

Father Talks

fathers connecting with their children



Summit County Fatherhood Initiative

April 3, 2017

Fathers' Day Family Fun

You can participate regardless of your fitness level. Father & Family 5K Run/1K Walk. Father's Day, Sunday, June 18, 2017. Hosted by Williams Challenge/Man2Man, an SCFI founding partner. Starts at 7:00 AM, so you'll still have plenty of time for your other Father's Day activities.

[More information, and register:](#)



"I Want To Go To Your Next Set of (Fatherhood) Classes"

"I want to go to your next set of classes."

"I'll miss our group."

"Can we have a follow-up get together?"

"I learned things that are helping me with my teenage grandson" (from a retired grandfather raising his grandson).

There's no better way than these participant quotes to describe the fantastic job done by Paul Mungo, James Jones and Mike Miller as they graduated their first fatherhood class in Barberton. Paul, James and Mike are volunteers at the Barberton Community Pregnancy Center. They were recently trained as fatherhood class facilitators by Frank Williams, founder of Man2Man, a Summit County Fatherhood Initiative founding partner. Paul, James, and Mike just finished facilitating their first class as newly trained facilitators for "The 7 Habits of a 24/7 Dad"; and these participant-dads want more!

Collaboration works! Many people and organizations collaborated to make this fatherhood class (and future fatherhood classes) possible in Barberton. They include: Barberton Community Pregnancy Center, Barberton Superintendent of Schools, Grace Church of Barberton, AMHA, Head Start, Man2Man, and the Summit County Fatherhood Initiative.

Congratulations to Paul, James, and Mike!!

Dads Are Important!

"Children whose fathers are stable and involved are better off on almost every cognitive, social and emotional scale developed by researchers". *Ryan Sanders – National Fatherhood Initiative.* (NFI's course material is in use in more than 6,300 organizations worldwide. It is used by the Summit County Fatherhood Initiative and the Barberton Community Pregnancy Center.)

Father Talks is a publication of the Summit County Fatherhood Initiative. It focuses on fatherhood client stories, and other items related to fatherhood. SCFI is a collaborative, community initiative dedicated to helping men increase their fathering skills through programming, education and individualized services. SCFI was founded by three, prominent Summit County fatherhood service providers - Pastor Eugene Norris of Fame Fathers, Don Lykes of Fathers and Sons of Northeast Ohio, and Frank Williams of Man2Man. SCFI is supported by Akron Community Foundation, GAR Foundation, United Way of Summit County, and the County of Summit - Department of Job & Family Services. Comments or questions about this publication, or about SCFI's programming and services, can be sent to Bill Macchione, william.macchione@jfs.ohio.gov

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