

**Ohio Commission on Fatherhood  
Executive Director Report Summary  
November- January 2010 Meeting**

**Outreach:**

**Executive Director made presentations at the following:**

Inside Out Dads Class, Madison Correction Institution, Madison, Ohio. Presented to incarcerated fathers on reconciling with their family's and becoming an engaged father. (November 18, 2009).

University Church of Christ, Cleveland, Ohio. Mr. Robinson served as the keynote speaker for fatherhood graduation. The participants were residents at Oriana House. (November 20, 2009)

The Brookings Institution, Washington, DC. Mr. Robinson was selected to participate on a panel of facilitators at an event sponsored by the Center on Children and Families at Brookings. The National Fatherhood Initiative released "Mama Says: A National Survey of Mothers' Attitudes on Fathering". (December 1, 2009)

Youth Connections, Inc., Columbus, Ohio. Mr. Robinson received the 12<sup>th</sup> Annual "Spirit of Love" Award for his work on fatherhood in the community. (December 5, 2009)

The Ohio Fatherhood Commission Grantees Invoice and Program Reporting Orientation, Columbus, Ohio. (December 17, 2009)

Second Annual Jack & Jill Breakfast, Columbus, Ohio. Mr. Robinson served as the keynote speaker to honor Jack and Jill fathers. (December 19, 2009)

Hamilton County Fatherhood Coalition meeting, Cincinnati, Ohio. Mr. Robinson provided an overview of the Ohio Commission on Fatherhood and potential areas for collaboration. (January 5, 2010)

Pickaway Correctional Institution, Orient, Ohio. Attended Couple Communication classes to observe the positive impact it is having on incarcerated fathers. (January 7, 2010)

Mr. Robinson has been selected to be part of the National Advisory Committee for the Edward Byrne Memorial Competitive Grant administered by the National Fatherhood Initiative. (January 12, 2010)

Interviewed by Fort Hayes High School students, Columbus, Ohio. Mr. Robinson answered questions on premature parenting and prevention tactics. (January 13, 2010)

Appeared on the WRFD-880AM Christian Radio Station, Worthington, Ohio. Mr. Robinson spoke on the purpose of the Ohio Commission on Fatherhood, and issues on father absence. (January 15, 2010)

Third Annual Fathers Symposium at Windsor Stem Academy, Columbus, Ohio. Mr. Robinson served as a panelist on the Engaging Fathers panel. (January 15, 2010)

Focus Learning Academy Commencement Program, Columbus, Ohio. Mr. Robinson gave the commencement address. (January 29, 2010)

**Briefings:**

Briefed Dr. Patricia Gabbe, Pediatrician, Nationwide Children's Hospital, and Dr. Philip Scribano, Medical Director, Center for Child and Family Advocacy, Nationwide Children's Hospital and Associate Professor, Clinical Pediatrics at The Ohio State University College of Medicine on the Ohio Commission on Fatherhood's purpose. Discussed the impact of father engagement during pregnancies and the high infant mortality rate. (November 19, 2009)

Briefed several employees of Department of Rehabilitation and Correction on the Ohio Commission on Fatherhood's purpose. Discussed production process and content for producing a Face of Reentry Video Series on father engagement and reconciliation of inmates and their families. (November 23, 2009)

Briefed Barbara Allen-Smith from Columbus State Community College on purpose of Ohio Commission on Fatherhood. Discussed collaborating on an event during the month of March, April or June. (December 3, 2009)

Briefed Troy Lindsay, Franklin County Children Services on the Ohio Commission on Fatherhood's purpose. (December 7, 2009)

Briefed Dr. Steven Gabbe, Senior Vice President and CEO of The Ohio State University Medical Center on purpose of the Ohio Commission on Fatherhood. (December 22, 2009)

Briefed Read Allen, Account Executive of Columbus Crew on purpose of the Ohio Commission on Fatherhood. Discussed an event to enable fathers to take their children to Columbus Crew soccer game. (January 7, 2010)

Briefed Gregory Adkins, Vice President, Commercial Lines Business Unit of Granger Insurance on purpose of the Ohio Commission on Fatherhood. Discussed using facilities to recognize fathers and potential sponsorships. (January 11, 2010)

Briefed Dr. Diana Lee on purpose of the Ohio Commission on Fatherhood. Discussed the Family Stability Initiative and 7th Annual African American Male Wellness Walk in August. (January 20, 2010)

Briefed Pastor Howard Washington, Principal of Trevitt Elementary and Glenn Harris, Columbus Urban League, Father 2 Father Program on purpose of the Ohio Commission on Fatherhood. Discussed All Pro dads breakfast collaboration. (January 25, 2010)

## **Legislative:**

Ohio Congressional Delegation Liaisons, Washington, DC. Mr. Robinson briefed and hand delivered written letters from the Ohio Commission on Fatherhood supporting H.R. 2979: Julia Carson Responsible Fatherhood and Healthy Families Act of 2009 and S.B.1309: Responsible Fatherhood and Healthy Families Act of 2009 encouraging members and staff of Ohio Congressional Delegates to support new legislation. (November 30, 2009)

Attended the Justice Reinvestment Initiative Stakeholders meeting, Ohio Judicial Center, Columbus, Ohio. (December 7, 2009)

State Representative Tyrone Yates (D-33<sup>rd</sup> District) (fourth term)

Briefed Rep. Yates on Ohio Commission on Fatherhood purpose. Rep. Yates mentioned being well informed of the commission prior to this meeting and supports the commissions efforts. (December 8, 2009)

Executive Director Robinson and Chairman Peter Lawson Jones gave proponent testimony to State Government subcommittee on HB 349. HB 349 is to amend sections 5101.34, 5101.341, and 5101.342 of the Revised Code to revise the membership, staffing, and duties of the Ohio Commission on Fatherhood. (January 13, 2010)

State Representative Connie Pillich (D-28th District) (first term)

Briefed Rep. Connie Pillich on Ohio Commission on Fatherhood purpose. (January 27, 2010)

State Representative Timothy Derickson (R- 53rd District) (first term)

Discussed father son retreat and Ohio County Fatherhood Initiative.

State Representative John Patrick Carney (D-22<sup>nd</sup> District) (first term)

Briefed Rep. John Patrick Carney on Ohio Commission on Fatherhood purpose. (January 28, 2010)