

Optional Letters of Support For Reference & Demonstrating Community Engagement (beyond the 30 page limit)

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July 25, 2012

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Dear Mr. Langrock and OCSE Grants Committee,

Please accept this letter of support for the Fairfield County Child Support Enforcement Agency's proposal to plan, pilot and evaluate strategies to establish parenting time orders (PTOs) at the same time as initial child support orders. Showing tremendous leadership and skill with community engagement, the Fairfield CSEA has assembled a broad coalition of partners from across Ohio for their proposal, including CSEAs representing metropolitan, urban, and rural counties. While the issues are complex, there will be good outcomes when people come together with a shared vision of safe, strong families.

By implementing the pilot project known as PTOC¹², the coalition will identify best practices across the state and define what changes are needed to increase PTOs for children. Questions about the establishment of PTOs are common in Ohio, and we are eager for the project to increase opportunities.

In summary, I pledge my support for the Fairfield County CSEA's proposal for the PTOC12 project. The children and families involved will benefit from the collaborative efforts. Thank you for your time and effort in evaluating the proposal. I look forward to hearing about the response from the grants committee. Should you need additional information, please feel free to contact Adam Rapien in my District Office at 614-771-4968, or by email at adam.rapien@mail.house.gov.

Respectfully

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August 3, 2012

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RE: HHS-2012-ACF-OCSE-FI-0298

Parenting Time Opportunities for Children in Child Support

Dear Mr. Langrock and OCSE Grants Committee:

Please accept this letter of support for PTOC¹² – Ohio's coalition of at least 12 founding agencies and stakeholders. Franklin County is a partner in this application which has Fairfield County as the lead agency. All participating counties are dedicated to increasing safe parenting time opportunities for children. The proposed collaboration of counties, both urban and rural, will plan, pilot and evaluate strategies to establish parenting time orders (PTOs) at the same time as initial child support orders. Deeply connected to a non-custodial parent's ability to help their children thrive, both emotionally and financially, is the opportunity for parenting time or visitation. It follows the evidence that increasing parenting time opportunities for children will result in improved outcomes for children.

The Franklin County Child Support Enforcement Agency has joined with Fairfield County to assemble this broad coalition of partners from across Ohio for this proposal. Franklin County CSEA has also coordinated the support of many community partners from the central Ohio area to provide parenting and visitation services for all of the participating counties. By implementing the pilot project known as PTOC¹², the collation will identify best practices across the state and define what changes are needed to increase PTOs for children.

Because of the range of experiences across our state, the lessons learned with PTOC¹² will have relevance for a multitude of agencies and stakeholders as more counties and states seek to establish PTOs along with child support orders. The Board of County Commissioners is currently engaged in an initiative called "Investing in our Next Generation", and we see this special improvement project as a natural extension of the engagement in the community to make sure that families have what they need to be strong and safe. We look forward to implementing PTOC¹² together! Children and families will benefit from our collective efforts.

Sincerely,

Commissioner Paula Brooks

President



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Dear Mr. Langrock and OCSE Grants Committee:

Please accept this letter of support for PTOC¹² – Ohio's coalition of at least 12 founding agencies and stakeholder perspectives, led by Fairfield County, dedicated to The proposed statewide increasing safe parenting time opportunities for children. collaboration of counties, both urban and rural, as well as a broad spectrum of other stakeholders in Ohio will plan, pilot and evaluate strategies to establish parenting time orders (PTOs) at the same time as initial child support orders. There is power in improving the lives of children. Franklin County Family and Children First Council fully supports this project and will continue offer services consistent with our agency's statutory mandate to Franklin County residents who participate in the project. The Family and Children First Council will continue to collaborate with area agencies serving central Ohio families and would be happy to serve on focus groups and planning committees as the partnership is further developed.

Using the unique position of county child support agencies and its long term relationships with parents, the program proposes to provide standard visitation orders at the time child support is established. Children and families, as well as the society at large, will benefit.

Thank you for your thoughtful consideration of PTOC12 and its answer to your call to provide opportunities to strengthen parent child relationships. I have observed the energy and enthusiasm of the leadership in the collaboration, and I believe that if the grant is awarded this project will offer important information to shape national practices in the future. I look forward to hearing about your review of the proposal, and I look forward to the implementation of PTOC12 in my community.

Sincerely, Jane Chy de

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Through a spirit of community cooperation, the mission of Fairfield County Job and Family Services is to provide services that encourage productivity, develop compentencies, ensure accountability, and promote self-reliance, family stability, and child safety.

