

2024 ADOLESCENT PREGNANCY  
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**Workshop title: FREE - Fostering Relationships with  
Equitable Experts**

**How to build community partnerships at no cost**

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# Workshop Objectives

*Participants will*

- identify 3 free community and state resources that will benefit the population they serve.
- learn 3 ways to engage in outreach efforts to recruit potential partners.
- learn 3 ways to overcome potential barriers.
- identify 3 potential resources in their community.

# Activity #1



Who's in  
the room?

**Who, What, When,  
Where, Why, and How???**

# WHO to access resources from

- State and county governmental agencies
- Local county and state child support agencies
- Community agencies
- Hospitals/healthcare networks
- Churches/mosques/places of worship
- Barbershops/beauty salons
- Family/Friends
- Neighbors/Colleagues

# WHO to access resources from (continued)

## ODYS specific

- Nationwide Children's Hospital
- Ohio Family and Children
- Ohio Commission on Fatherhood
- Ohio Children's Trust Fund
- Ohio Men's Action Network (OHMAN)
- State Office of Child Support
- Sexual Assault Response Network of Central Ohio (SARNCO)
- Ohio Health
- Ohio Domestic Violence Network
- Dolly Parton's Imagination Library
- Advocates for Educational Excellence
- No Kidding Ohio





Sexual Assault Response Network of Central Ohio



Help young fathers acquire the necessary skills that will allow them to support the implementation and progress of their Individualized Education Program, IEP.



## Activity #2

What would you like if you could have it for free?



# SAVE THE DATE

18th Annual  
Fatherhood Conference

"A CELEBRATION OF  
FATHERHOOD"

**Crowne Plaza Hotel**  
**1260 Euclid Avenue**  
**Cleveland, Ohio 44115**

**Friday, June 14, 2024**  
**8 am - 4 pm**



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Fatherhood initiative conference

“Cuyahoga County's Fatherhood Initiative's Celebration of Fatherhood is an annual forum created specifically to promote healthy father-child relationships, address social barriers, and strategize as to what we must do as a community, to ensure that every child has a dad in their life.

Registration is open ... (All Events are **Free** with Registration).

...There will also be **prize giveaways** from the Cleveland Guardians, Cleveland Browns and Cleveland Cavaliers along with **free** books!

Please call the Fatherhood Initiative office at 216-348-3967 or 216-698-8275 if you have any questions about the conference or if you have any other issues for which we can be of assistance and remember that Fathers Matter!”

[Cuyahogacounty.gov/fatherhood](http://Cuyahogacounty.gov/fatherhood)



# Ohio

Commission  
on Fatherhood

The Ohio Commission on Fatherhood (OCF) “is a state-wide commission whose mission is to enhance the well-being of Ohio's children by providing opportunities for fathers to become better parents, partners, and providers.” Current funded agencies include:

- Action for Children: Fairfield, Franklin, Delaware, and Union
- Early Childhood Resource Center: Columbiana, Stark, and Summit
- Talbert House: Butler, Hamilton, and Warren
- ForeverDads: Muskingum, Perry, and Morgan
- Passages: Lorain and Lake
- The Starts Within Organization: Richland and Marion
- Community Action Organization of Scioto County: Scioto and Adams
- Montgomery County Office of Strategic Initiatives: Clark and Montgomery
- Pathway Inc.: Lucas and Erie

Agencies funded by the Ohio Commission on Fatherhood offer services to the public in 20 + counties in Ohio for **FREE**. ODYS has collaborated with previously funded OCF agencies to provide programming to teen fathers for **FREE**.

# Dolly Parton's Imagination Library

- The Dolly Parton Imagination Library was launched in 1995 in her home county in East Tennessee. The program sends more than one million age-appropriate books monthly to children ages 0-5 around the world.
- Since launching, it has been replicated nationally in most US states and has expanded internationally in Canada, the United Kingdom, and Australia.
- \*This program is **FREE**



# Meaningful connections

A one-year collaboration between three agencies to deliver The New Playbook to ODYS youth. The curriculum promotes engaging men and boys to stop violence. These services were provided for **FREE.**





## Meaningful Connections continued

An ongoing partnership with Nationwide Children's Hospital. For several years, ODYS has collaborated with Nationwide Children's Hospital on many different projects including First Fridays for Fathers, sponsoring our teen parent incentive store/ordering and funding supplies such as diapers, clothing, toys, cribs, providing food and prizes for teen parents during programming, providing printing materials such as thank you cards for parenting partners, and mentoring and presenting to youth in ODYS facilities. These services were provided for **FREE.**





