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New grant to assist fathers in six counties

Father-centered, free, and available to all fathers, the Fatherhood Connections program aims to help men develop healthy, lasting relationships with their children and give them the tools to maintain those relationships.

All fathers in the Hancock, Wood, Sandusky, Ottawa, and Seneca counties are eligible for this program, which was funded recently by the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services, Administration for Children with families. However, priority will be given to those fathers who have been or are eligible for assistance through the Temporary Assistance to Need Families (TANF) program.

Fatherhood Connections will provide services such as job development, financial education, life skills and other basic and occupational skills, economic stability training, and domestic violence education. The program will also refer those who may need other services provided by local organizations.

Fathers from all walks of life – custodial and non-custodial, stepfathers, fathers-to-be and others – regardless of economic status can participate in the program. These men will be provided the tools to ensure that they establish strong bonds with their children while improving their parenting skills and getting tools to become more economically stable.

To learn how you can participate in this program, call the phone number closest to you:

- Hancock and Wood Counties, Joel Burg at 419-422-3679 Ext. 1444 or 419-353-7407, or email him at jeburg@wsos.org
- Sandusky, Ottawa & Seneca counties, George Dupey, 419-334-3332 or 1-800-775-9767, or email him at grdupey@wsos.org.