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Master Trainers Trained in Ohio's Statewide Roll Out of Creating Lasting Family Connections



Names (Left to Right) Oliver Reed, Larry Muhammad, Ted N. Strader, Artise Anderson, Mary Williams, Fred Ward, Ashia Bruton, James Brown, Teresa Boyd Strader, John Edwards, Jr., Eddie Slade, Seti Richardson, Roberto Colon

Over the last 24 months, the Resilient Futures Network (RFN) implemented a statewide rollout of the *CLFC Curriculum Series* across Ohio. 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 several CLFC Implementation and Certification Trainings in 6 host cities across Ohio. From these trainings, 96 trainees received certification as CLFC Implementation trainers. A select few certified CLFC Implementation Trainers were also invited to participate in CLFC Master Trainer Training. In April, RFN completed this exciting phase of the rollout, conducting a CLFC Master Trainer Training in Mansfield, Ohio. Currently, 10 CLFC Master Trainers are now able to train and certify CLFC Implementation Trainers within their own system of care in Ohio. Two more are slated to complete CLFC Master Trainer Training this summer. These CLFC Master Trainers empower OhioMHAS and the UMADAOP Federation with a foundation for sustaining CLFC Programming for years to come.

In the coming weeks we hope to produce and release videos of some interesting interviews we captured with a few of these newly certified CLFC Master Trainers.

If you are interested in more details about this Ohio roll-out or discussing the possibility of a statewide roll-out in your state, please contact RFN National Training Director, Teresa Boyd Strader, by phone at (502) 897-1111 or by email at teresastraderrfn@gmail.com.

NEW GRANT OPPORTUNITIES

Over the last 40 years, the *CLFC Curriculum Series* has helped to bring in hundreds of millions of dollars of grant funding to agencies, coalitions and states across the country. In an effort to serve and support our growing CLFC Family, we want to share recently released funding opportunity announcements (FOAs) so that we might be able to team up to help you secure funds for needed services in your community. Now that we just finished with a very successful statewide roll-out of the CLFC Fatherhood Program in

Ohio, we are looking for partners to apply for these and other grants to demonstrate effectiveness, and to help communities increase health, connection and resilience in these troubling times.

As you may know, RFN offers limited grant-related consultation services for individuals, agencies, coalitions, cities and states when applying for grants using our CLFC Programs. We can also help applicants build relationships with a national evaluation team that has helped us conduct sophisticated research that has resulted in the publication of multiple articles in peer-reviewed journals. Here are a few opportunities for which you may want to apply:

- [Second Chance Act Addressing the Needs of Incarcerated Parents With Minor Children \(OJJDP\)](#). Applications due: 5/22/2018

This program will promote and expand services in detention and correctional facilities to incarcerated individuals who have children younger than age 18. This program will provide states and localities with funding to implement positive family engagement strategies and activities that address the needs of incarcerated parents with minor children.

- [Research and Evaluation on Promising Reentry Initiatives](#). Applications due: 8/6/2018

The U.S. Department of Justice (DOJ), Office of Justice Programs (OJP), National Institute of Justice (NIJ) is seeking applications for funding for randomized controlled trial (RCT) evaluations of promising reentry initiatives. This program furthers the Department's mission by supporting research to reduce violent crime and protect public safety personnel.

- The Office of Adolescent Health released funding opportunities for teen pregnancy prevention and relationship skills education.
 - The [Tier 1](#) opportunity will award \$61M to 270 applicants for *Replicating Programs –Effective in the Promotion of Healthy Adolescence and the Reduction of Teenage Pregnancy and Associated Risk Behaviors*.
 - The [Tier 2](#) opportunity offers \$22M to 75 applicants for deeper evaluations in *New and Innovative Strategies to Prevent Teenage Pregnancy and Promote Healthy Adolescence*.

As you consider these grant opportunities, please note that our website, www.copes.org, provides an extensive array of information that has proven useful for others applying for grant funding. If interested, please also see the following related materials for help in completing a strong, successful application:

- [The Original Creating Lasting Family Connections \(CLFC\) Program listing on the National Registry of Evidence-Based Programs and Practices \(NREPP\).](#)
- [The Creating Lasting Family Connections Fatherhood Program: Family Reintegration \(CLFCFP\) listing on the National Registry of Evidence-Based Programs and Practices \(NREPP\).](#)

For more information on how we can help you apply for these and any other funding opportunities, please contact RFN National Training Director, Teresa Boyd Strader, by phone at (502) 897-1111 or by email at teresastraderrfn@gmail.com.

ANNOUNCEMENT:

All 3 CLFC Programs Selected for Inclusion in the Encyclopedia of Couple and Family Therapy!

In 2017, the Encyclopedia of Couple and Family Therapy invited us to write a chapter on each of our three programs in the Creating Lasting Family Connections® (CLFC) Curriculum Series for publication in their newest edition. After a rapid round of drafts, edits and submissions, all three CLFC Programs were listed as therapies in the Encyclopedia of Couple and Family Therapy. This publication marks a new and proud milestone for the CLFC Series, which is now recognized across multiple fields from prevention to treatment and now to therapeutic intervention.

Please visit the following links to read the complete listings in the Encyclopedia of Couple and Family Therapy:

<http://copes.org/wp-content/uploads/2018/03/CLFC-Article-in-Encyclopedia-of-Couple-and-Family-Therapy.pdf>

<http://copes.org/wp-content/uploads/2018/03/CLFCMEP-Article-in-Encyclopedia-of-Couple-and-Family-Therapy.pdf>

<http://copes.org/wp-content/uploads/2018/03/CLFCFP-Article-in-Encyclopedia-of-Couple-and-Family-Therapy.pdf>

Government Freeze on NREPP

Results in Lost Reviews

At the end of 2017, the federal government placed a “freeze” on uploading newly reviewed programs to SAMHSA’s National Registry of Evidence-based Programs and Practices (NREPP). While SAMHSA continued to update the NREPP site, this “freeze” prevented approximately 80 new reviews completed by the Development Services Group (DSG) from being uploaded to NREPP. One of these “lost” reviews was our very own *Creating Lasting Family Connections Fatherhood Program: Family Reintegration (CLFCFP)*.

Please see the review of the *Creating Lasting Family Connections Fatherhood Program: Family Reintegration (CLFCFP)* conducted by the Development Services Group for NREPP that along with over 80 others was somehow never uploaded to the NREPP Site: <http://copes.org/wp-content/uploads/2018/02/CLFCFP-Program-Profile-for-SAMHSA-FINAL.pdf> .

CLFC Program Developer Ted N. Strader is leading an effort to consult with a number of other program developers whose reviews have been “lost” in an effort to make these available to the public. Stay tuned, more on this in the next newsletter!

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