



## **A BRIEF HISTORY**

**July 1, 1999** – The Ohio Commission on Fatherhood (OCF) was established through an amendment to the 2000-2001 biennial budget bill and codified in Section 5101.34 of the Ohio Revised Code. The bill was originally introduced as HB 195 in the 123<sup>rd</sup> Ohio General Assembly. Ten million dollars in TANF funds were appropriated for the Commission in the biennial budget.

**Second half of 2000**- The OCF was constituted and began formally meeting, developed a mission statement, appointed Tony Panzino as Executive Director, and allocated funds to support community-based fatherhood programs across the State through County Family and Children First Councils.

**July 1, 2001**- The OCF was not funded in the 2002-2003 biennial budget. Although it was not decommissioned, activity ceased.

**November 2006** – Governor-Elect Ted Strickland appointed the OCF Strickland/Fisher Transition Agency Review Committee which issued a report recommending resuscitating and funding the commission.

**July 1, 2007** – The OCF received \$2 million in TANF funds per year in the 2008-2009 biennial budget.

**November 2007**- The OCF, under the umbrella of the Governor's Office on Faith Based and Community Initiatives, resumed formal meetings after a hiatus of nearly six and a half years.

**July 2008** – The OCF funded 10 community-based programs throughout the State through a competitive RFGA process. Tracy Robinson was selected as the Executive Director.

**July 1, 2009**- The OCF received \$1 million in TANF funds per year in the 2010-2011 biennial budget. An RFGA was released to fund community-based fatherhood programs throughout Ohio.

**2010** – The OCF awarded funding to 9 fatherhood programs.

**2011** – The OCF launched the Ohio County Fatherhood Initiative which provided community-mobilization training and capacity-building grants to 12 Ohio counties.

**July 1, 2011**- The OCF received \$1 million in TANF funds per year in the 2012-2013 biennial budget. The budget bill amended statute 5101.34 giving the Governor authority to appoint the Executive Director of the Commission, who would then report to the Director of the ODJFS.

**2012** - The OCF awarded grants to 8 community-based programs in 2012 and selected an outside contractor to evaluate the effectiveness of those funded programs. Tracy Robinson resigned and Kimberly Dent was named Interim Executive Director.