

The POPS Project

Program Overview



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**Commission on
Fatherhood**

The POPS Project

Increasing the number of POPS in West Central Ohio

P – Protectors

O – Order keepers

P – Providers

S – Stabilizers



POPS Project Overview

Providing these free programs:

POPS 101

- ***Basic Principles of Healthy Fathering***
Three 90-minute sessions

FATHER/FAMILY ACTIVITIES

- ***Monthly outings, and events for dads and their families***

POPS Project Overview

Providing these free programs:

FATHERHOOD CLASSES

- ***Nurturing Fathers***

Thirteen 3-hour sessions

POPS CLUB

- ***Volunteer association of fathers for mutual support & community service***

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Session Locations:

- The Learning Café
- McKinley Hall
- Urban Light Center
- Clark County Jail
- Greene County
Greenleaf Center
- Clark County JFS Work
Plus Center



Helping dads develop skills & attitudes for male nurturance.



Supporting fathers in their
commitment to be the best
dads they want to be.



Increasing the number of responsible fathers.

THE POPS CLUBS

Finally, there is support for men in their roles as fathers, father figures, and leaders in their families, neighborhoods, and their children's schools!



THE POPS CLUBS

Mobilizing Fathers for Community Service



THE POPS CLUBS

VOLUNTEER ASSOCIATIONS OF FATHERS AND FATHER-FIGURES

Every child, home and neighborhood needs...

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A father-led club providing:

- Mutual support***
- Community involvement***
- Leadership development***
- Father-child bonding activities***

PARENT SUPPORT CLINICS

Monthly meetings with participants In collaboration with...



Parents as Partners

A program of Child Support Services / JFSCC

Answering fathers' questions about child support, visitation, custody, paternity establishment, etc. Helping fathers learn to navigate government agencies and judicial systems, and to self-advocate.



Addressing The Father Absence Crisis

THE CLARK COUNTY FATHERHOOD INITIATIVE

Clark County Fatherhood Commission

The Fatherhood Commission seeks to:

- **Promote Responsible Fatherhood County-wide.**
- **Foster collaborative relationships.**
- **Develop sustainable funding for responsible fatherhood programming in Clark County.**
- **Articulate with the community the attitudes, beliefs, values, and perceptions about responsible fatherhood which lead to the establishment of a father-friendly culture.**

Clark County Fatherhood Commission

Established 2009

Members:

Rick Lohnes, County Commissioner

Robert Suver, Director of JFSCC

Marilyn Demma, Director CC Family and Children First Council

David Estrop, Superintendent of Springfield City Schools Dist

Joseph Monnin, Judge, CC Juvenile Court

Warren Copeland, Springfield Mayor

Eli Williams, President of Urban Light Min – Initiative Director

Strategy: Community Mobilization

*As an Ohio Commission on Fatherhood Grantee
of OHIO COUNTY FATHERHOOD INITIATIVE*

2011 ACCOMPLISHMENTS:

- ATTENDED COMMUNITY MOBILIZATION WORKSHOP
- FACILITATED A FOCUS GROUP
- HOSTED THE LEADERSHIP SUMMIT ON FATHERHOOD
- CREATED THE ACTION PLAN TO PROMOTE RESPONSIBLE FATHERHOOD

Strategy: Community Mobilization

In late 2011, the Fatherhood Commission chose to align the Fatherhood Initiative with FAMILY & CHILDREN FIRST COUNCIL.

FCFC Mission:

The Council shall provide the necessary means - by collaborating, coordinating and advocating for services - to assist children and families to achieve their potential.

BOARD OF DIRECTORS
CC Family & Children First Council

CC FATHERHOOD
COMMISSION
Policies, Assessments, etc

CC Fatherhood
Initiative Director

HEALTHY FATHERING COLLABORATIVE
11 + Sector Leaders

ACTION PLAN TO PROMOTE
RESPONSIBLE FATHERHOOD

CELEBRATE FATHERHOOD
PLANNING COMMITTEE

Work Group

Clark County Fatherhood Initiative

INITIATIVE ACTIVITIES

Annual Celebrate Fatherhood Event

- Essay/Art Contest
- Rally and Cookout

Bi-Annual Summit

Quarterly Newsletter

Website

Social & Traditional Media Campaigns

CLARK COUNTY FATHERHOOD INITIATIVE

Celebrate Fatherhood 2012

GOALS:

- Honor responsible fathers
- **Strengthen bond between dads and children**
- Raise community awareness that fathers matter greatly
- **Build collaborative relationships with community allies**
- Create partnerships with school districts and educators

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CELEBRATE FATHERHOOD 2012

- Essay/Art Contest
- 3rd – 6th grade students county-wide
- Theme: “My Dad ROCKS!”
- Special recognitions



Clark County Fatherhood Initiative

Dad & Me Rally, Walk & Cookout



Saturday, June 16, 2012

Snyder Park, Spfld

- My Dad ROCKS Award Presentations
- Special Proclamations
- Food, Games, Music, Family Fun

free!!

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Strategy:

Institute a Community Fatherhood Policy

Purpose:

- Recover the norm of responsible fatherhood by strongly promoting holistic support for healthy, involved fathering throughout in Clark County.
- Help the community at large appreciate that fathers matter greatly in the lives of children.
- Become a father-friendly community.

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