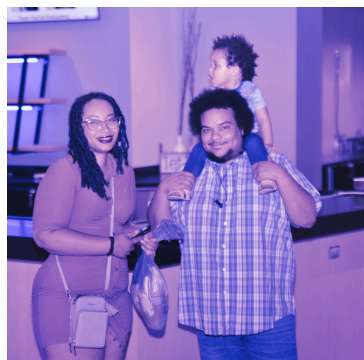
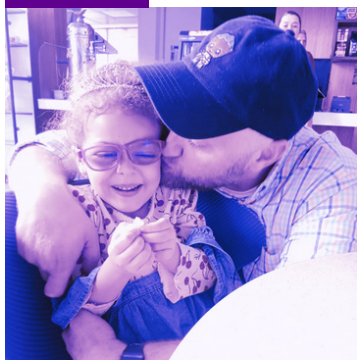




Commonwealth
Center for
Fathers &
Families

IMPACT *REPORT*

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2023 SUMMARY

CCFF'S MISSION IS TO SUPPORT FATHERS IN PROVIDING CHILD AND FAMILY SAFETY, ECONOMIC STABILITY, AND OVERALL COMMUNITY WELL-BEING THROUGH EDUCATION, ADVOCACY, AND COLLABORATION.

The Commonwealth Center for Fathers and Families (CFFF) is an emerging non-profit organization that seeks to improve child outcomes and enhance families and communities through increasing positive fatherhood engagement across Kentucky. We will do so by ensuring services are available to fathers and families to increase responsible fatherhood all across the Commonwealth. Services and actions CCFF will resource and promote include:

- Child and Family Well-Being Responsible Fatherhood
- Health and Equity
- Economic Stability and Employment Healthy Relationships
- Evidence and Trauma-Informed Practice
- Empowerment and Advocacy

CCFF will ensure that all counties in Kentucky are able to access these services.



