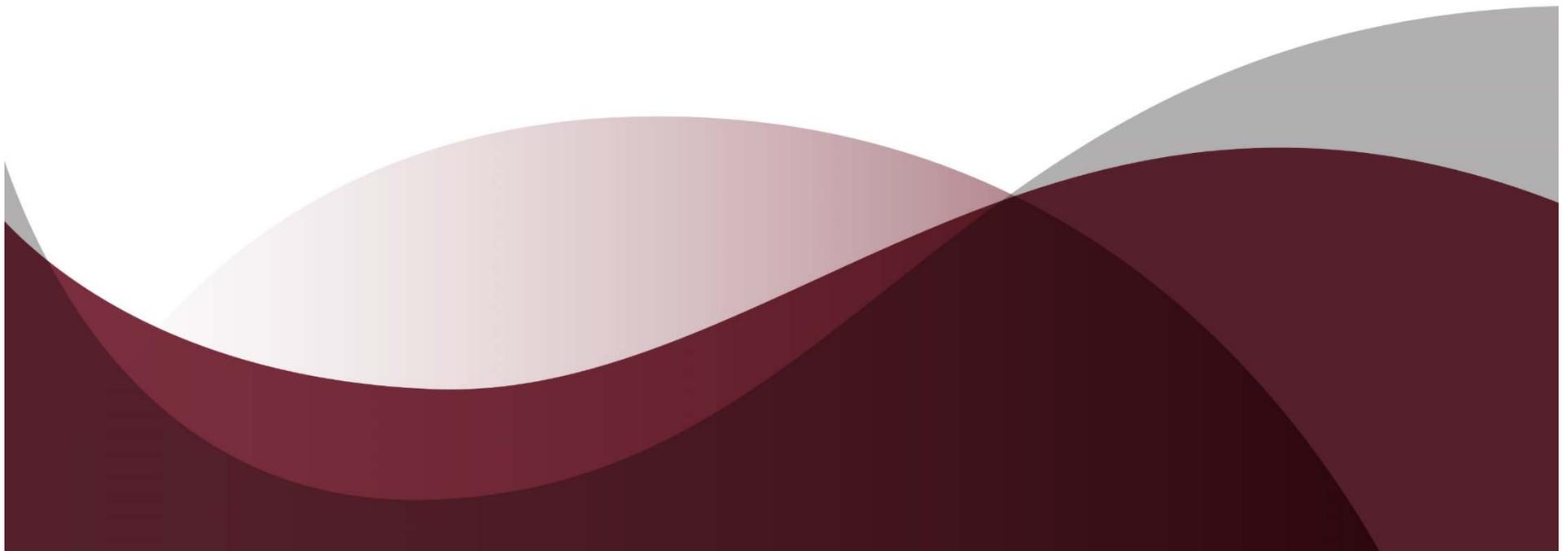


# Federal Responsible Fatherhood Grant

**NEW BEGINNINGS FOR NEW FATHERS**



# Panelists

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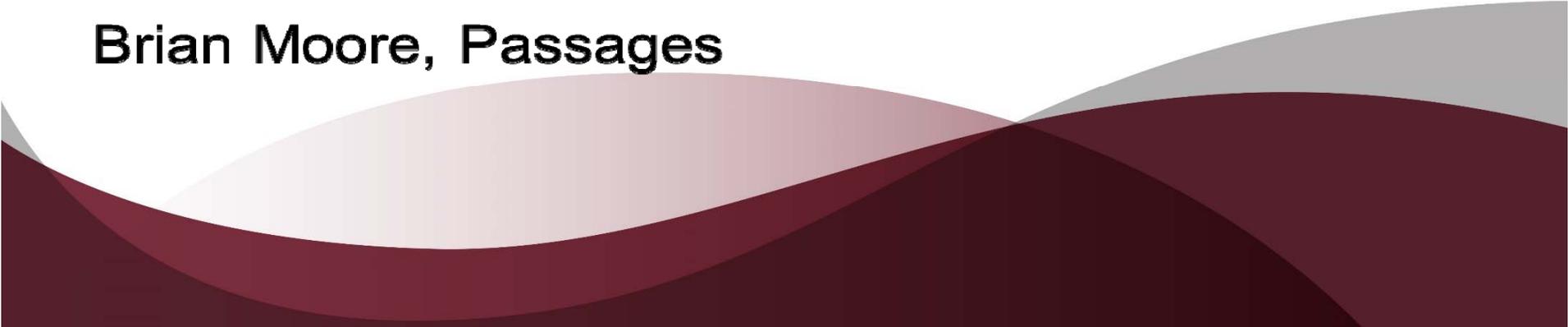
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# Grant Overview

