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The great thing in the world is not so much where we stand,  
it is in which direction we are moving.

**Oliver Wendell Holmes**

## *Cincinnati's Beech Acres Parenting Center Receives CLFC Fatherhood Program Implementation Training*



For eight inspiring days divided between the end of 2014 and the beginning of 2015, twenty individuals associated with The Beech Acres Parenting Center received the *CLFC Fatherhood Program Implementation Training* in Cincinnati, Ohio. The Beech Acres Parenting Center is a multi-site organization with 4 locations strategically positioned in and around Cincinnati for easy accessibility by local families. Their four locations include: Anderson Township, Glenmore, Lebanon and Hamilton.

Beech Acres Parenting Center enjoys a long and noble history of caring for Greater Cincinnati's children. For more than 160 years, this southwest Ohio not-for-profit organization has provided help and hope for many thousands of children, parents, and families. Over the years, the purpose of Beech Acres has remained the same; to help children grow to become caring, capable, contributing, and connected adults.

Founded in 1849, the organization has evolved through three periods of its history: the Orphan Home, Social Services, and Parenting Center eras. Throughout Beech Acres' history, it has remained focused on the needs of children, evolving as society and family needs changed. Each shift has required bold vision, courage, significant community support, and perseverance.

Today, The Beech Acres Parenting Center provides a holistic array of programming and services for Cincinnati families. Services include parenting classes and support, behavioral health services (mental health and counseling), marriage enhancement and professional training for conflict mediation. In 2014, *Enquire Media* recognized The Beech Acres Parenting Center as one of the top 100 places to work in Greater Cincinnati.

We are excited about an implementation that is scheduled to begin this month.

This edition of the CLFC Newsletter is dedicated to the memory of Allen Clay, Sr. who spent countless hours supporting Beech Acres' mission in serving parents and families!

## ***CLFC National Training Director in Puerto Rico***



In 2012, CLFC National Training Director, Teresa B. Strader, traveled to San Juan, Puerto Rico to facilitate a CLFC Program Implementation Training with staff from two agencies, Iniciativa Comunitaria and Hogares Teresa Toda. In December, Teresa returned to Puerto Rico to train 12 staff from those same two agencies in the *Original CLFC Program* for adults and youth. Teresa conducted both a CLFC Implementation Training and also a CLFC Master Trainer Training over a two-week period in Canovanas, Puerto Rico. Primarily facilitated in Spanish, the training was supported by Carlos Torrado, who translated and co-trained with Teresa as part of his Master Trainer Training. Ruth Cruz from Hogares Teresa Toda expressed great enthusiasm for her second time through the CLFC Implementation Training.



**CLFC Master Training Trainees Practice Getting Real**



**Puerto Rican style meals were served as part of the training and cultural experience.**

## **National Criminal Justice Association (NCJA) Highlights CLFC Fatherhood Program**

The National Criminal Justice Association (NCJA) recently published an article highlighting the *CLFC Fatherhood Program* in their national online newsletter called the *NCJA Bulletin*. The first paragraph of the article reads:

### **Reentry, Fatherhood, and Successful Outcomes: COPES Fatherhood Program**

Ninety-two percent of federal and state prisoners have children, and of these more than half, have children under the age of 18. With so many incarcerated fathers who will eventually return to the community, there is an obvious need to not only focus on employment and housing, but also fatherhood and family reintegration. Compelling research indicates that effective reentry programs for men are critical to reducing recidivism, strengthening family connections and promoting social and economic well-being. One such program is the Creating Lasting Family Connections Fatherhood Program (Fatherhood Program), which works to address the needs of fathers, men in father like roles, and men who are planning to become fathers who will reintegrate with

their families following release. Developed by The Council on Prevention and Education Substances, Inc. (COPES), the initiative provides a \$41 return on investment for every taxpayer dollar spent by the program.

To read the full article, please click the following link: [NCJA Highlights CLFC Fatherhood Program](#)

## **CLFC Close Out Sale – New Editions Coming Soon!**

We are excited to announce a close out sale on the current edition of select CLFC trainer manuals and participant notebooks. New editions are coming soon, so the old editions must go! If you are interested in ordering available current editions at reduced prices, please contact Teresa Boyd Strader by phone at 502-583-6820 or by email at [teresastraderrfn@gmail.com](mailto:teresastraderrfn@gmail.com). Contact us now while supplies last!

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