



OHIO COMMISSION ON FATHERHOOD

URBAN LIGHT MINISTRIES' FATHERHOOD PROGRAMS

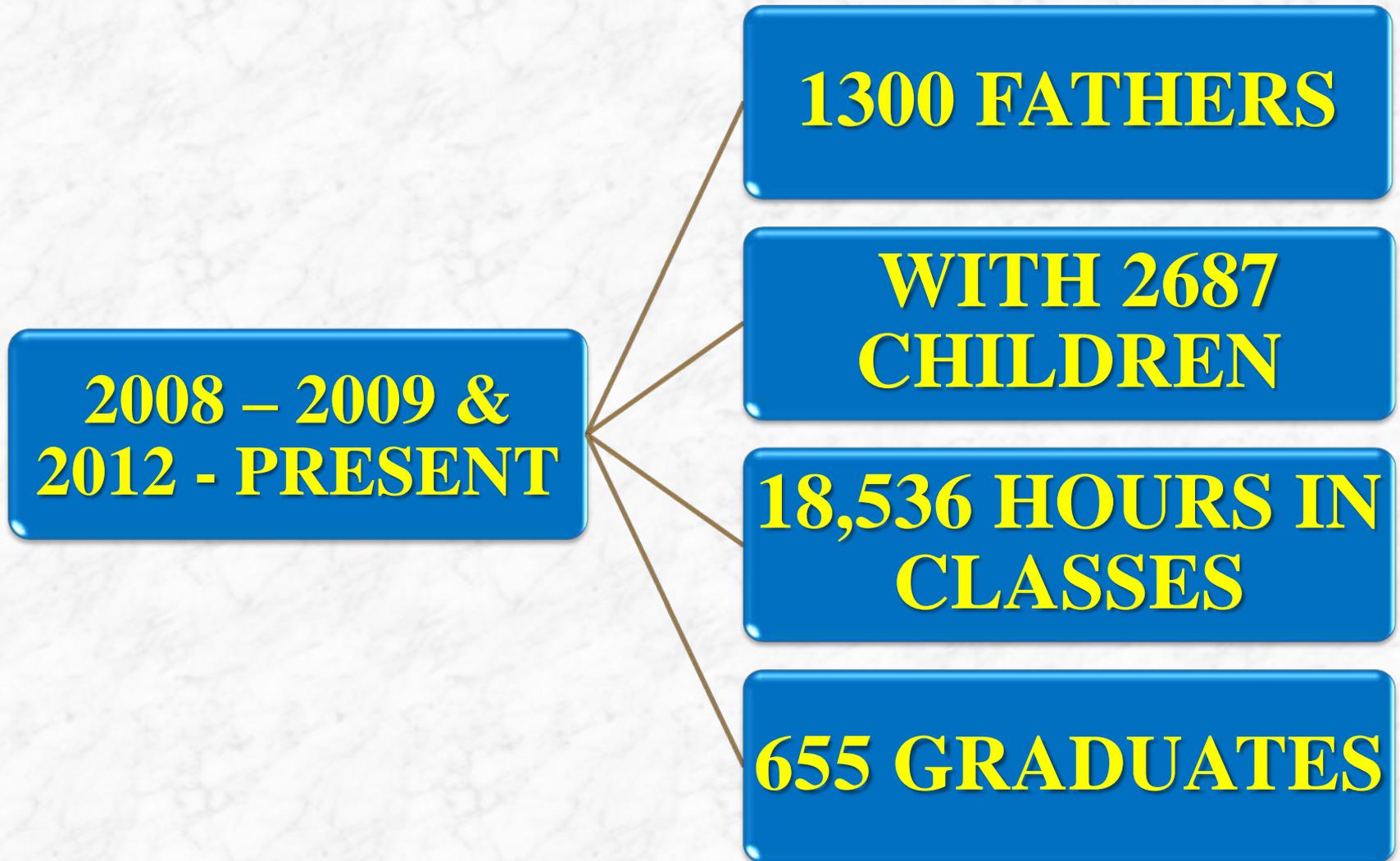
Mission

Increasing the numbers of responsible fathers, nurtured children and strong families.