# First Fridays for Fathers

## Collaboration with Nationwide Children's Hospital

NCH provided a supportive role to ODYS and its program partners. They helped to deliver a series of medically related educational topics one time per month for a two-year period for teen fathers placed in ODYS facilities. The information was introduced in game formats and addressed subjects such as infant mortality reduction, infant/toddler health, health literacy, paternal responsibility in child health outcomes, men's health, importance of breastfeeding, navigating my chart and electronic health records, child abuse prevention, safe spacing, (reducing risks of pregnancy complications), addressing racial disparities in health care, navigating the terrible two's, differentiating between types of cries, how to calm baby down, how to play with child, importance of scheduling, consistency, and bedtime routines. This collaboration was **FREE**.

# First Fridays for Fathers (continued)

During **Child Abuse Prevention Month**, guest speakers from The **Ohio Children's Trust Fund** provided an overview of **FREE** resources and services from their Early Childhood Safety Initiative to include:

- Child safety education
- Up to \$500 in child safety items such as: Strollers, carriers, and car seats
- Cribs and toddler beds
- Child proofing (locks, knob covers, baby gates, etc.)
- Sleep sacks
- Baby monitors
- Triple P Online is a self-paced online parent training programs. Triple P is “based on a public health model of parent education and support to promote children’s healthy development, encourage desirable behavior, teach new skills and behaviors, manage problem behaviors, plan ahead for high-risk times, and raise confident, capable children”.

# WHAT other resources can you get for free?

Guest speakers

Downloadable online games  
and marketing materials

Curriculum delivery

Information

T-shirts

Journals

Books

Spaces/venues to hold events

Informational pamphlets

Clothes

Toys

Shoes

Diapers

Swag bag (and items to put in  
them – pens, wristbands, hand  
sanitizer, highlighters, journals, t-  
shirts)

# FREE downloadable games



# WHEN to access resources

- Between funding gaps
- Intersession activities
- Special programming
- Special occasions (i.e., Father's Day, Responsible Fatherhood Month, Child Abuse Prevention month, 2nd Chance Act Month, National Victims of Crime Week, Foster Care Awareness Month, Adolescent Health Month)
- Reentry into the community
- ANYTIME, ALL OF THE TIME!!!

# WHERE can you find resources?

- Other agencies/Introductions from other departments/Other agency initiatives
- Conferences, summits, workshops, reentry fairs, job fairs
- The internet
- Barber shops/Beauty salons
- Places of worship
- Schools
- Community Centers
- Outdoor festivals
- Sporting events
- NETWORK, NETWORK, NETWORK
- ANYWHERE, EVERYWHERE

# WHY should you access outside resources?

- African Proverb – It takes a village to raise a child.
- Your agency can't be the expert in all things.
- Sometimes others do it better.
- Sometimes others have access to resources your agency doesn't.
- Sometimes others have access to funding sources that your agency does not.
- Sometimes you need a different/fresh perspective.
- Sometimes referrals are needed.

## Activity #3

Concentric  
circle





# HOW to access resources

- Trial run
- Recruitment/Outreach
- Referrals
- Meetings
- Cold calls
- Emails
- Google searches
- Network/Introduce yourself/your agency/your program
- Barter/exchange services
- Share expertise and best practices

# HOW - To avoid problems and overcome obstacles and barriers

- Follow policies
- Seek advice and approval from legal departments
- Seek approval from agency administration
- Vet potential volunteers
- Volunteer applications
- Background checks/fingerprinting
- Approve/denial process
- Seek 2<sup>nd</sup> opinion
- Check with your Superiors
- Maintain confidentiality
- Inventory
- Keep tracking process
- Keep packing slips
- Keep receipts

# Questions?



# References/Citations

- Ohio Commission on Fatherhood's state fiscal year 2023 annual report ([fatherhood.ohio.gov](http://fatherhood.ohio.gov))
- Cuyahoga County's Fatherhood initiative conference ([Cuyahogacounty.gov](http://Cuyahogacounty.gov))
- Nationwide Children's Hospital ([www.nationwidechildrens.org](http://www.nationwidechildrens.org))
- Dolly Parton's Imagination Library ([immaginationlibrary.com](http://immaginationlibrary.com))
- Ohio Children's Trust Fund ([octf.ohio.gov](http://octf.ohio.gov))

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