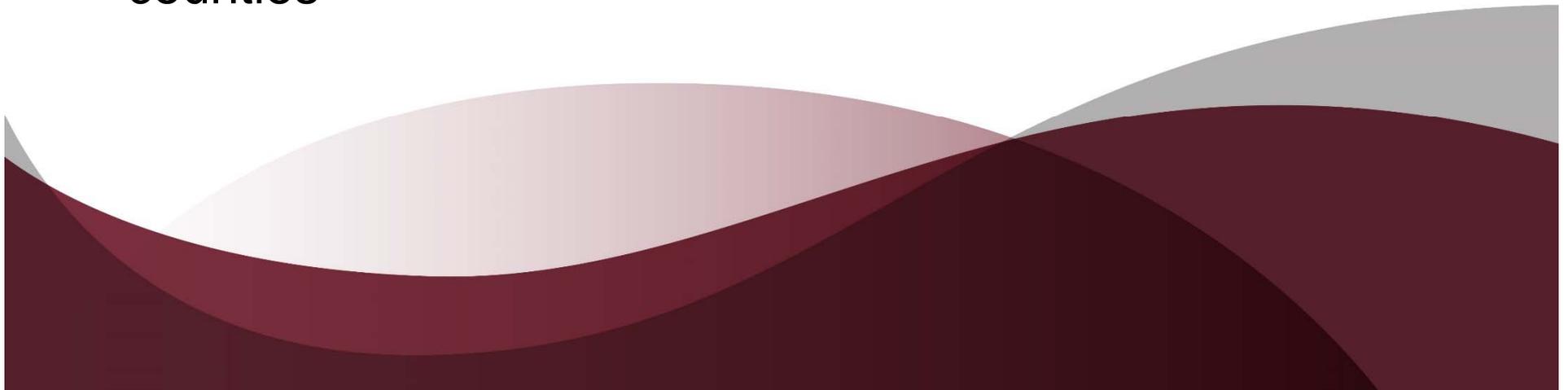
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# New Beginnings For New Fathers