Vision

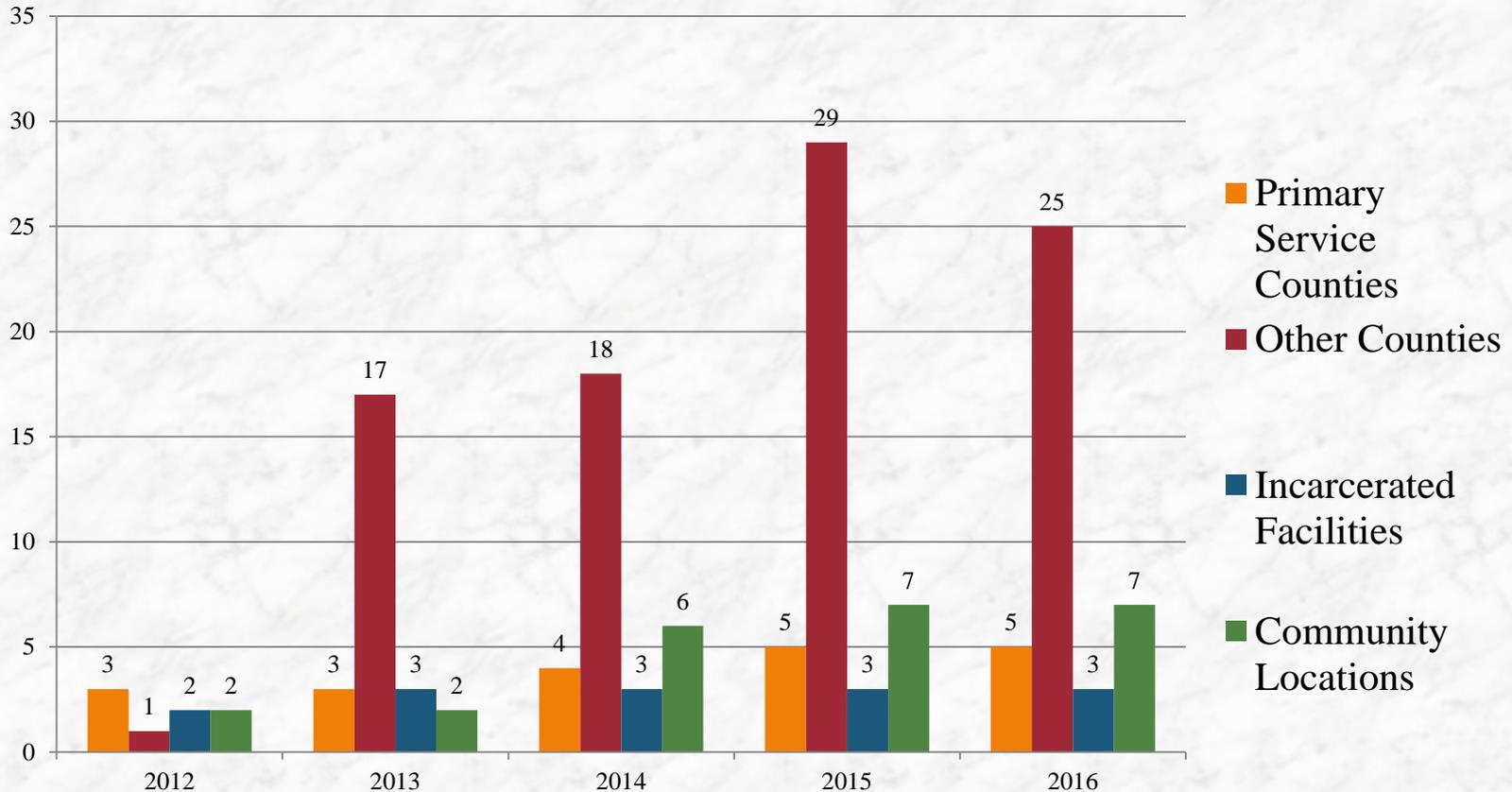
Urban Light Ministries is recognized as a model of Christian outreach to Fathers, Children and Families.

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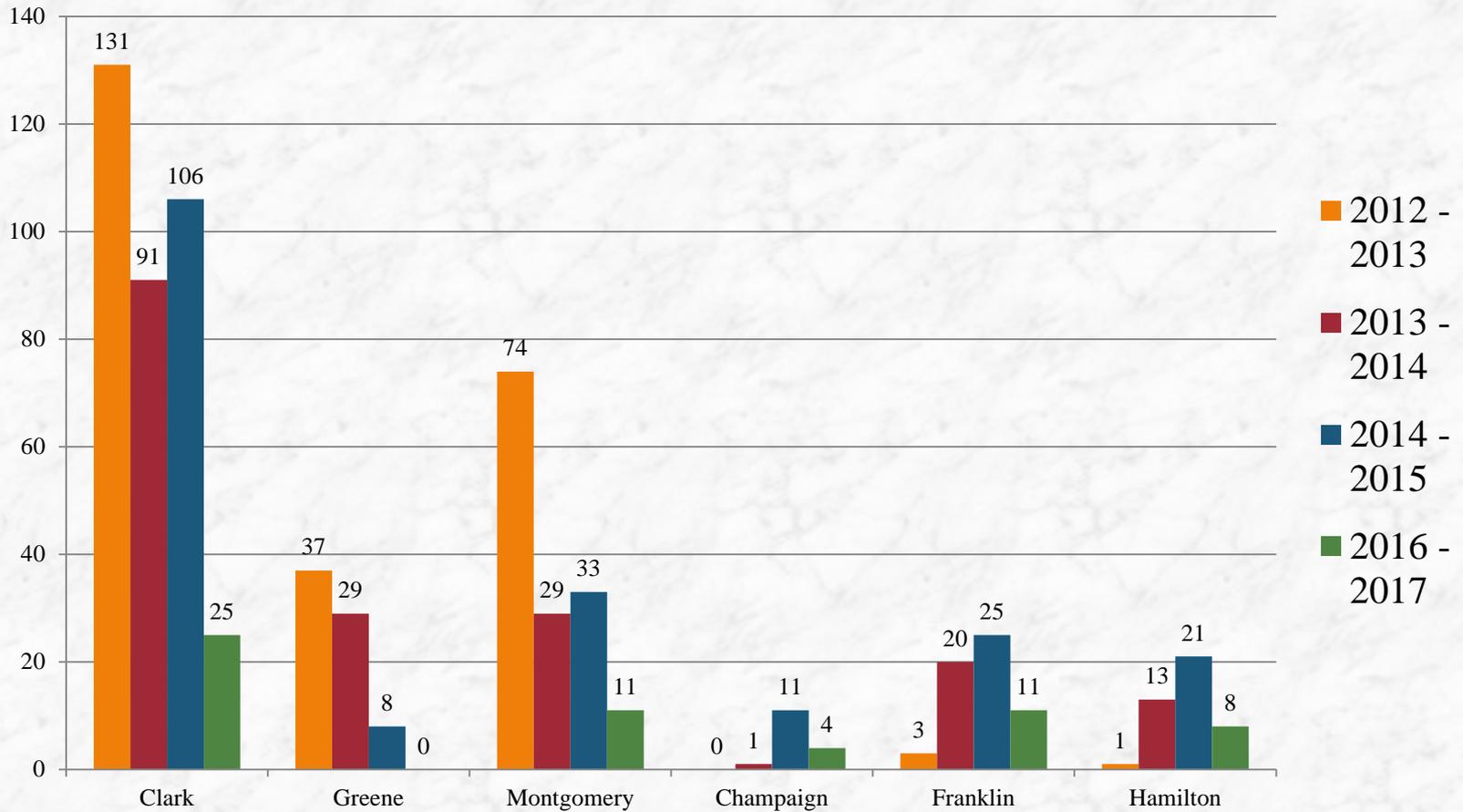
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Service Areas and Locations