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OBJECTIVES MET

845 KENTUCKIANS
EXPOSED TO
POSITIVE
FATHERHOOD
ENGAGEMENT

5TH FATHERHOOD SUMMIT



74 COMMUNITY
PARTNERS



345 DADS EXPOSED
TO POSITIVE
FATHERHOOD
ENGAGEMENT

COMMUNITY REACH

**KENTUCKIANS
OVER 1000 TRAINED IN
POSITIVE
FATHERHOOD
ENGAGEMENT**

6TH

FATHERHOOD SUMMIT



**74 COMMUNITY
PARTNERS**



**54 COUNTIES
IMPACTED BY
CCFF PROGRAMS**

HIGHLIGHTS OF THE WORK

TOTAL NUMBER
OF FAMILIES
IMPACTED

9,890

35

TOTAL NUMBER
OF WORKSHOPS
AND TRAININGS
OFFERED

3,500

PRISONS AND
RE-ENTRY
INMATES
REACHED

400

VOLUNTEER
HOURS IN THE
COMMUNITY

40

NUMBER OF
COMMUNITY
OUTREACH
EVENTS HELD
AND ATTENDED

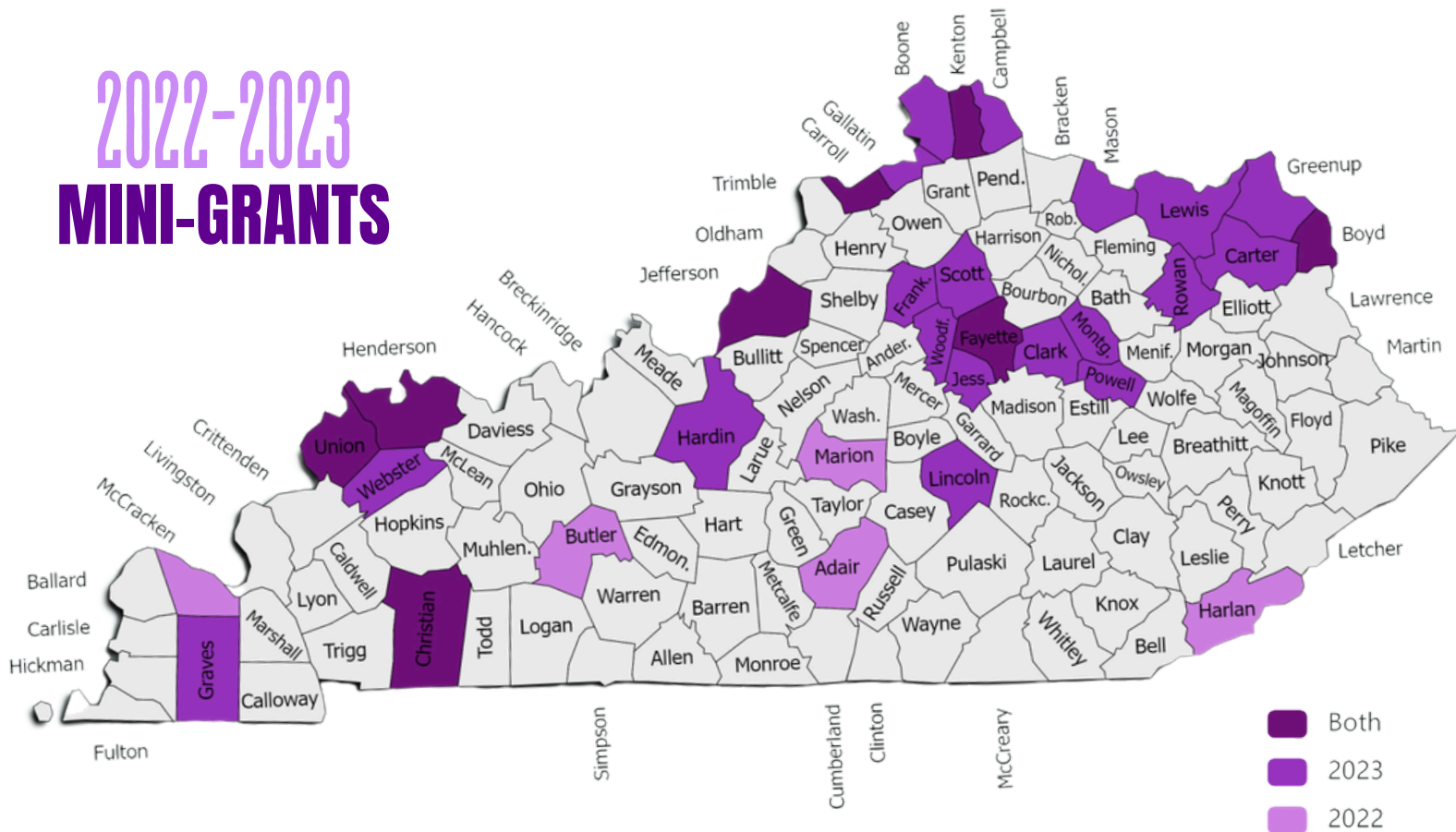
MINI-GRANTS 2023

Children with involved fathers are significantly more likely to do well in school, have healthy self-esteem, exhibit empathy and pro-social behavior, avoid high-risk behaviors, and demonstrate many other attributes of well-being. The Commonwealth Center for Fathers and Families (CCFF) seeks partners across the state to raise the visibility of the importance of fatherhood, to create father-friendly environments, and to increase services and resources to fathers in order to improve child outcomes and enhance families and communities.

CCFF desires to build a strong statewide network by offering grants to establish or expand projects or services; to increase programming capacity; and to inform advocacy work that will address responsible fatherhood, economic stability (employment), co-parenting and healthy relationships. Together we can encourage fathers and create pathways for them to become involved in their children's lives economically and emotionally.

A total of 15 requests from 13 counties were received, with a total request of \$112,930. Of these, 13 were funded, and a total of \$72,000 was invested in direct support of organizations working with fathers and families across the state. Our aim is to identify these projects as potential ambassadors or "drum majors" for fatherhood programming in their respective areas. In turn, CCFF will reinforce and support these efforts, with the hope of eventually establishing regional hubs or outpost.

2022-2023 MINI-GRANTS



COMMUNITY PROJECTS



**FATHERHOOD
ENGAGEMENT
MINI-GRANT**



FATHERS, FISH, FADES & FREE MINDS

APPROACH:

To offer fathers, father figures, mentors and families a community event that empower fathers by building their self-esteem and encouraging them seek out resources to help navigate and strengthen their mental and physical health and improve their fathering skills over a tasty fish fry, a fresh cut/fade, and a fun calming physical activity (i.e., yoga).

