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Ohio's CLFC Master Trainers Speak Out

As mentioned in the Spring CLFC Newsletter, over the last 24 months, the Resilient Futures Network (RFN) implemented a statewide rollout of the *CLFC Curriculum Series* across Ohio in the Children of Incarcerated Parents Project. Under the direction of Ohio Mental Health and Addiction Services (OhioMHAS) and working together with the statewide Urban Minority Alcohol Drug Outreach Program (UMADAOP) Federation, RFN conducted CLFC Implementation and Certification Trainings in 6 host cities across Ohio (Toledo, Cincinnati, Mansfield, Akron, Cleveland and Cincinnati). Everyone who attended the trainings in Ohio demonstrated impressive personal motivation, teamwork and a prowess for accelerated skills acquisition. Preliminary results from these CLFC trainings were highly positive:

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To bring the impact of the statewide rollout in Ohio to life, COPES Board Member Donatus Weobong drove to Mansfield Ohio to film several new CLFC Master Trainers who had volunteered to talk on

camera about their experiences with the CLFC program. We have provided a video link below so you can see for yourself why we have been so excited about this wonderful project:



<https://youtu.be/YNaM-lhGVPw>

While filming the interviews, one man asked Don if he would just let the camera roll as he shared his own story about his personal journey with the Creating Lasting Family Connections Program. Click on the link below to hear Eddie's inspiring story:



<https://www.dropbox.com/Eddie>

Upcoming CLFC Trainings

As you may know, we have trained and certified CLFC Trainers in our [*Original Creating Lasting Family Connections \(CLFC\) Program*](#) in all 50 states, all U.S. Territories and six other countries. Further, we have trained professionals across the state of Ohio in our [*CLFC Fatherhood Program*](#). Professionals in Ohio, Texas and California have already been trained in the [*CLFC Marriage Enhancement Program*](#).

We are excited to announce upcoming CLFC Implementation Trainings in Houston, Tx and the Bay area of California. In addition, Ted N. Strader, the CLFC Curriculum Series Developer, is conducting a facilitation skills training using his *Secrets to Successful CLFC Facilitation* book in Toledo, Ohio with Avis Files and The Brothers United Program.

If you are interested in discussing the *CLFC Curriculum Series*, or any type of CLFC certification or training, please contact The National CLFC Training Director, Teresa Boyd Strader, at (502) 897-1111 or by email at teresastraderrfn@gmail.com

CLFC Trainers Serve Youth in Louisville Youth Detention Center

Since the beginning of 2018, certified CLFC trainers at COPES Inc. have conducted ongoing Creating Lasting Family Connections Program cohorts as part of the Enhancing Community Connections (ECC) Project with youth housed in the Louisville Metro Youth Detention Services (LMYDS). Response from both youth participating in CLFC programming and youth workers at LMYDS has been highly positive. In fact, response has been so positive that two professionals from partner agencies have volunteered to participate in CLFC programs in LMYDS to learn the CLFC Program and key facilitation skills to share with other youth in the community with the aim of possibly developing an ongoing mentorship program. This activity emerged out of our sustainability planning to keep these important CLFC-related prevention services going in our community for many years to come.

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