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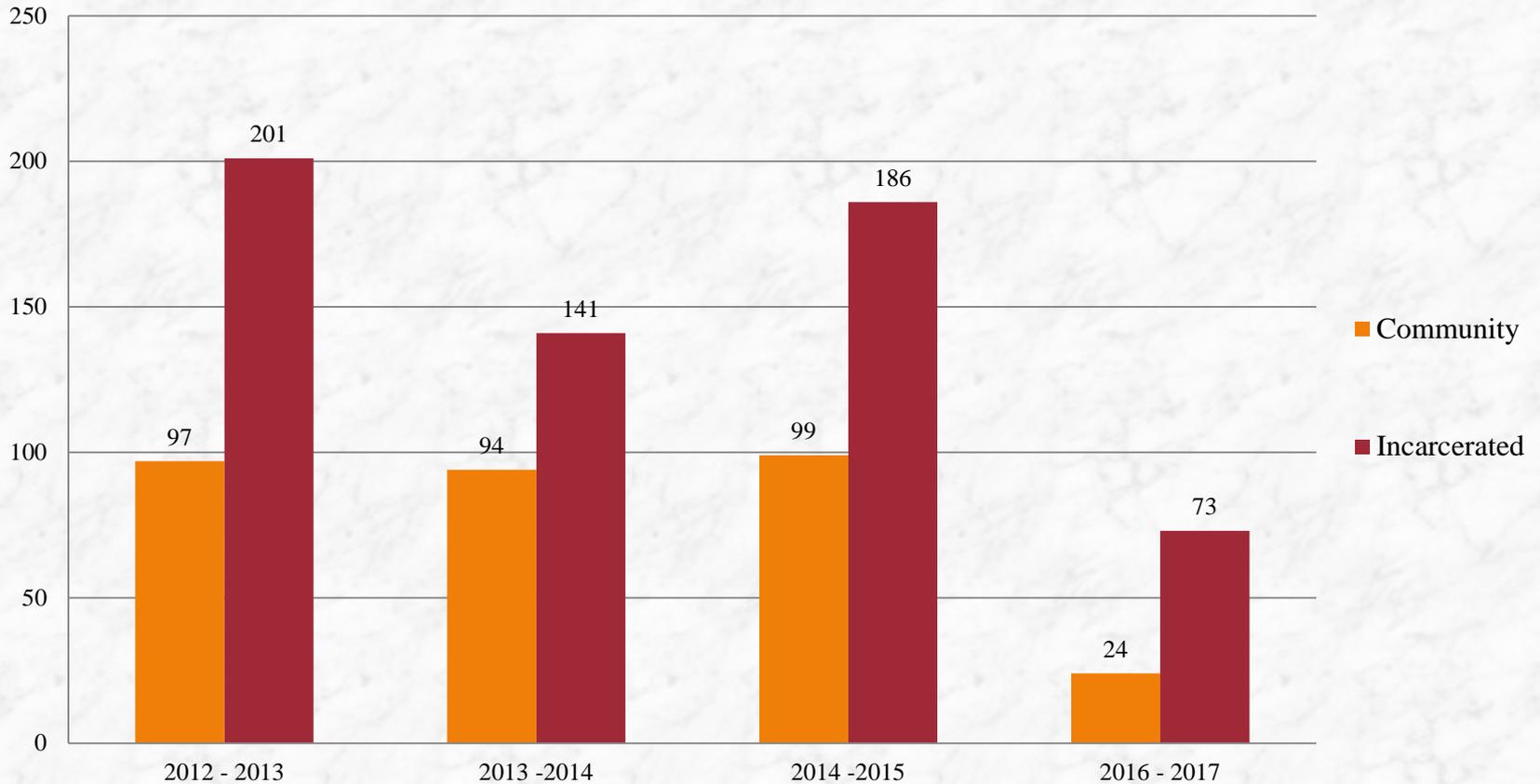
Participants by County