GRANTEE

Fayette County
Cooperative Extension
Office

64

Total Number of
Attendees

16

Partners in
Attendance

25

Total Number of
Fathers Engaged



FISHING WITH FAMILIES/FATHER DAUGHTER DANCE

APPROACH:

To promote the engagement of fathers with their children outside of sports and academics. Mayfield's Family Resource and Youth Services Center (FRYSC) hosted several events across the Fall semester to promote father and male guardian engagement with their children/charges.

GRANTEE

Mayfield Youth
Services Center

201

Total Number of
Attendees

12

Partners in
Attendance

153

Total Number of
Fathers Engaged



THE ALL-PRO DAD EXPERIENCE

APPROACH:

The All-Pro Dad organization from Carroll County hosted two over-the-summer events to help build continuity with their fathers who would normally only meet during the school year. CCFF grant funding paid for the dads to attend a Cincinnati Reds game and take a trip to the Cincinnati Zoo. CCFF grant funding supported the purchase of tickets for participants. Other partner organizations provided transportation for the men and their families to and from the respective venues.

COUNTIES SERVED

**HENDERSON
COUNTY**

GRANTEE

First Baptist Church
of Carrollton

93

Total Number of
Attendees

3

Partners in
Attendance

40

Total Number of
Fathers Engaged

COUNTIES SERVED

**CARROLL
COUNTY**



DUNKIN WITH DADS

APPROACH:

The approach to this grantee event involved partnering with two youth centers on opposite sides of town to get members of the two communities interacting across racial and social barriers. AKZ hosted the event in the economically stressed area of town and leverage the support of this grant and strong community involvement from all involved planners and participants to execute a father-child basketball camp.

GRANTEE

Audubon Kid Zone-
Henderson PD

119

Total Number of
Attendees

5

Partners in
Attendance

53

Total Number of
Fathers Engaged



MENTAL HEALTH FOR DADS

APPROACH:

Sowing Seeds with Faith has held a father-centric mental health information fair for five straight years now in a cigar bar in Jefferson County. CCFF funds were NOT used to purchase alcohol or tobacco—those products were donated by partner organizations. SSF has used this event to educate fathers about their mental health needs and also to provide venues to pursue mental health services to those fathers with immediate needs. Last year, 8 fathers participated in counselling after attending this event for 10 months (last known update).

GRANTEE

Sowing Seeds
with Faith

94

Total Number of
Attendees

1

Partners in
Attendance

81

Total Number of
Fathers Engaged

COUNTIES SERVED

JEFFERSON
COUNTY



BARRIERS, BONDS, AND NEW BEGINNINGS

APPROACH:

CAC-Lexington overcame significant challenges including bad weather during their initial event and the death of the project lead during the period of performance of this grant. They were still able to present this opportunity and identify seven candidates for felony record expungement. CAC-Lex used a new partner (Appal-Red Legal Aid), and will be able to use this new connection in two neighboring counties for future events (Clark and Jackson counties).

COUNTIES SERVED

POWELL COUNTY

GRANTEE

Community Action
Council – Lexington

5

Total Number of
Attendees

3

Partners in
Attendance

7

Total Number of
Fathers Engaged



FINANCIAL EMPOWERMENT FOR FATHERS

APPROACH:

Create a culture of savings and fiscal responsibility by educating fathers and children on the basics of managing personal finances. The program managers strategically targeted fathers with teenage children so that they could include family members in the training and cover multiple generations with the information.

COUNTIES SERVED

HENDERSON
COUNTY

GRANTEE

Northern Kentucky
Community Action
Council

7

Total Number of
Attendees

2

Partners in
Attendance

7

Total Number of
Fathers Engaged

KENTON COUNTY
GALLATIN COUNTY

COUNTIES SERVED

CAMPBELL COUNTY
BOONE COUNTY



FAMILY FEUD NIGHT/RESOURCE FAIR

APPROACH:

Men2Be held their second grant event in two years. This year's event combined an information fair with a Family Feud event for teams of fathers and their children. CCFF was invited to speak about fatherhood during the event, and at a Men2Be function the next morning.

