

Early Childhood Safety Initiative (ECSI) Newsletter

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OUR PARTNERSHIP WITH OCTF

- OCTF partners with us on the Early Childhood Safety Initiative. An initiative committed to increasing early childhood safety by providing parents and caregivers with the tools they need.
- With the partnership and funding of OCTF, the Institute was able to establish our evidence-based programs, protocol, and approaches to research!
- OCTF funds our Community of Learners and Joyful Together Study.



Ohio Children's Trust Fund
Ohio's Prevent Child Abuse America Chapter

It's **BABY SAFETY MONTH!** Learn how ECSI keeps babies safe

Picture this: A society where parents and caregivers have the tools they need to raise resilient children with limited adverse childhood experiences and increased benevolent experiences. A society where parents and caregivers are empowered and educated to create both healthy and positive experiences, with their children, that can be passed down to future generations. What if we told you this is possible? Initiatives like the Early Childhood Safety Initiative seek to eradicate the barriers that parents and caregivers face while providing them with tools for success.

What have we been able to offer? Breaking down our ECSI safety kits!

Baby is Safe with Daddy Kit

Our Baby is Safe with Daddy Kit is designed for dads and their infants & toddlers ages 0-2. The kit serves to ensure environmental safety is well communicated between parents/caregivers of young children! The focus is the importance of communication in co-parenting to prevent infant and young child mortality!

Out & About with Daddy Summer Safety Kit

The Out and About with Daddy Summer Safety Kit is designed for dads and their littles to have a safe summer together spreading joy and having fun! This kit explores the importance of safe play, and environmental safety. It includes things like bug spray, sun screen, swim vests, and more!

Daddy Hair Love Safety Kit

Endocrine disrupting chemicals are often found in our hair products. We provide dads with the resources and education they need to avoid exposing their children to these chemicals to the best of their ability. One way we do this is the Kinky Curly Kids blog, read more below!

Father's Feelings Perinatal Safety Kit

Father's need materials and supplies to provide safe caregiving to their infants! Our Fathers Feelings Perinatal Safety Kit affirms the importance of dad's presence and provides dad with additional tools to foster a positive father-child relationship.

About our Kinky Curly Kids blog one of our ECSI innovations:

Our Kinky Curly Kids Hair Blog will help families limit childhood exposure to neuroendocrine disrupting chemicals in skin and haircare products. Our initiative will also help counter harmful experiences that can be tied to maintaining and caring for kinky and curly hair. This blog will be a safe space to learn about proper care, maintenance, and affirmation of young (newborn to 8 years old) Black children's hair.



FAMILIES SERVED THROUGH ECSI FY 22-23

Have you ever heard of protective factors? Protective factors help build resiliency in families. Resiliency helps prevent adverse childhood experiences, abuse, and neglect as children grow up! Our Early Childhood Safety Initiative utilizes the Protective Factors Survey (the PFS) to look at five protective factors. These protective factors are: parental resilience, social connections, knowledge of parenting and child development, concrete support in times of need, and social and emotional competence of children. By providing families with the tools they need for increasing family resiliency and benevolent childhood experiences, ECSI met it's goal in serving the beautiful families in our communities. Check out the numbers and testimonies from our FY 22-23 results below.

TOTAL FAMILIES SERVED BY OUR EARLY CHILDHOOD SAFETY INITIATIVE FY 22-23

134

BREAKDOWN OF KITS FAMILIES RECEIVED FY 22-23



Daddy Hair Love

28



Baby Safety & Mini Baby Safety

75



Summer Safety

22



Father's Feelings Perinatal Safety Kit (\$400 worth of baby safety items)

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TESTIMONY FROM ANASTASIA PHILLIPS, HELP ME GROW HOME VISITING PROFESSIONAL

“I think it was a great idea and was able to help many families by offering them! There were a lot of things in there that some families would not have been able to provide for their babies due to not having the funds to purchase by themselves. One family said the locks for the door really helped because she had an older child (5 years old) who knew how to unlock her front door and run, so even though the new baby would not need the locks for the door immediately, she was able to use them now for the 5-year-old. Another family was unable to afford a baby monitor and that was provided for them. They all commented and loved the fancy diaper bag. These kits made a huge difference for the population of our clients. Thank you!”

SEPTEMBER READING CORNER & COMMUNITY RESOURCES

Conversation discussing Toxic Black Hair Products – 15-minute Podcast Episode



This quick blog post explores the importance of our Kinky Curly Kids initiative while highlighting a 15-minute podcast episode on toxic chemical exposure starting in early childhood from beauty products primarily advertised to Black people in the U.S. from Dr. Tamara James-Todd, an epidemiologist at Harvard T.H. Chan School of Public Health! Listen to the podcast by [clicking here!](#) Click the title above this text box to read our blog post.

Toxic Chemicals in Black Hair Products



This Kinky Curly Kids blog post explores the harmful chemicals called neuroendocrine disruptors that can be found in hair products. This blog post includes an infographic exploring the 6 most commonly found chemicals in toxic hair products! Click the title above this text box to read our KCK blog post.

Community Resource: Ohio Commission on Fatherhood

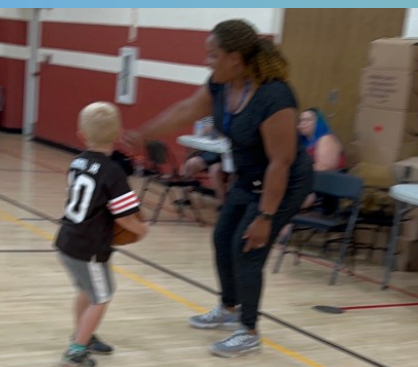
The Ohio Commission on Fatherhood enhances the well-being and success of Ohio's Children through fostering a positive father-child relationship. The Ohio Commission on Fatherhood identifies and promotes strategies to develop and strengthen families and healthy relationships between Ohio fathers and their children. Click the link in the title above this text box to learn more about the Ohio Commission on Fatherhood!



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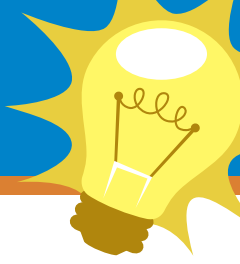
ICYMI: Daddy & ME Day Event

At our Daddy & Me Day 2023 event dads got to shoot some hoops, hang with their kiddos, and most of all they got to show up and be themselves! 32 dads showed up to our Basketball Skills Camp. Dads got to hear from Commissioner James Jackson of the Ohio Commission of Fatherhood and got to spend time with their little ones shooting hoops, running defensive drills and being in community with one another.



Ohio | Commission on Fatherhood

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.

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To provide pathways for growth, achievement and lifelong success.

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