Children Need Their Fathers

Children in a two-parent, or single-parent home with an actively involved noncustodial father, have a significantly greater chance of becoming happy, productive citizens in their community.

Our Mission

The Stark County Fatherhood Coalition empowers fathers to take a positive role in their child's life, sponsor activities that strengthen families, and educate the community.

Join us!

We invite Stark County fathers, just like you, to participate in our family friendly activities with your child(ren). Throughout the year, the coalition hosts several free events at venues such as the Pro Football Hall of Fame, Akron Zoo, and Canton Museum of Art.

Contact Information

For more information about the coalition:
Call: 330-451-8477
Email: Stark-Fatherhood_Coalition@jfs.ohio.gov.

To stay up to date on our activities, follow us on Facebook at www.Facebook.com/StarkCountyFatherhoodCoalition

Stark County Job & Family Services

Division of Human Services
221 3rd St. SE, Canton, OH 44702
Cash, food, & medical assistance applications
Customer service: 1-844-640-OHIO (6446)
Child Care: 330-452-4661

Division of Children Services
402 2nd St. SE, Canton, OH 44702
Report child abuse and neglect: 330-455-KIDS
Foster care and adoption: 330-451-8789

Division of Child Support
221 3rd St. SE, Canton, OH 44702
Customer service: 330-451-8930
Payment information: JFS.ohio.gov/ocs

Executive Offices
221 3rd St. SE, Canton, OH 44702
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Visit our website at
StarkCountyJFS.gov

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Our Core Values

We envision a community where all fathers are able to take an active role in their child's lives, and where the essential role of father is understood and respected.

The organization believes the following core values:

- When fatherhood and parenting are strengthened, the community is strengthened.
- A loving and present father is important in the healthy development of a child.
- Children have a natural right to the consistent nurturing and guidance of both parents.
- Children benefit the most when both parents work together in a positive and collaborative manner.
- Ideally, fathers and mothers should have equal rights and responsibilities.
- It is important to recognize cultural differences regarding family structure and family formation.
- In order for the Coalition to achieve its mission, we must work in partnership with families, individuals, schools, nonprofits, public agencies, policy makers, the private sector, employers, funders and the faith based community.

Annual Events Hosted by the Stark County Fatherhood Coalition

National Reading Day

National Reading Day, also referred to as Read Across America Day, is held in March on or near the birthdate of children's author, Dr. Seuss. The day is celebrated to encourage children to read.

Each year, members of the coalition volunteer to read to elementary school students in the Alliance, Canton, and Massillon districts. The coalition historically has an average of 50 volunteers read to 100+ classrooms.

Winter Event at Pro Football Hall of Fame

Fathers and their children are invited each year to join the coalition for a winter retreat at the Pro Football Hall of Fame. Activities include games, prizes movie screenings, and educational presentations. Participants typically receive a free catered lunch and may enjoy a tour of the Hall of Fame after the retreat.

Fishing Rodeo

Calling all fisherman! The annual Fishing Rodeo takes place every summer and invites fathers to take their children fishing. Children between the ages of 4 and 17 may participate in the rodeo. Fishing is open to children only until 12 p.m. After that time, fathers are welcome to join in the fun.

Fathers Walk Your Child to School Day

Fathers Walk Your Child to School Day takes place in September and encourages fathers and other significant male caregivers to show support for their child's education by walking or driving them to school.

Representatives from the coalition are on-hand to greet participants and distribute giveaways at schools in the Canton, Massillon, Plain, and Alliance districts. The event draws between 4,000 to 5,000 participants each year, including fathers and students.