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Dear Mr. Langrock and OCSE Grants Committee:

On behalf of Fairfield County Child Protective Services, I am excited to offer our support of the Fairfield County Child Support Enforcement Agency's proposal to plan, pilot and evaluate strategies to establish parenting time orders (PTOs) at the same time as initial child support orders. By supporting the pilot project known as PTOC¹², this expansive collation will identify best practices across the state and define what changes are needed to increase PTOs for children.

With 88 counties in Ohio and diversity in the approaches to establish PTOs, Ohio may serve as a microcosm of the diversity of approaches nationally. Because of the range of experiences across our state, the lessons learned with PTOC¹² will have relevance for a multitude of agencies and stakeholders as more counties and states seek to establish PTOs along with child support orders. For these reasons, the project is uniquely situated to make good use of the Parenting Time Opportunities for Children in Child Support grant.

Fairfield County Child Protective Services has a strong history in serving as a leader in the state of Ohio for grants and pilot projects that promote positive outcomes for children and families. Our agency's success in these efforts has only been made possible through solid working partnerships like the one we share with Fairfield County Child Support Enforcement Agency. Therefore, we stand ready to actively participate in this coalition in order to not only promote the project, but to improve the lives of children and their families. Thank you for your review of the project proposal. We look forward to implementing PTOC¹² together! Children and families will benefit from our collective efforts.

Sincerely,

Rich Bowlen

Director/

Fairfield County Child Protective Services



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Dear Mr. Langrock and OCSE Grants Committee:

On behalf of Fairfield County Re-Entry Coalition, I enthusiastically offer our support of the Fairfield County Child Support Enforcement Agency's proposal to plan, pilot and evaluate strategies to establish parenting time orders (PTOs) at the same time as initial child support orders. Fairfield CSEA has assembled a broad coalition of partners from across Ohio for their proposal, including CSEAs representing urban and rural counties. By implementing the pilot project known as PTOC¹², the collation will identify best practices across the state and define what changes are needed to increase PTOs for children. Questions about the establishment of PTOs are common in Ohio, and we are eager for the project to increase opportunities.

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The mission of the Fairfield County Re-Entry Coalition is to create a safer community and productive citizens. We believe that an important component of being productive citizens is to actively participate in the parenting of your children. **PTOC**¹² will go a long way toward encouraging and facilitating that participation. Our coalition stands ready to actively promote the project. Thank you for your review of the project proposal.

Sincerely,

Nida Reid-Williamson

Coordinator

Fairfield County Re-Entry Coalition



FAIRFIELD COUNTY FAMILY, ADULT AND CHILDREN FIRST COUNCIL

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Fairfield County Family, Adult and Children First Council (FACFC) is committed to improving the well- being of children and families in Fairfield County. As such, we recognize the importance of both parents taking an active role in raising their children and believe that **PTOC**¹² will make great strides by promoting and facilitating parenting time in Fairfield County. Fairfield Co. FACFC stands ready to actively promote the project. Thank you for your review of the project proposal.

Sincerely,

Becky Edwards
Executive Director

Fairfield County Family, Adult and Children First Council

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July 26, 2012

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Dear Mr. Langrock and OCSE Grants Committee:

On behalf of Fairfield County Metropolitan Housing, I enthusiastically offer our support of the Fairfield County Child Support Enforcement Agency's proposal to plan, pilot and evaluate strategies to establish parenting time orders (PTOs) at the same time as initial child support orders. Fairfield CSEA has assembled a broad coalition of partners from across Ohio for their proposal, including CSEAs representing urban and rural counties. By implementing the pilot project known as PTOC¹², the collation will identify best practices across the state and define what changes are needed to increase PTOs for children. Questions about the establishment of PTOs are common in Ohio, and we are eager for the project to increase opportunities.

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Fairfield County Metropolitan Housing is dedicated to serving the needs of low and moderate income families and as such, we are acutely aware of the developmental benefits children in these families receive when both parents are actively involved in their lives. Thank you for your review of the project proposal.

Sincerely,

Susan Secoy Deputy Director

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Dear Mr. Langrock and OCSE Grants Committee:

Please accept this letter of support for the Fairfield County Child Support Enforcement Agency's proposal to plan, pilot and evaluate strategies to establish parenting time orders (PTOs) at the same time as initial child support orders. As a local business owner and as a collaborative partner with the community's efforts to provide education and outreach to teens about the realities of parenthood, I am deeply aware of the community's need for improved opportunities for children to connect with their parents in healthy ways.