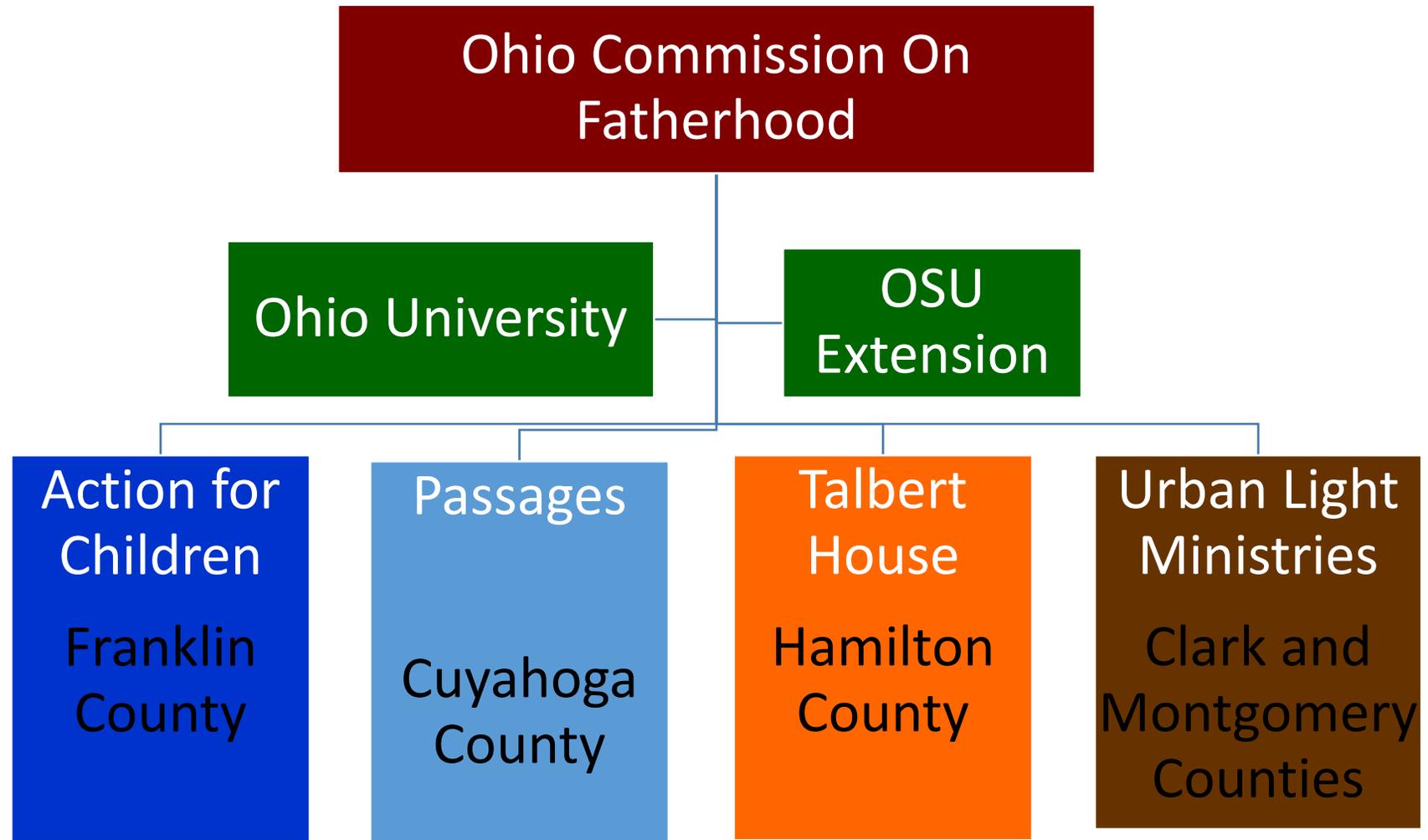
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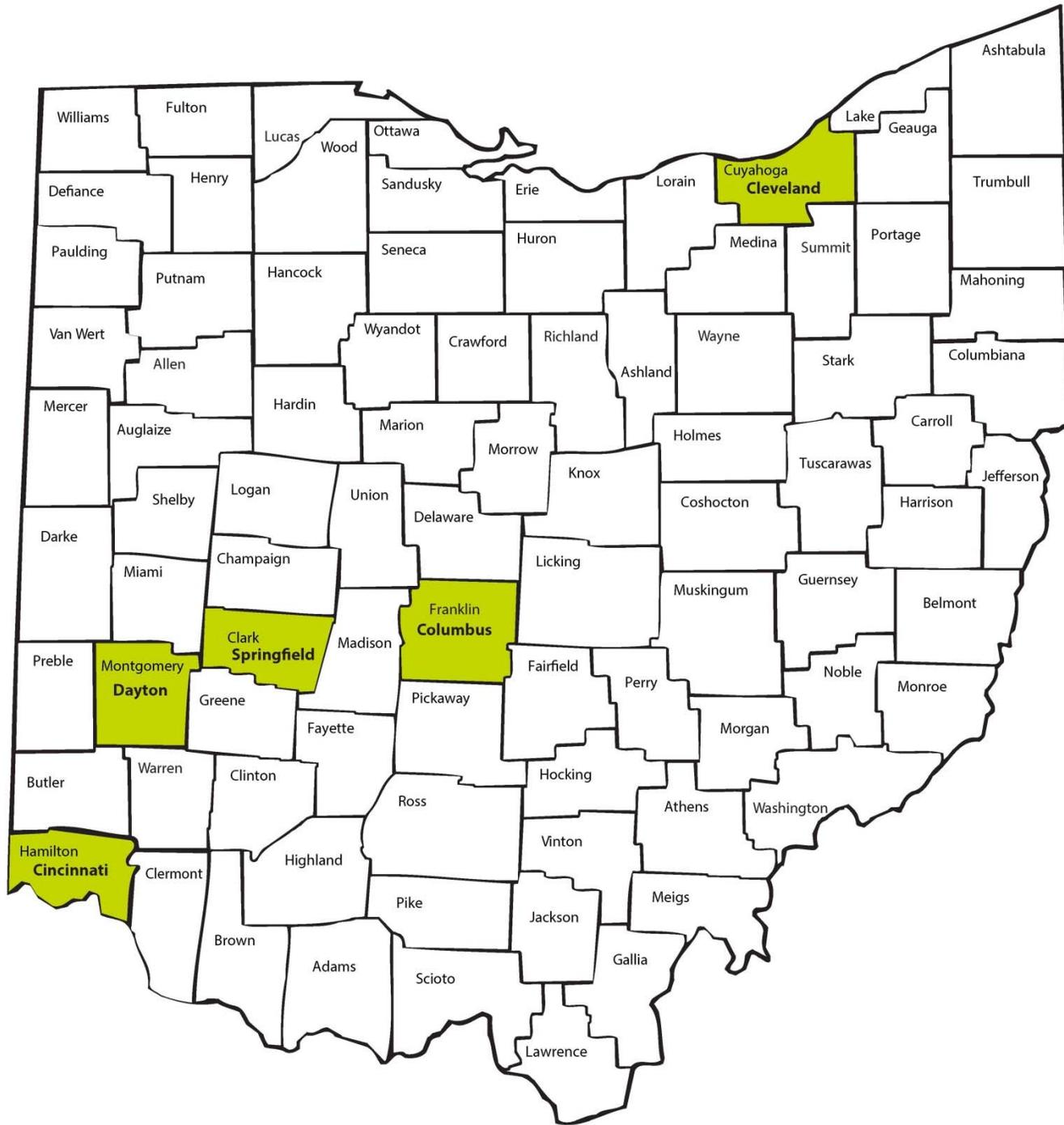
- ✓ \$10 million: HHS/ACF/OFA awarded ODJFS/OCF
- ✓ Five Years: Oct 2015- Sept 2020
- ✓ 1,000 Fathers served per year
- ✓ Ohio University and OSU Extension
- ✓ Partnering with four experienced fatherhood programs in five counties



