

Miami County Foundation

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Grant Application Form

Submission deadline: last day of February and August
See additional information on page 1 before completing the application

Name of organization **Miami County Family Services Inc.**

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City/State/Zip **Troy, OH 45373**

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Internal Revenue Service status 501(c)(3) or equivalent? Yes **X** No___ Federal ID# **31-0000000**

Organization’s objective and history (briefly stated including major activities and length of time in business)
Public Health serving Miami County for over 50 years

Purpose for grant (for additional space attach a separate page)

To purchase materials needed for our new "24/7 Dad" program. The curriculum for the program consists of 12 two-hour sessions that can be implemented in a group setting, or in a one-on-one home-based program. And, both programs include a session for fathers and mothers to come together and discuss what the dads have learned. "24/7 Dad" focuses on key fathering characteristics -like masculinity, discipline, and work/ family balance - and helps men evaluate their own parenting skills, as well as their fathering role models. (See attachment for further details)

Area(s) of Miami County served by project **the entire Miami County area**

Number of Miami County residents affected by project_____

Amount requested **\$950.00** (rounded to nearest dollar) Total project budget **\$2,095.00**

Other sources contacted for support of this project and amounts National Fatherhood Initiative and in-kind services from Miami County Family Services

Organization’s history with the Miami County Foundation:

First Grant Request? ___Yes **X** No Date of Last Request 8/2010 Date Last Grant Awarded **11/2009**

THE FOLLOWING SIGNATURES ARE REQUIRED:

I certify the information is accurate to the best of my knowledge and 5 sets of this application along with the documents listed below have been included.

CEO/Director/Teacher Amy Smith Signature *Amy Smith* Date **1-18-2011**

President/Chair/Principal Lori Miller Signature *Lori Miller* Date **1-18-2011**

School superintendent **signature (school application only)**_____ Date_____

Submit 5 sets. Each set must include:

- grant application form (prefer application be typed)
- basic budget statement for the proposed project or purchase
- most recent financial statement
- organization’s annual report or equivalent
- List of Governing Board members
- **Submit 1 copy** of the organization’s letter of determination from the Internal Revenue Service certifying 501(c)(3) status or equivalent.

Purpose for Grant

Our government spends \$100 billion dollars per year to deal with the fallout of absent fathers. While we cannot pass laws to make men good dad, we can provide local programs that specialize in issues for fathers to help them embrace their parental responsibility.

In Miami County, we see young men who are completely overwhelmed by the prospect of being fathers. Much emphasis is placed on a newborn's mother and too little emphases focuses on the father. In our Baby Bucks – Earn While You Learn program, we have welcomed fathers into the program and this has been a good thing for new families. But we find that there is a need for a specific, targeted intervention for dads that provide even more support for dad with kids of all ages.

In 2008, we organized the Miami County Fatherhood Initiative and began implementing new interventions. We held two “showers” for new dads: a workshop where fathers received information from a variety of speakers, enjoyed some skill-building activities, had a nice lunch, and rounded out the day with a certificate of completion and evaluation. This event was geared to supplement their participation in the Baby Bucks Program. We were surprised to learn that the social interaction among the men seemed to give them some real incentive to continue their journey toward becoming real dads, not just fathers.

In 2009 we began to plan a new component to our programming called “24/7 Dad.” The curriculum consists of 12 two-hour sessions that can be implanted in a group setting, or in a one-on-one home-based program. And, both programs include a session for fathers and mothers to come together and discuss what the dads have learned.

24/7 Dad focuses on key fathering characteristics like masculinity, discipline, and work/family balance and helps men evaluate their own parenting skills, as well as their fathering role models. Topics include: family of origin; masculinity; handling and expression of emotions; discipline, rewards and punishment; physical and mental health; growing from boyhood to manhood and what it means to be a man; recognizing and handling anger; improving communication skills; and stress, alcohol and work.

Some dads live away from their kids due to divorce, separation or incarceration. Some dads are away earning a living to support their children's needs or serving in the military. In any case, the need for dads gaining some self-awareness is vital. In addition to the curriculum, our program will provide support with resumes, employment resources, and follow up with our staff social workers. The curriculum also will be available online at our website.

Teen pregnancy is on the rise in Miami County, in part due to lack of program funding. We believe that the Fatherhood Initiative is needed to prepare for the influx of new fathers who are themselves completely unprepared for their new roles as dads. But no matter what the age, men need this kind of support. Society makes it harder for men not to feel that they have to be “tough” all the time: this program will help them get in touch with their kinder, gentler sides, if you will, and allow them to open up with their children and families in healthy ways.

24/7 Dad is a model fatherhood program: it has been experimentally evaluated; it has a sample size for evaluation that exceeds 30 in both the treatment and control group; and demonstrates significant changes in outcomes.

Basic Budget

We received support from the National Fatherhood Initiative, and the Miami County Family Services will provide help as well. We plan to begin with two groups of 10 participants.

We are requesting \$950 from the Miami County Foundation

Two 24/7 Dad kits (contains 20 sets of materials, surveys & evaluations, activities manual, and facilitator's guide	\$ 950.00
In kind funds from NFI and Family Services (in kind includes personnel and event costs)	\$1145.00
Total budget	\$2095.00