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Participant Comparison

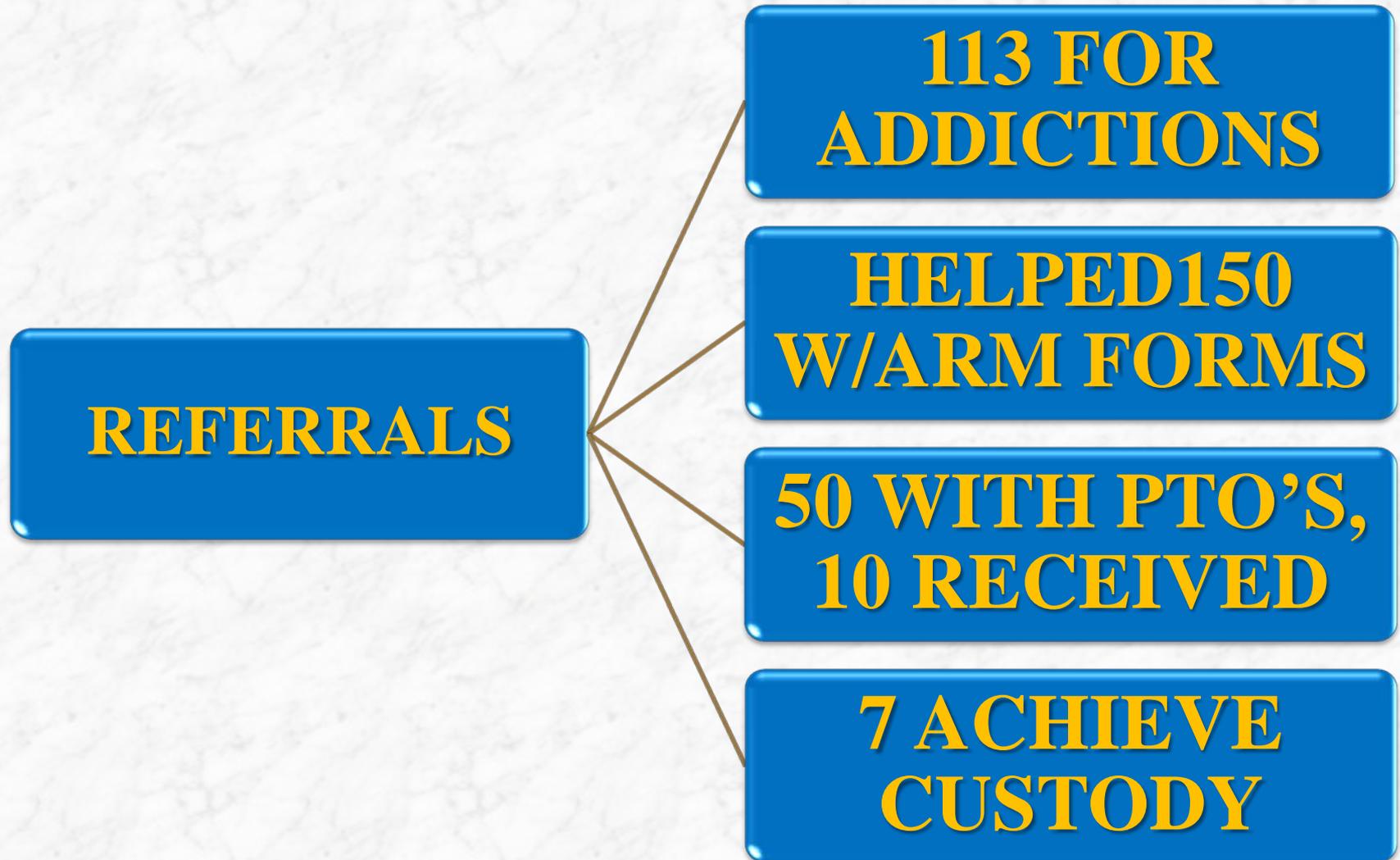


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HIGHLIGHTS

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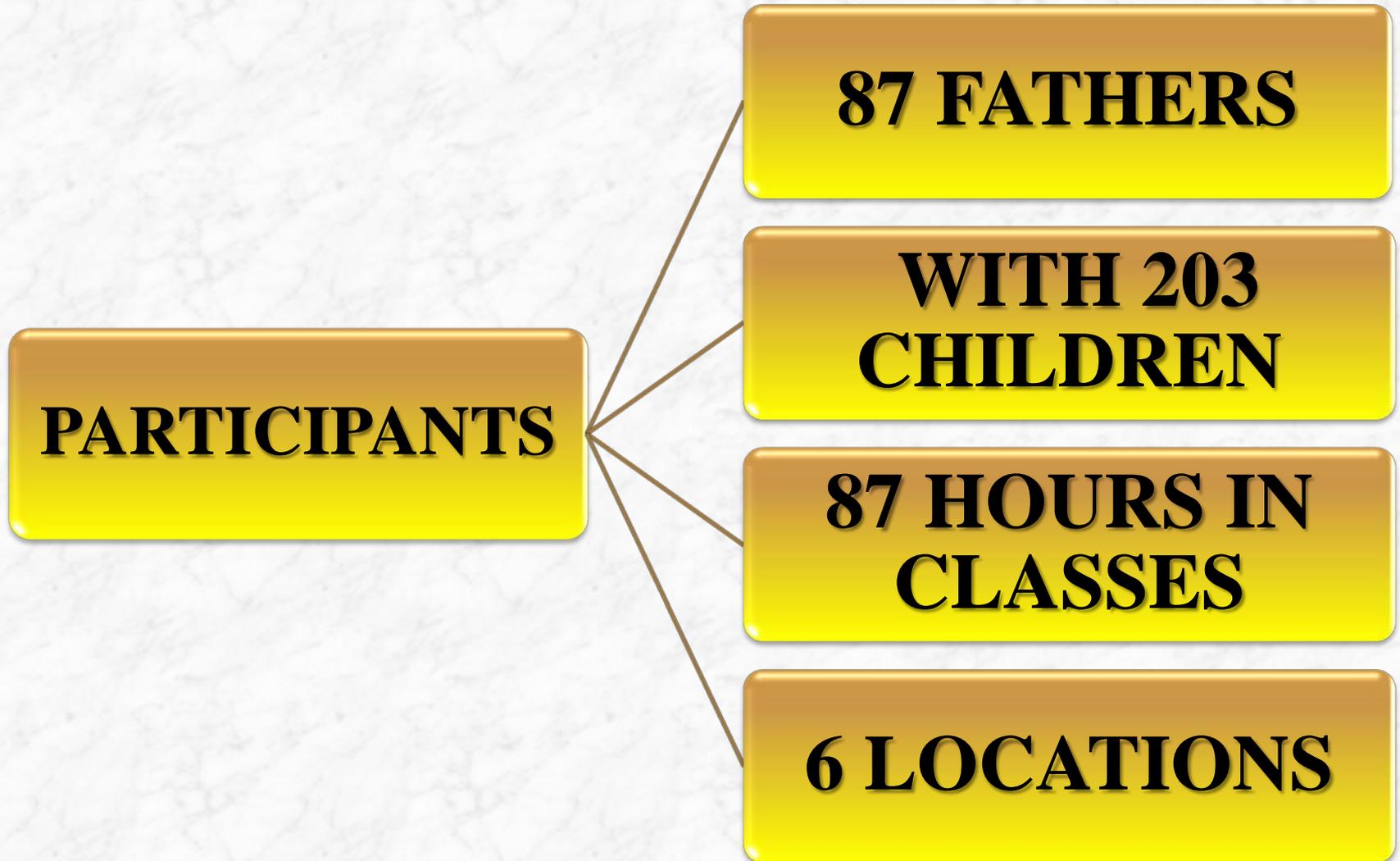
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- Assisted **233** fathers with drug/alcohol addiction referrals (**217 enrolled in an addiction program**)
- Assisted **125** fathers with the completion and submittal of 150 child support Adjustment, Review Modification Forms
- Assisted **300** fathers in job search activities or referrals for employment (**97 gained employment**)
- Assisted **180** fathers with educational referrals
- Assisted **50** fathers in gaining Parenting Time Order documentation
- Assisted **35** fathers in gaining Parenting Time orders
- Assisted **11** fathers in gaining custody of their children
- Assisted **22** fathers in establishing paternity
- Assisted **22** with domestic violence issues
- Assisted **35** fathers with their legal issues
- Assisted **32** fathers in overcoming barriers to their legal issues

