



IFCI Community of Learners Newsletter

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Why are Community of Learners important?

Community of Learners are culturally sensitive, and carefully designed for community members to gather together to learn how to better serve and better equip families with the tools they need to build resiliency in their respective practice setting.

US & WE: IFCI's Community of Learners

OhioGuidestone's Institute of Family and Community Impact believes that we will achieve equity for families through an US & WE approach. This is why we offer Community of Learners sessions for professionals in fields that work closely with families.

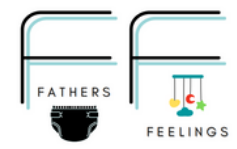
Communities of Learners are open to those who want to deepen their understanding and use of IFCI innovations after completing basic training sessions. We stand firm on principles of experiential learning, and also know that we, too, expand our own learning listening to participating practitioners and families.

Our Communities of Learners also offer professional development certificates, and prepare participants to become trainers and coaches of our innovations, too!

Interested in expanding your engagement with families and fathers? Or becoming a coach? Maybe you're interested in a little bit of both? Read more below and contact us at research@ohioguidestone.org or 440-260-8865.

Father's Feelings Community of Learners

- Offers a more in-depth look at serving fathers in real-world practices
- Offered to a wide range of practitioners who work with fathers during the perinatal period- from the time they are expecting a baby until the child's first birthday.
- Participants will learn how to engage fathers in child and family matters, link them to services and provide father-specific support.



Joyful Together Community of Learners

- Takes family practitioners on a deeper dive to fully understand and implement Joyful Together into their family serving practices.
- Helps families infuse their daily routines with joyful play alongside of lessons and objectives of routine programming, prevent ACEs, improve parent-child relationships, and boost play for healthy development
- Community of Learners program graduates will earn a certificate as Joyful Together coaches for parents and families to directly tackle early childhood exposure to toxic stress to toxic stress and trauma through love, care and play.

MARCH READING CORNER & COMMUNITY RESOURCES



Reading "Key Concept: Learning Communities" (Center on the Developing Child Harvard University)

This article from Harvard's Center on the Developing Child explores learning communities and the space and structure they provide for people who align around a shared goal. Learning communities connect people, organizations, and systems that are eager to learn and work together.

Community Resource: LGBT Community Center

The LGBT Community Center of Greater Cleveland serves to enrich the lives of the diverse LGBTQ+ community through advocacy, support, education, and celebration. The center offers various programs for LGBTQ+ community members ranging from youth to older adults.



Community Resource: Equality Ohio



Equality Ohio identifies and transforms systems and institutions so LGBTQ+ Ohioans can fully access legal and lived equality. Equality Ohio works in communities across the state to ensure that local laws reflect and protect LGBTQ+ residents.

COMMUNITY RESOURCE: OHIOGUIDESTONE

OhioGuidestone provides the following services AND more:

- Early Childhood Mental Health Services
- Youth Mental Health Services
- Adult Mental Health Services
- Family Support
- Care Coordination
- Substance Abuse Services
- Job Training
- Telehealth
- Innovation

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WHAT'S NEXT AND FEEDBACK



Monthly Newsletter

The Institute of Family and Community Impact will be releasing **monthly and quarterly newsletters** like this one to communicate our projects, innovations, and other happenings while **strengthening our relationship** with the community in an **accessible** manner. These newsletters will aid in our **ongoing communication** with the community and **strengthen** our bond as we seek to **serve, advocate and partner** with you.

Feedback

Thank you for reading our first Quarterly Newsletter from the Institute of Family and Community Impact! This was our **first series release**, and we would love to hear from **YOU**—the reader! What would you like to see? If you are reading this as a participant in our **research** and you would like to be featured in an **upcoming Monthly or Quarterly newsletter** to share your story, please email us at Research@ohioguidestone.org.

The Institute of Family and Community Impact, an OhioGuidestone initiative believes in building strengths in individuals and communities by addressing the barriers individuals, families and communities face. We do research, while offering trainings, developing innovations, advocating for trauma-informed policies, translating science, and publishing products! We work with communities whose voices have been historically silenced by forced marginalization. To support our vision of building resilient communities, follow the steps to donate below! Continue reading our monthly and quarterly newsletters to see the impact of your donation!

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