Montgomery County Department of Job & Family Services

Fatherhood Initiative
Improving Outcomes for Children

The Goals of the MCDJFS Fatherhood Initiative:

• Support men to help provide for their children by offering Employment Training and assistance.
• Equip men to be positive, fully engaged dads by offering regular Nurturing Fathers for Life (NFL) classes.
• Empower men to bring about positive change for their families and neighborhoods by offering monthly Dads Clubs.
• Eliminate misconceptions about Child Support and Children’s Services while connecting men to supportive services through Father Support Clinics.

Sample Topics of NFL Classes

• The roots of fathering
• The power to meet my own needs
• The power to nurture
• Overcoming barriers to nurturing
• Discipline and fun & games
• Fathering sons, fathering daughters
• Nurturing relationships and teamwork
• Healing the father wound

Benefits of NFL Classes

• Food: free meal and snacks provided
• Fun: engaging multi-media curriculum
• Fellowship: develop a support network with other fathers in the community
• Fresh ideas: learn new ideas for guiding your children to a positive future story

The Presenter for NFL Classes

Eli Williams, President of Urban Light Ministries, Inc. is an experienced trainer on men’s topics, including fatherhood, personal growth, and relationship classes.

See reverse side for a schedule of MCDJFS Fatherhood Programs. All programs will be held at the Job Center, Suite 338, 1111 S. Edwin C. Moses Blvd., Dayton, OH.
Employment Training

Participants will attend a 4-module employment training held on four consecutive Thursdays from 10:00 am to 2:00 pm. Lunch and snacks will be provided.

**Topics Include:**
- Job search and retention skills
- Resume development
- Interviews and impression management
- Surviving the probationary period

**Dates:**
March 25-April 15, 2010 (Thursdays) and August 5-September 2, 2010 (Thursdays)

Nurturing Fathers for Life (NFL)

NFL is a 13-week, 39-hour program. Participants will meet once a week from 9:00 am until 12:00 pm. Lunch and snacks will be provided.

**Topics Include:**
- The power to meet my own needs
- The power to nurture sons/daughters
- Healing the father wound

**Dates:**
March 16-June 8, 2010 (Tuesdays)
April 22-July 15, 2010 (Thursdays)
August 3-October 26, 2010 (Tuesdays)
September 16-November 9, 2010 (Thursdays)

Father Support Clinics

Participants will attend monthly meetings where Child Support and Children’s Services staff will be available to answer questions about their respective program in order to help eliminate misconceptions and aid fathers in accessing supportive services.

**Topics Include:**
- Visitation (father time) rights
- Navigating the Child Support system
- Fulfilling your Children’s Services case plan

**Dates:** (2010)
March 16, April 20, May 18, June 15, July 20, August 17, September 21, October 19, November 16, December 21

Dads Clubs

Participants will attend monthly meetings with other fathers who are interested in enhancing the quality of life for their families and their neighborhoods.

**Topics Include:**
- Father-child bonding activities
- Social support for fathers
- Leadership training and personal growth

**Dates:**
To be announced, based on feedback from the NFL class.