GRANTEE

Men 2 Be

87

Total Number of
Attendees

21

Partners in
Attendance

25

Total Number of
Fathers Engaged



BLUEGRASS FATHERHOOD PROGRAM

APPROACH:

The intent of this program was to build a cohort of dads from across the nine-county area served by the BGCAP. They hosted 6 information fairs and advertised the cohort with Head Start centers across their area. They also engaged Head Start mobility coaches to help get the fathers to the cohort meetings and to any other meetings involving BGCAP partners (employment agencies, Goodwill, counsellors, etc.).

COUNTIES SERVED

HARDIN COUNTY

GRANTEE

Bluegrass Community
Action Partnership

13

Total Number of
Attendees

2

Partners in
Attendance

13

Total Number of
Fathers Engaged

JESSAMINE COUNTY
SCOTT COUNTY
FRANKLIN COUNTY

COUNTIES SERVED

LINCOLN COUNTY
WOODFORD COUNTY
FAYETTE COUNTY



MORAL RECONATION THERAPY PARENTING

APPROACH:

The Hardin Co Men's SAP implemented MRT Parenting to coincide with the SAP programming starting 6/19/2023. 20 men successfully completed the course, which taught them about goal-setting, being a role model, identifying values, setting boundaries/discipline, bonding, parenting approaches, and addressing problem behaviors with children. The intent of the program was to enhance the parenting training aspect of MRT for fathers in the program.

GRANTEE

Communicare

20

Total Number of
Attendees

N/A

Partners in
Attendance

20

Total Number of
Fathers Engaged



FATHERHOOD IN RECOVERY

APPROACH:

RRC recruited fathers from recovery centers and re-entry across seven counties to participate in 24/7 Dad cohorts to enhance their fatherhood skills, increase their awareness of the impact engaged fathers on their children and families, and enhance their motivation to succeed in recovery

ROWAN COUNTY
CARTER COUNTY
CLARK COUNTY
GREENUP COUNTY

COUNTIES SERVED

MASON COUNTY
POWELL COUNTY
MONTGOMERY COUNTY
LEWIS COUNTY

GRANTEE

Recovery Rowan
County (RRC)

27

Total Number of
Attendees

9

Partners in
Attendance

27

Total Number of
Fathers Engaged

ROWAN COUNTY
CARTER COUNTY
CLARK COUNTY
GREENUP COUNTY

COUNTIES SERVED

MASON COUNTY
POWELL COUNTY
MONTGOMERY COUNTY
LEWIS COUNTY



FATHERHOOD FIRST

APPROACH:

Pathways recruited 24 dads from incarceration/detention facilities across a 7-county region. They added 5 dads from their partnership with RRC. They delivered the In-and-Out Dad In the long term (beyond the scope of the grant period of performance), Pathways will continue to facilitate delivery of in-and-out dad to fathers in their 21-county sphere of influence. In the future, Pathways would like to partner with CCFF and discuss how to bring fatherhood training to more fathers in recovery and incarceration.

GRANTEE

Communicate

29

Total Number of
Attendees

1

Partners in
Attendance

29

Total Number of
Fathers Engaged

KYDAD ACADEMY

2023

KYDad Academy is a 6 week, 10-module training intensive covering a range of topics such as engagement, communication, advocacy, policy, and capacity building through facilitated instructional sessions from experienced leaders, organizers, and advocates for responsible fatherhood. The objectives for KYDad Academy include training fathers to engage with their children and families, developing a core group of men to be ambassadors for father engagement across the Commonwealth, enhancing knowledge, skills, and understanding of fathers' rights, roles, and responsibilities, equipping fathers with tools to civically engage and work closely with programs and services within their community, and helping to build a network of fathers and fatherhood supporters to help change the narrative for fathers across Kentucky.

2023 PRESENTERS



Tyler Moore, Lt Col USAF, ret., ACPEC
Session 2: "Me"—Self Reflection and Exploration



Armon Perry, Ph.D.
Session 3: "Me The Father" Fathers Impact: Children, Families, Communities



Ebony O'Rea, MSSW
Session 4: "Me The Father & Co-Parent" Insights to Effective and Civil Co-Parenting



Bryan Rone M.D.
Session 5: "My Body, My Mind" Self-Care and Overcoming Trauma & Mental Health



Candace Hargons Ph.D.
Session 5: "My Body, My Mind" Self-Care and Overcoming Trauma & Mental Health