# New Beginnings for New Fathers Partners

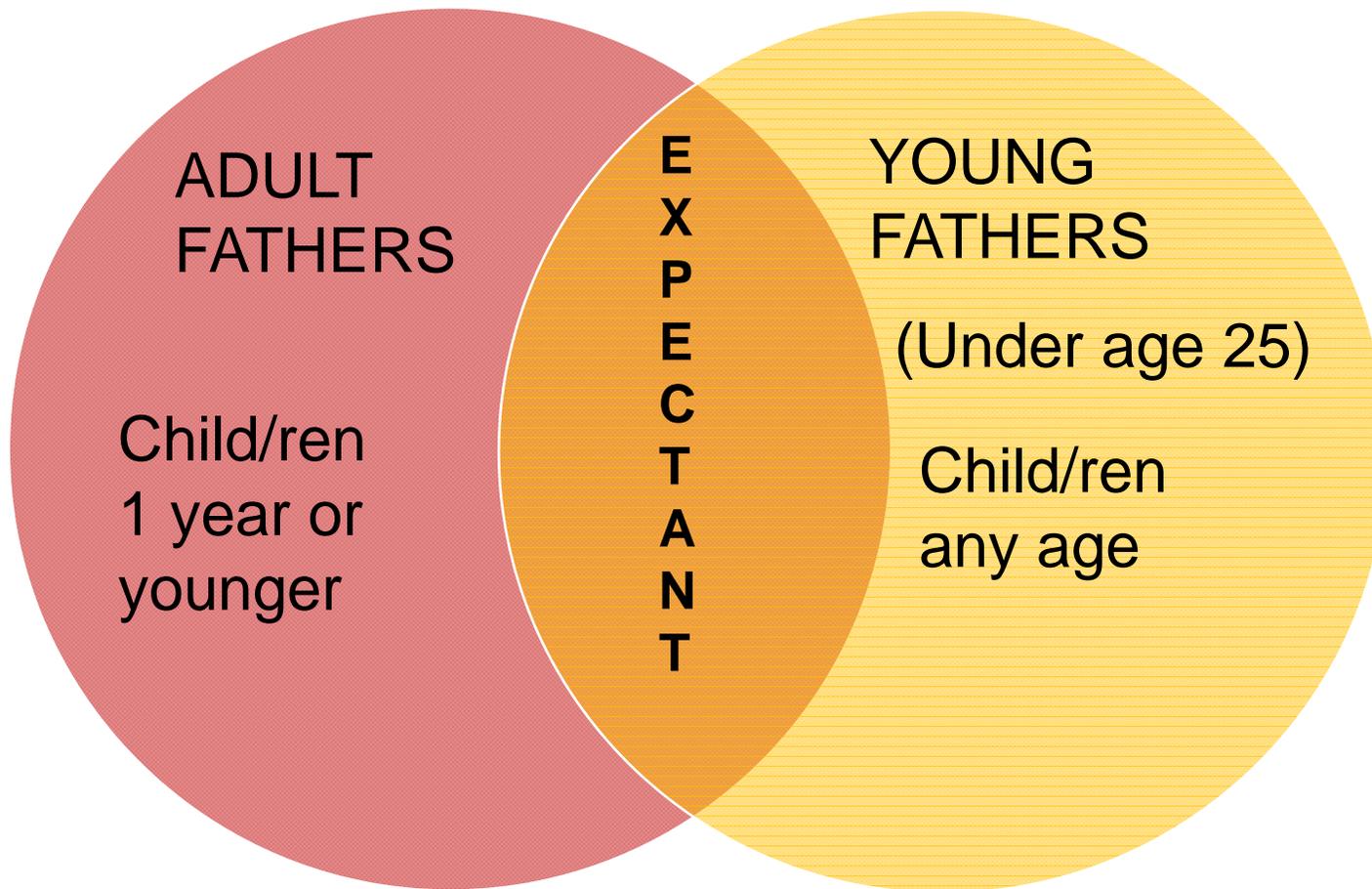
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# Fathers To Be Served