2015 – 2016 GRANT YEAR

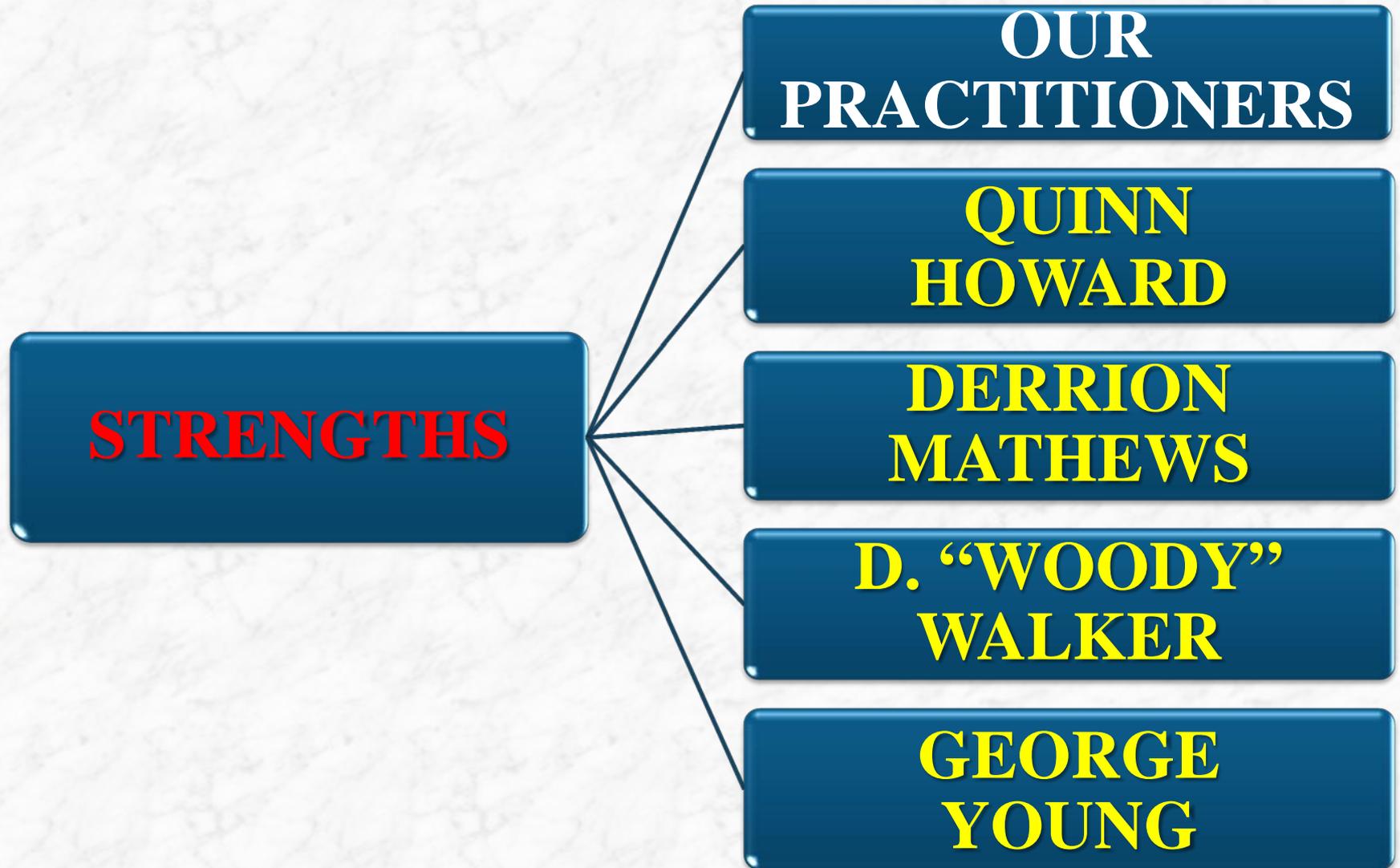


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STRENGTHS

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