Tommy Green
Session 6: "My Compass"—Belief Systems, Principles, & Spirituality



Michael Jackson,
Session 7: "Me and Money" Economic Stability & Self Sustainability



Bryan Hubbard, Esq.
Session 8: "Myself & Systems" Understanding Policy and Systems



Marcus Jackson
Session 9: "Me Lifting Others" Rights & Self-Advocacy

2023 PARTICIPANTS



TOTAL DADS

13

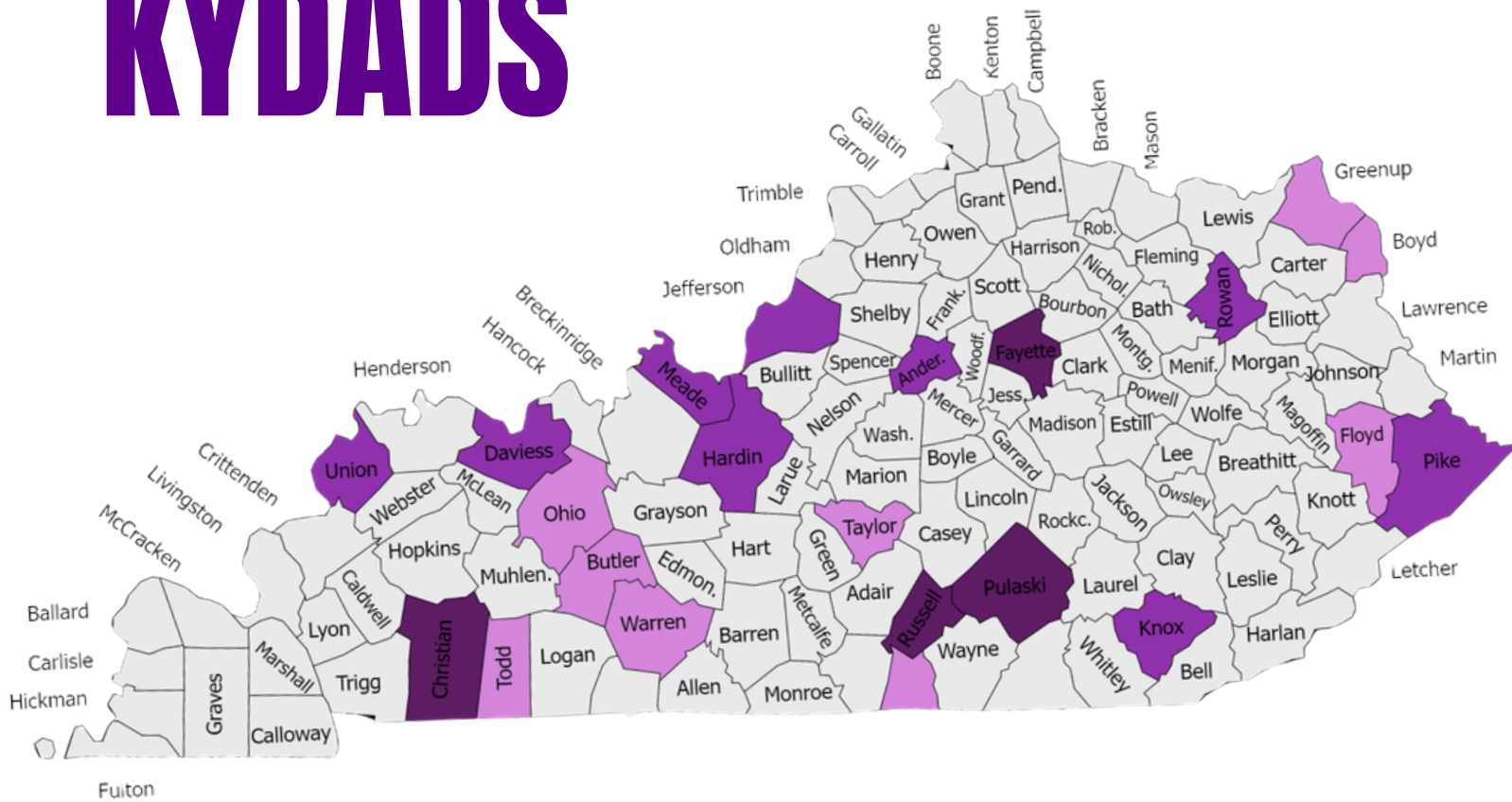
TOTAL COUNTIES

13

KYDADS



2022-2023 KYDADS





2023 KYDaD Luncheon



A MOMENT TO REMEMBER

We were thrilled to honor and congratulate a remarkable group of fathers who have completed our KYDaD Academy and are now stepping into the inspiring role of Fatherhood Ambassadors! These men have shown tremendous dedication and a desire to continuously grow and improve in their role as a father. Your dedication is not only an inspiration to other fathers but a testament to the love and care you have for your families. Thank you to The Map Foundation, The Cabinet for Health and Family Services, and Lexus of Lexington for sponsoring this event and allowing us to secure the space for this occasion.

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TRAINING OF TRAINERS



INTRODUCTIONS

At this time, we will take a moment to allow you to introduce yourself! Tell us:

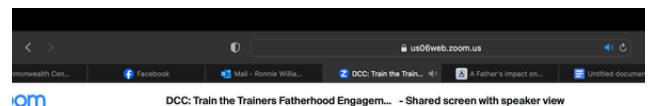
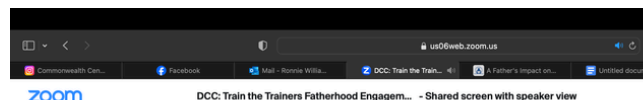
- Your Name
- Company
- Where you are located
- A fun fact about you!

Chat Messages	
CCFF- D. Cozart	30:05
Where is your center?	
Lauren Rachels - DCC/CCA	32:02
We have 2 Kims! and 2 Kimberlys! Haha!	
Lauren Rachels - DCC/CCA	34:11
So fun, Andrea!	
Lauren Rachels - DCC/CCA	39:17
maybe not a fun fact - just a fact. haha!	
Andrea Heil	39:37

THE NITTY GRITTY

CCFF had the incredible opportunity to train the Department of Child Care (DCC) on the importance of fatherhood engagement in early childhood development. This training session brought together passionate individuals in the child care arena. We shared invaluable information to equip DCC with the necessary tools and knowledge to support fathers, make their centers more father-centric, and strengthen family bonds.