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# Infant Mortality

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**Table 4: Infant Mortality Rate in Ohio**

(Ohio Department of Health, 2012)

COUNTY	IMR Total	Black IMR
Clark	3.78%	10.42%
Cuyahoga	8.86%	14.51%
Franklin	8.02%	13.58%
Hamilton	8.80%	13.30%
Montgomery	7.99%	14.21%
Ohio	7.57%	13.93%

# Why These Partners and Fathers?

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- ✓ Experienced Fatherhood Programs
- ✓ Urban Areas
- ✓ High Poverty
- ✓ Proactive Approach
- ✓ “Magic Moment”

# Management & Service Delivery

Harold Howard  
Talbert House

# Common Elements of Service Delivery

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- ✓ Provider's History
- ✓ Assessment and Intake
- ✓ Voluntary Participation
- ✓ Completion of Individualized Service Plan (ISP)
- ✓ Responsible Parenting
- ✓ Economic Stability
- ✓ Healthy Relationships

# Case Management

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- ✓ All Fathers will be served
- ✓ Building Resilient Men and Resilient Fathers
- ✓ Providing Education and Supporting Fathers' Efforts
- ✓ Resource Coordination and Referrals

# Anticipated Outcomes

Ashiko Hudson  
Action for Children

# Anticipated Outcomes

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## RESPONSIBLE PARENTING

- ✓ Increased frequency of father/child engagement
- ✓ Increased knowledge of healthy child development
- ✓ Expectant fathers present at childbirth
- ✓ Increased evidence of protective factors related to reduced infant mortality, including fathers encouraging breastfeeding, not smoking and practicing safe sleep with their babies

# Anticipated Outcomes

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## ECONOMIC STABILITY

- ✓ Increased number of fathers using written budgets to plan their spending
- ✓ Increased number of employed fathers
- ✓ Increased number of families with bank accounts
- ✓ Increased establishment of right-sized child support orders and consistent payments

# Anticipated Outcomes

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## HEALTHY RELATIONSHIPS

- ✓ Increased number of participants who are satisfied with how they handle conflicts with partner
- ✓ Increased number of couples attending counseling together
- ✓ Reduced number of unintended pregnancies