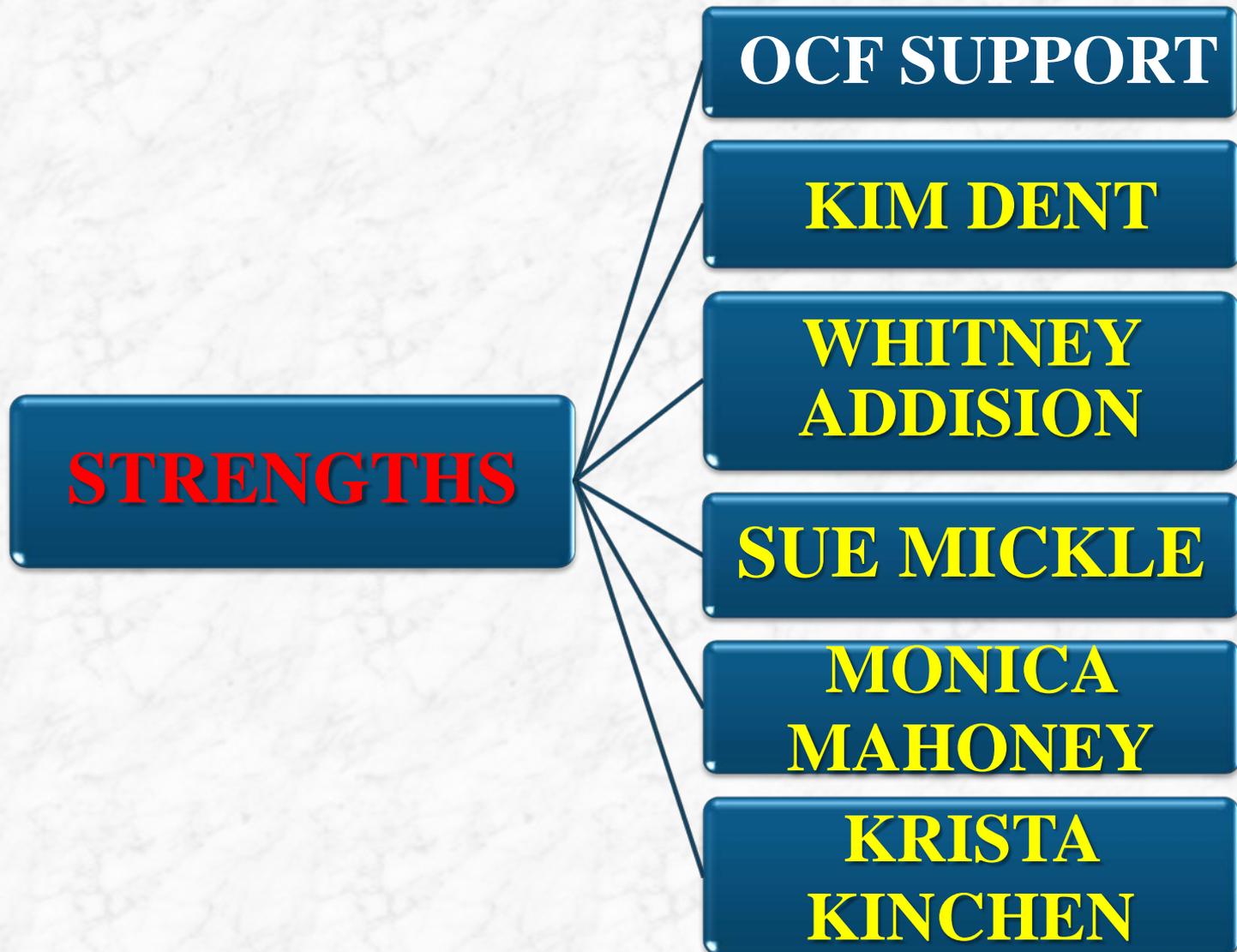
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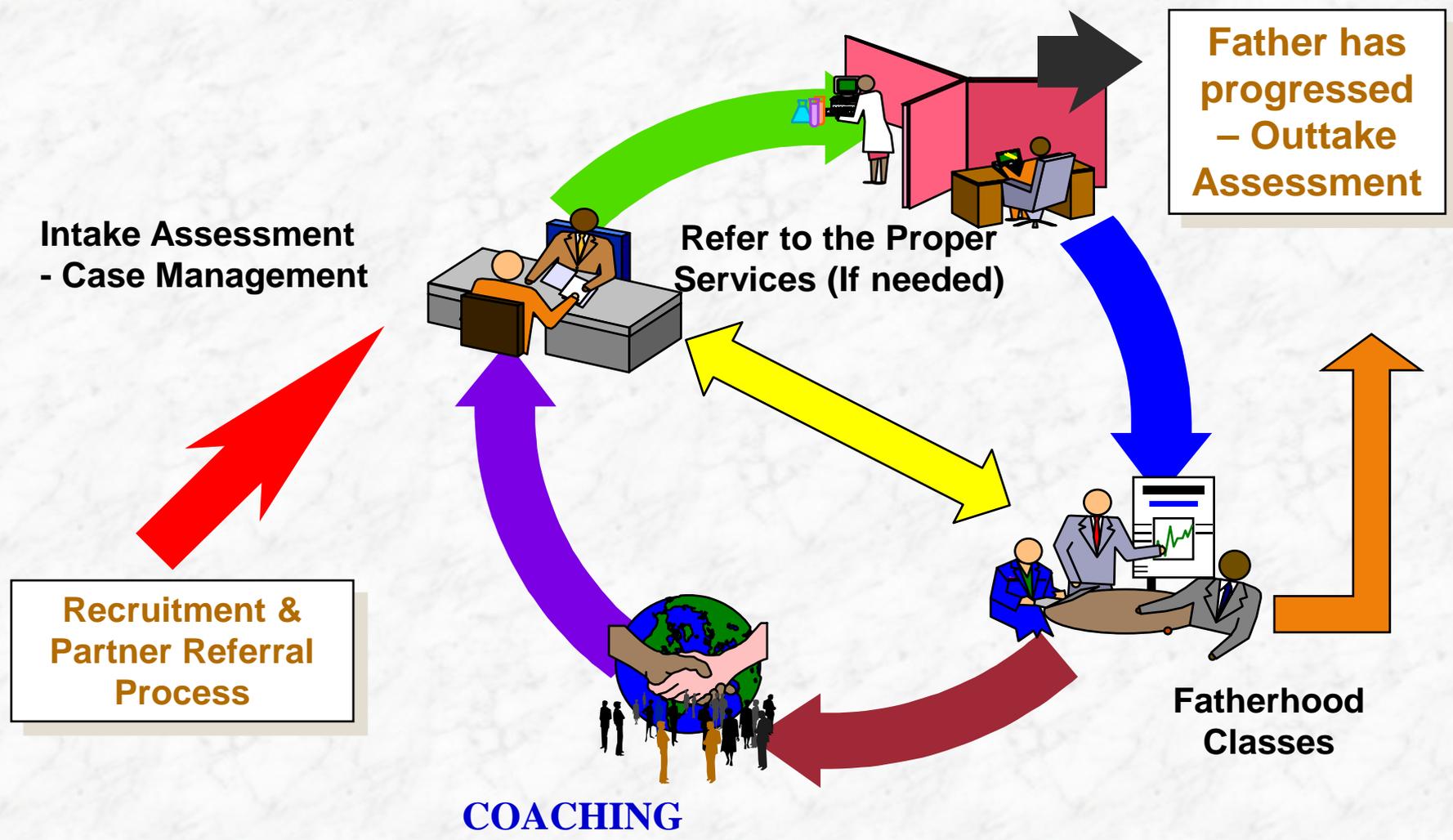