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AND FAMILY SERVICES



KENTUCKY OPIOID CONFERENCE

PRESENTED BY THE KENTUCKY OPIOID
ABATEMENT ADVISORY COMMISSION



BOYS OF COLOR SUMMIT

PRESENTED BY FAYETTE COUNTY
PUBLIC SCHOOLS

CCFF presented at the Kentucky opioid conference, which was a profound and eye-opening experience that left a lasting impact. This event brought together professionals from various fields, including doctors, researchers, policymakers, and addiction specialists, all working towards combating the opioid crisis that has plagued our society. CCFF spoke about the critical role fathers play in the lives of children and how their involvement can serve as a protective factor against substance abuse.



The Boys of Color Summit is for grades 6-12 dedicated to inspiring and educating young men of color to become confident, compassionate, and resilient in pursuit of their dreams and reaching their unlimited potential. CCFF was in attendance and co-presented at the event

2023 KENTUCKY CHILD SUPPORT ENFORCEMENT CONFERENCE

PRESENTED BY THE DEPARTMENT FOR
INCOME SUPPORT

CCFF had the privilege of sharing our insights and experiences about the significance of fatherhood at the 2023 Child Support Conference. We discussed the positive impact that involved fathers can have on children's lives and the benefits of strong parental support. It was a powerful moment to encourage others to champion this cause alongside us.

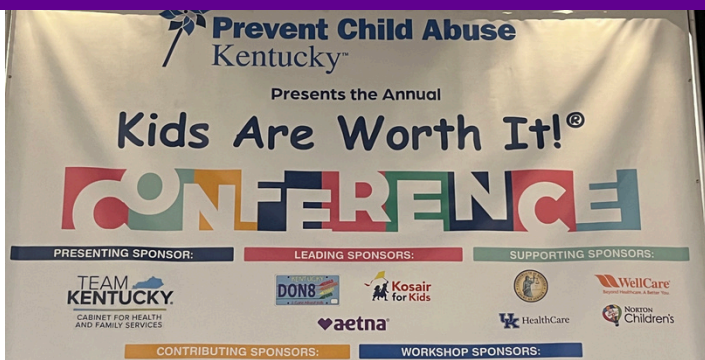
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APHA 2023 ANNUAL MEETING & EXPO

The 2023 APHA Annual Meeting & Expo offered innovative and exciting opportunities to help reach personal and professional goals in the field of public health. CCFF had the pleasure of presenting to many public health professionals and leaders in the field about fatherhood and understanding fathers' barriers to facilitate engagement in their children's lives! This international event boasted more than 16,000 attendees.