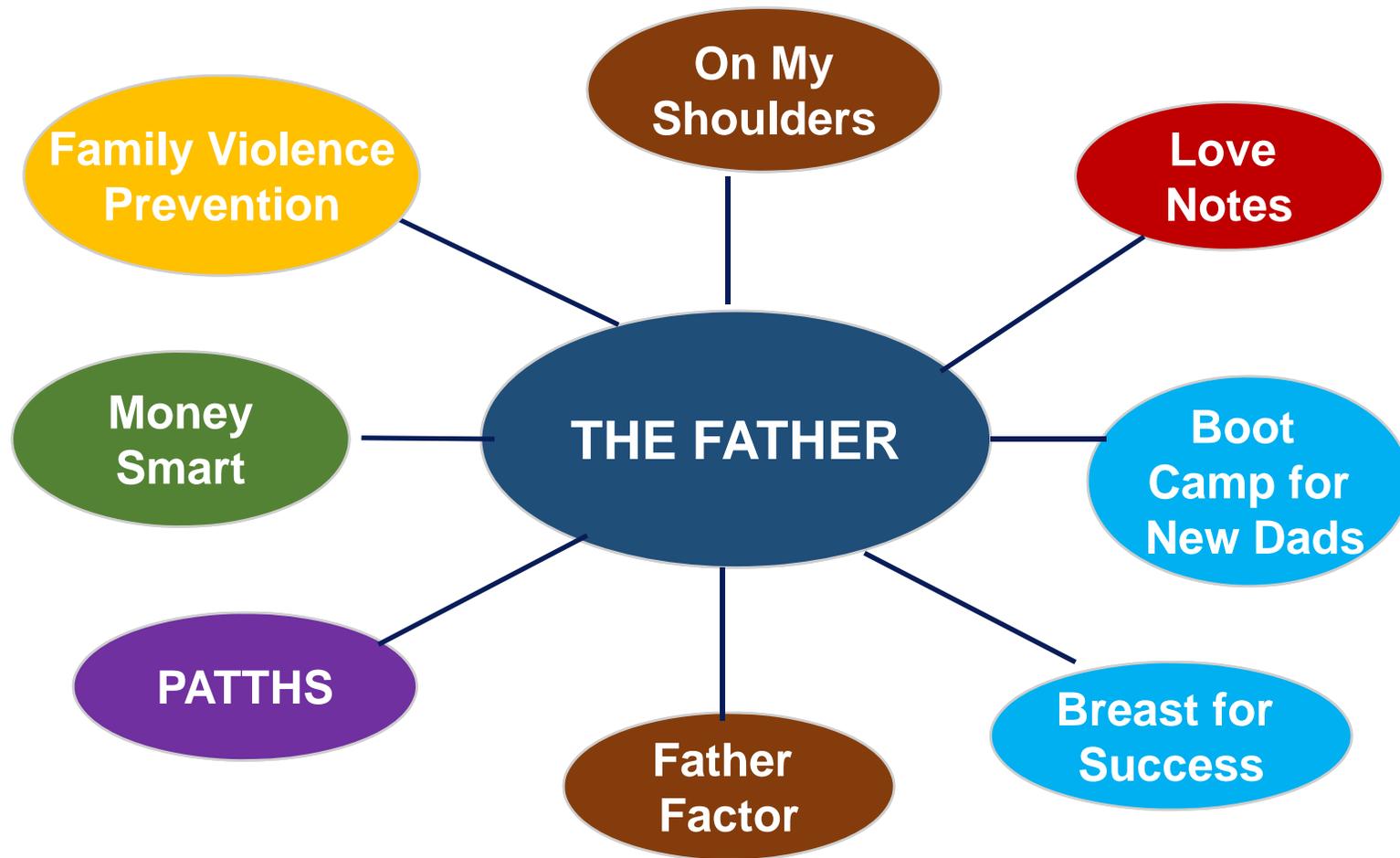
# Integrated Curriculum

Eli Williams

Urban Light Ministries

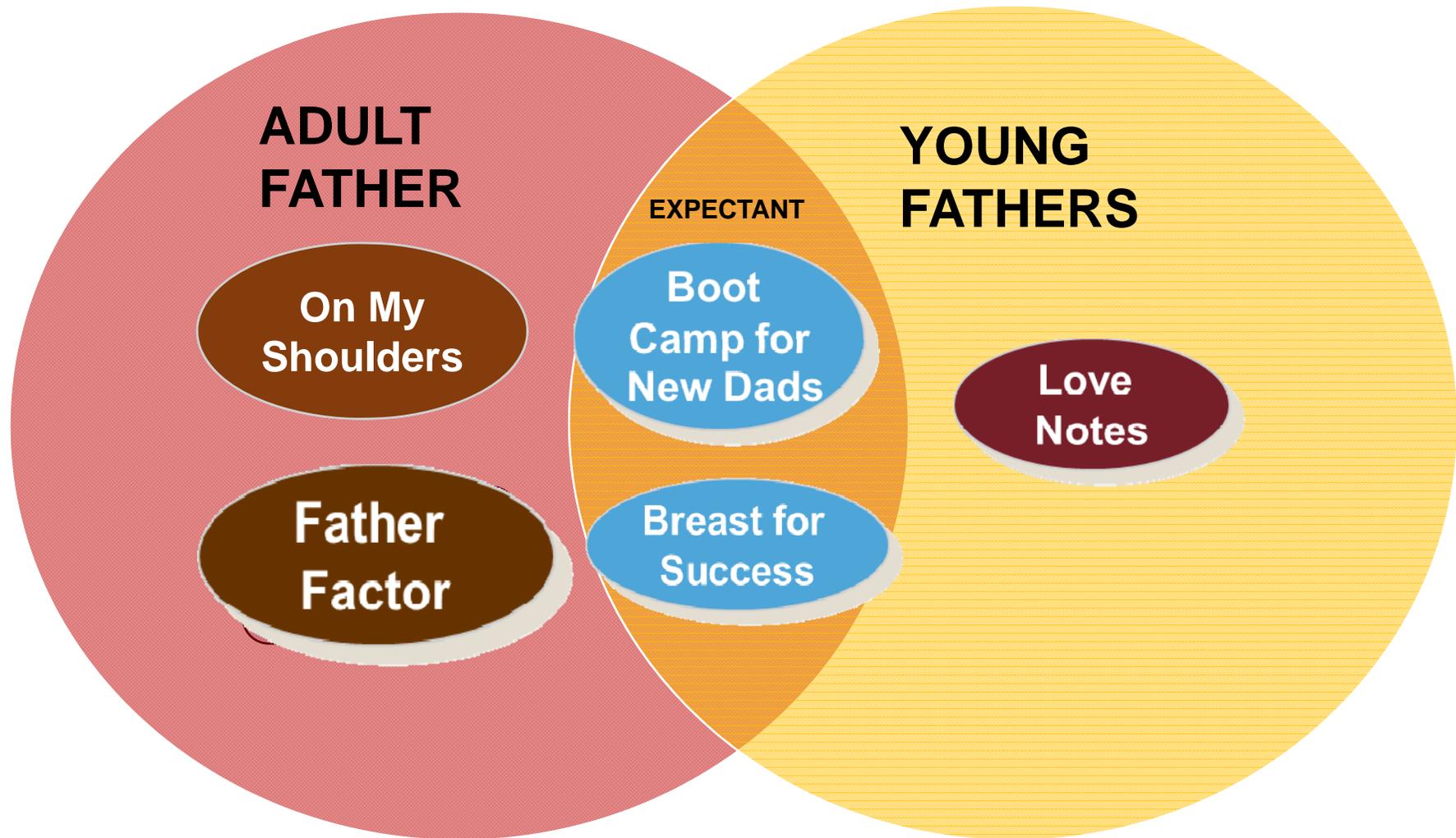
# NBNF Integrated Curricula