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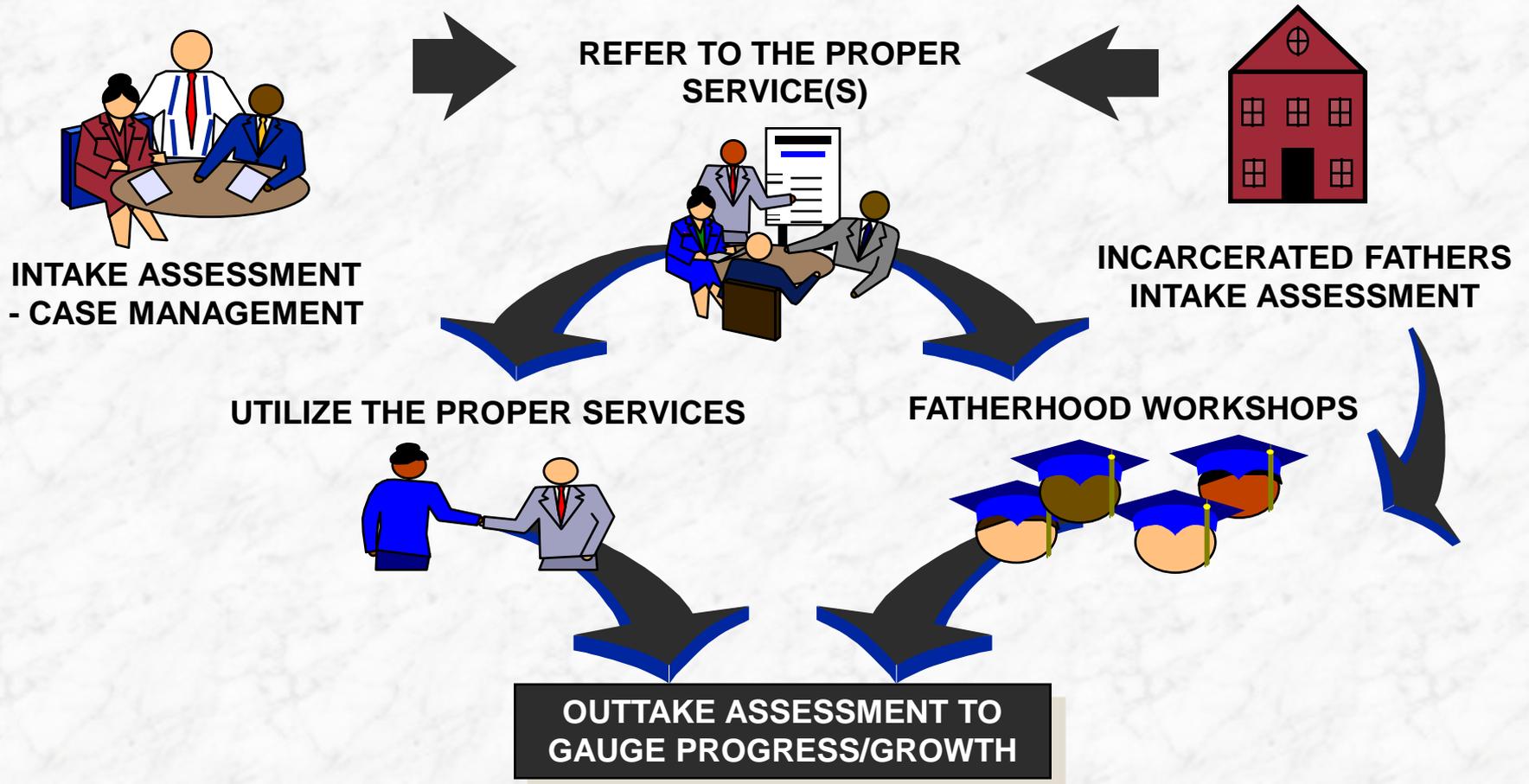
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LESSONS LEARNED