The 2023 KAWI conference presented by Prevent Child Abuse Kentucky brought together many professionals, advocates, and community members who are passionate about ensuring the safety and well-being of children. CCFF was a proud sponsor and exhibitor at the conference, the atmosphere was incredibly supportive and inspiring, with everyone sharing a common goal: to protect children from abuse and create a safe environment for them to thrive.

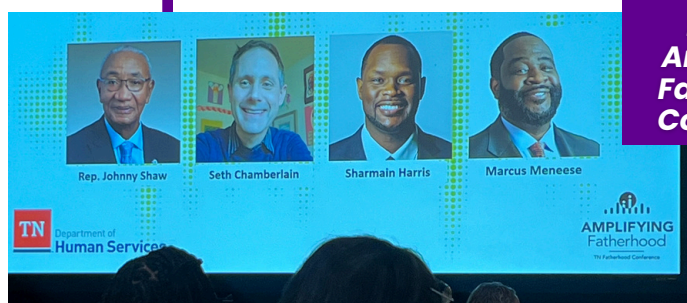
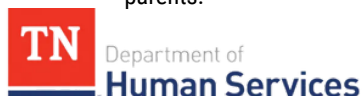


CCC Meeting in Maysville, KY



CCFF had the pleasure of presenting to some amazing family support agencies engaged with the Buffalo Trace Region Community Coalition for Children in Maysville Kentucky. We dove into the facts and benefits of healthy and engaged fatherhood. It was inspiring to see so many dedicated professionals working towards strengthening healthy and stronger family bonds.

The Amplifying Fatherhood conference presented by Tennessee Department of Human Services was incredibly uplifting and an eye-opening experience. This conference focused on highlighting the importance of positive fatherhood and it aimed to empower and uplift fathers in their role as parents.



2023 TN Amplifying Fatherhood Conference

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Community Education & Engagement Cont.

- KY: Child Abuse and Neglect Prevention Board
- Save the Children: Workshop
- Common Spirit Grant Applicant
- Transformational Collaboration
- TFSC- Thriving Families Conference- Tempe, AZ
- LGE/KU Grant Applicant
- Rowan County (Gateway Region) CCC Presentation

REGISTERED ATTENDEES

253

STATES REPRESENTED

8

CORRECTIONAL WATCH PARTIES

5

COMMUNITY PARTNERS

141



2023

Kentucky Fatherhood Summit



We couldn't be more grateful for the incredible turnout and support at the 2023 Kentucky Fatherhood Summit! Your presence and contributions made this event a tremendous success, and we want to express our utmost appreciation.

To all the attendees who joined us from near and far, thank you for your eagerness to learn, connect, and embrace the importance of fatherhood. Your passion and dedication truly inspire us, and we hope the Summit exceeded your expectations!

A special shoutout to CHFS-DIS and our amazing sponsors (Gateway CAC, Prevent Child Abuse Kentucky, and Aetna) who made this event possible. Your generosity and belief in our mission have allowed us to create an empowering platform for fathers, families, and communities. Without your support, none of this would have been possible.

We would also like to extend our heartfelt gratitude to our incredible speakers, panelists, and workshop facilitators. Your expertise, insights, and shared experiences provided invaluable knowledge and guidance to all attendees. Thank you for being the driving force behind this transformative event!

Lastly, we want to acknowledge our hardworking team and volunteers who worked tirelessly to make the Kentucky Fatherhood Summit a seamless and memorable experience. Your dedication and commitment to creating a positive impact in the lives of fathers and families is truly commendable.



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Kentucky Fatherhood Summit



FINANCIALS

2023

\$195,893

Salaries/Payroll Expenses

\$39,486

KYDaD & Programming

\$72,000

Mini-Grants

\$125,697

Mini-Grants Cumulative Total

\$1,808

Conference & Professional Development

\$133,978

Fatherhood Summit

\$31,276

Contractual & Professional Services

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