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# Fatherhood & Relationship Curricula

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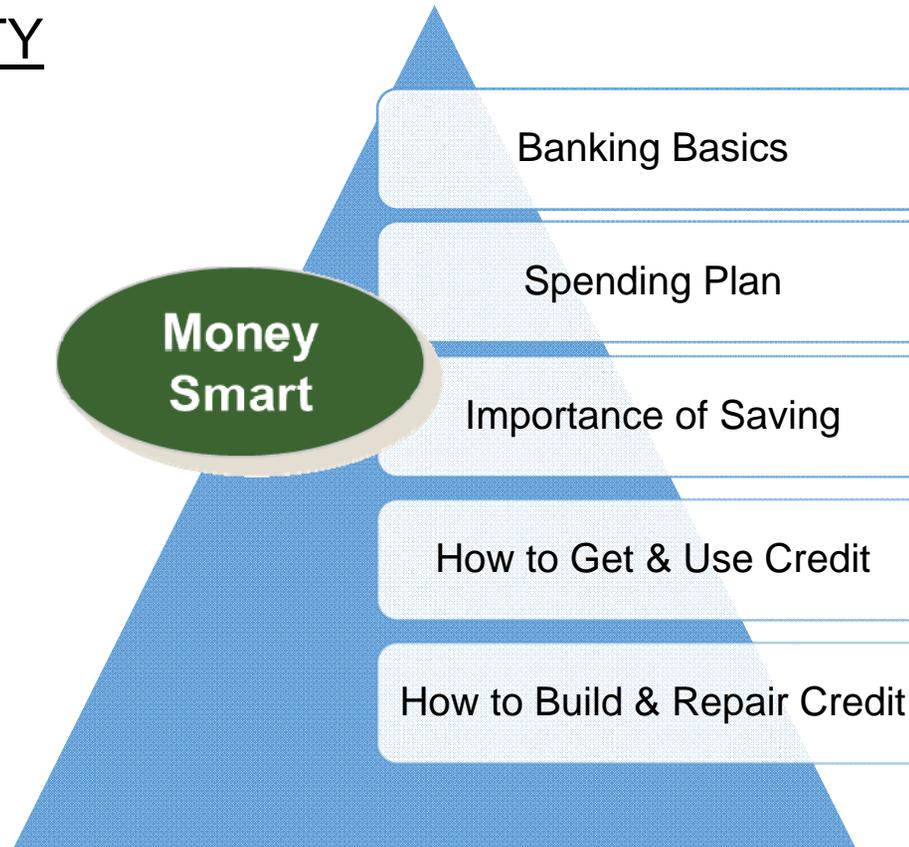


