

# News Today

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## Local Staff Came Together for Fatherhood Summit

About 200 representatives from local fatherhood programs, JFS agencies and community action agencies came together last week for the Ohio Fatherhood Summit, held May 21-22 at the Crowne Plaza North in Columbus. Director Dungey delivered the keynote address, along with Calvin Williams, director of Fatherhood Services for Oklahoma-based Public Strategies.

"What a great opportunity to share your success stories, identify new ways to collaborate, and discuss best practices, common issues, and how to get rid of barriers that prevent some dads from being good fathers," Director Dungey said.

Williams, who was originally from Ohio, praised the state for leading the nation with initiatives that promote responsible fatherhood.

"You shine collectively across the country, Ohio," he said. "You should know that and be proud of that. I'm so proud to be from Ohio and to be connected with you all in this fatherhood work."

The summit was cosponsored by the Ohio Commission on Fatherhood (OCF), the Ohio Practitioners' Network for Fathers and Families, and Ohio University. Participants attended workshops on such topics as "The Father-Child



(Left to right) Ohio Commission on Fatherhood Executive Director Kimberly Dent and Director Dungey.

Relationship," "Custody and Parenting Time" and "County Mobilization."

Director Dungey noted that OCF is housed within the ODJFS Office of Family Assistance and funds programs that serve low-income fathers and help them take more active roles in parenting.

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## Employees Must Review Fraud Reporting System

State law requires all state employees to be made aware of an Auditor of State (AOS) fraud reporting system that allows public employees to report possible misuse of public funds by other public employees, officials or offices. This system may be used only to report possible misuse of public funds by public employees, **not** by public assistance recipients or other agency customers. ODJFS employees who sus-

pect that an ODJFS client is committing fraud should speak with their supervisor.

Information about the AOS system has been posted on the Innerweb, at the following address: <http://innerapp.odjfs.state.oh.us/HB66/>

**All ODJFS employees are asked to read the information on this page by Monday, June 30, 2014. Please confirm your understanding of it by following the directions at the bottom of this web page.**

“Research clearly shows the benefits of fathers being involved in their children’s lives,” Director Dungey said. “Children with engaged fathers are less likely to live in poverty, use drugs, experience educational, health, emotional and behavioral problems, be victims of child abuse, and engage in criminal behavior.”

She encouraged summit attendees to learn more about OCF’s County Fatherhood Initiative, which offers a \$10,000 seed grant and ongoing training and technical assistance to counties that

launch or continue local fatherhood programs.

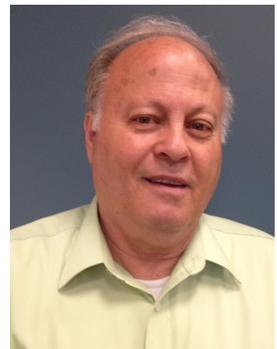
“You’ll be able to tap into some wonderful resources, from both the Commission on Fatherhood and the Ohio Practitioners’ Network for Fathers and Families,” she said. “I know it’s easy to feel overwhelmed sometimes, but look around: You are not alone. So many people care about engaging fathers and helping children. You are making a difference. I am truly inspired by your presence, and so glad we’re working together on this important cause.”

## Reception Today for Jim Eggers

Friends and colleagues are welcome to attend a retirement reception for Office of Workforce Development (OWD) employee James “Jim” Eggers from 3 to 4 p.m. **today (May 29)**, in conference room F-131 at 4020 E. Fifth Ave. (Air Center). Jim will retire on Friday, after more than 29 years of public service and 21 years for the Westinghouse Electric Corporation.

Jim came into state employment in 1984 as an employment service coordinator in the Local

Office Auditing Bureau. In addition to auditing local office records, he was a trainer for the Basic Employment Service Training Program and the General Aptitude Test for the Apprenticeship Program.



Jim Eggers

Jim has held several positions at OWD over the years. He helped streamline the workload and provided customer service for the Ohio Training Tax Credit program, now known as the Work Opportunity Tax Credit program (WOTC). Recently, as a WOTC employment services coordinator, he helped convert a mostly manual process into an electronic one while providing guidance to employees and employer customers.

Jim has many years of experience as a union steward and officer and currently serves as the vice president of Ohio Civil Service Employees Association Local 2599 Chapter. He has participated in all levels of union activities, including the chapter, assembly and district levels and the state board of directors. Jim helped in the negotiations of three union contracts spanning more than nine years.

In retirement, Jim says he plans to watch his granddaughter, MaCee, play softball and spend time with his two children, three other grandchildren, and one great-grand daughter. He and his wife also plan to travel.

## Employees May Reset Passwords

Any ODJFS employees who forget their work station log-in passwords may now reset their passwords themselves, without having to contact the Office of Information Services (OIS) Service Desk.

To use this feature, employees first must register at <https://jfspassword.odjfs.state.oh.us>.

Then, to view the step-by-step instructions for how to reset a password, visit <http://innerweb.odjfs.state.oh.us/uploadedFiles/Innerweb/OIS/SSPRDirections.pdf>.