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LESSONS LEARNED

- **MANY FATHERS DESIRE TO BE ACTIVE AND ENGAGED IN THE LIVES OF THEIR CHILDREN, BUT, IN SOME CASES, MUST OVERCOME A PLETHORA OF BARRIERS JUST TO BE INVOLVED IN THEIR CHILDREN'S LIVES**
- **SYSTEMIC BARRIERS ARE STILL VERY DEEP AND PREVALENT AS IT PERTAINS TO FATHER ENGAGEMENT**
- **A FATHER HAS A BETTER CHANCE OF BEING HIT IN THE HEAD BY A METORITE THAN THEY DO IN GAINING ACCESS TO THE LEGAL SYSTEM**

LESSONS LEARNED

- **ONCE YOU HAVE PROVEN AS AN ORGANIZATION THAT YOU ARE “FATHER FRIENDLY” OR “FATHER SUPPORTIVE” THAT NEWS TRAVELS QUICKLY**
- **PARTNER ORGANIZATION RELATIONSHIPS MUST BE MORE THAN “PAPER DEEP”**
- **PREMATURE FATHERHOOD PREVENTION MUST BE ATTACHED TO FATHERHOOD EDUCATION IN ORDER TO STEM THE TIDE OF FATHER ABSENCE**

NEW BEGINNINGS FOR NEW FATHERS

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NBNF FEDERAL GRANT

➤ EXCITED TO BE A PART OF THIS WORK

- **TARGET POPULATIONS**
- **FILL IN THE “SERVICE GAPS”**
- **ADDRESSES KEY AREAS OF NEED FOR FATHERS**
- **PROVIDE A FOCUSED AND HOLISTIC APPROACH TO FAMILY ENGAGEMENT**
- **CREATE BROADER AND STRONGER NETWORKS**
- **COMMUNITY TRANSFORMATION**
- **STRENGTHEN OUR FATHERHOOD TEAM**
- **STRENGTHEN OUR FATHERING INSTITUTE**

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 and stable lives**

THE PROGRAM: FATHERING INSTITUTE AT



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**
- **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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“Supported Employment” will include assistance in bridging the transition to work and family life with:

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



ANY QUESTIONS?

THANKS

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