# Education All Fathers Will Receive

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## ECONOMIC STABILITY

OSU Extension will  
teach classes and  
Individual counseling



# Education All Fathers Will Receive

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## HEALTHY RELATIONSHIP EDUCATION

**PATTHS**

Parents Are Teaching And Talking About Healthy Sexuality (PATTHS) – Reproductive Health, Planning for Subsequent Children, Birth Control

**Family Violence  
Prevention**

# Family Violence Prevention

Judy Williams  
Action for Children

# Domestic Violence and Child Maltreatment

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## Principles

Dads are important

Dads' choices and behaviors towards Mom affect the child



To be a good parent, Dads must treat Moms with respect

Proactive, child-centered approach to combating domestic violence

# Domestic Violence and Child Maltreatment

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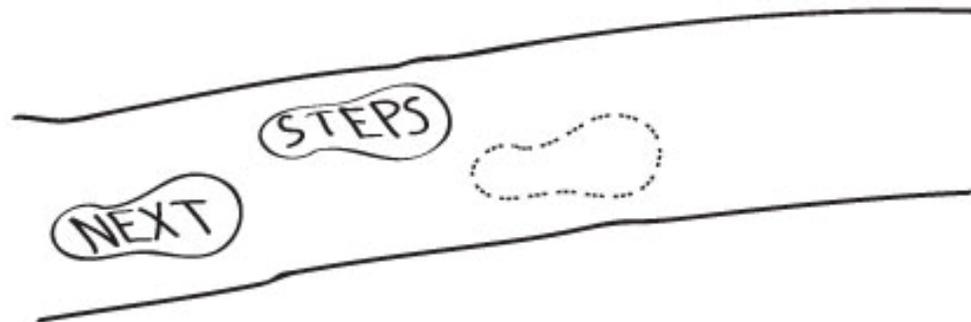
## Core Components



- ✓ Grantees received training in the “Being Connected” model curriculum
- ✓ Opportunities provided to Dads to develop safe and positive co-parenting goals
- ✓ Comprehensive screening process for domestic violence and coercive control
- ✓ Appropriate resources and programming when identified
- ✓ Program staff members trained to engage Dads to support Safe Engagement model
- ✓ Develop and maintain appropriate and related policies

# Domestic Violence and Child Maltreatment

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- ✓ Develop strategies and tools for detection
- ✓ Integrate conversations, education and resources into curriculum, coaching and job development
- ✓ Emphasis on parenting behaviors to ensure child safety and well-being
- ✓ Develop and document policies, practices, protocol

# Recruitment and Retention

Brian Moore  
Passages

# State-wide Recruiting Partnerships

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- ✓ **Healthy Start programs:** Referral of expectant parents and new unmarried fathers and mothers
- ✓ **Birthing Hospitals:** Referral of expectant and new parents in childbirth education classes and at birth
- ✓ **Help Me Grow:** Referral of all new unmarried parents and expectant parents
- ✓ **Child Support Agencies:** Referral of unmarried parents at time of paternity establishment in hospital or DNA testing
- ✓ **Departments of Job & Family Services:** Referral of unmarried new parents who apply for benefits

# State-wide Recruiting Partnerships

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- ✓ **Departments of Children and Family Services: Referral of parents in case plans**
- ✓ **Corrections:** Referral of expectant, new and young fathers in
  - ✓ Department Youth Services
  - ✓ Department of Rehabilitation and Correction
  - ✓ Community Based Correctional Facilities and Jails
- ✓ 211 – First Call for Helplines
- ✓ Self-referrals
- ✓ Community-based Social Service Organizations

# Retention

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- ✓ Help educate fathers about their importance in their children's lives
- ✓ Well-trained professional staff
- ✓ Staff that can relate to clients
- ✓ Incentives
- ✓ Help fathers overcome child visitation/child support obstacles
- ✓ Employment and training
- ✓ Subsidized employment
- ✓ Develop healthy relationship with their parenting partner

# Questions and Answers