I highly support the initiative known as $PTOC^{12}$, and I will serve, make referrals and share program information with parents. I will also serve on focus groups and committees in connection with this effort, just as I have done in the past with the Fatherhood Initiative in Fairfield County.

Thank you for your thoughtful consideration of **PTOC**¹². I look forward to hearing more about this project in the near future.

Sincerely.

Angela Harris

TeenWorks Executive Director

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Dear Mr. Langrock and OCSE Grants Committee:

Please accept this letter of support for PTOC12 - Ohio's coalition of at least 12 founding agencies and stakeholder perspectives, led by Fairfield County, dedicated to increasing safe parenting time opportunities for children. proposed statewide collaboration of counties, both urban and rural, as well as a broad spectrum of other stakeholders in Ohio will plan, pilot and evaluate strategies to establish parenting time orders (PTOs) at the same time as initial child support orders. There is power in improving the lives of children. Action for Children fully supports this project and will offer participation in our Father Factor program (provided in both English and Spanish) to Franklin County residents who participate in the project. In addition, Action for Children has parenting education classes with the goal of improving healthy family relationships, and we will continue to participate in these efforts, as well as serve on focus groups and planning committees as the partnership is further developed.

Using the unique position of county child support agencies and its long term relationships with parents, the program proposes to provide standard visitation orders at the time child support is established. Children and families, as well as the society at large, will benefit.

Thank you for your thoughtful consideration of PTOC¹² and its answer to your call to provide opportunities to strengthen parent child relationships. I have observed the energy and enthusiasm of the leadership in the collaboration, and I believe that if the grant is awarded this project will offer important information to shape national practices in the future. I look forward to hearing about your review of the proposal, and I look forward to the implementation of PTOC12 in my community.

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Sincerely

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Dear Ms. Antelo and OCSE Grants Committee:

Please accept this letter of support for the State of Ohio's proposal for a Visitation Order Establishment Strategic Improvement Project. During these times of an uncertain and challenging economy, the need to develop and implement programs that allow non-custodial parents to become fully engaged in their child's life as part of the child support system is apparent. The proposed statewide collaboration in Ohio meets this need. The Buckeye Ranch supports the Visitation Order Establishment Project and will offer safe child exchange and supervised visitation to Franklin County residents who participate in the project. In addition, The Buckeye Ranch has a teen program with the goal of improving healthy family relationships, and we will continue to participate in these efforts, as well as serve on focus groups and planning committees as the partnership is further developed.

Using the unique position of county child support agencies and its long term relationships with parents, the program proposes to provide standard visitation orders at the time child support is established. Children and families, as well as the society at large, will benefit.

Thank you for your thoughtful consideration of the Visitation Order Establishment Project and its answer to your call to provide critical child access to parents. I have observed the energy and enthusiasm of the leadership in the collaboration, and I believe that if the grant is awarded this project will offer important information to shape national practices in the future. I look forward to hearing about your review of the proposal, and I look forward to the implementation of the Visitation Order Establishment Project in my community.

Sincerely,

D. Nicholas Rees
President and CEO







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Organizations Unified for Resources

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RE: HHS-2012-ACF-OCSE-FI-0298
Parenting Time Opportunities for Children in Child Support

Dear Mr. Langrock and OCSE Grants Committee:

As a Mercer County Ohio recipient of the Access and Visitation grant through the OCSE, I hope that you will consider the Fairfield County Child Support Enforcement Agency's proposal in which they will implement and evaluate parenting time orders in this new grant opportunity. **PTOC 12** is the name for this project.

Through our RAFT Program at OUR Home Family Resource Center, I have seen the results for families as both father and mother try to work together for their children. These results include emotional bonding, finances, time, and increased school involvement to name just a few.

As an A & V recipient, our program will be available to assist Fairfield County in this new project. I hope this will just be the beginning of great parenting time opportunities for families in our State and eventually for the whole country.

Sincerely

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Dear Mr. Langrock and OSCE Grants Committee:

On behalf of the Center for Fatherhood and Family Dynamics (CFFD, I enthusiastically offer our support of the Fairfield County Child Support Enforcement Agency's proposal to plan, pilot and evaluate strategies to establish parenting time orders (PTOs) at the same time as initial child support orders. Fairfield CSEA has assembled a broad coalition of partners from across Ohio for their proposal, including CSEAs representing urban and rural counties. By implementing the pilot project known as PTOC, the coalition will identify best practices across the state and define what changes are needed to increase PTOs for children. Questions about the establishment of PTOs are far too common in Ohio, and we are eager for the project to increase opportunities.

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The Center for Fatherhood and Family Dynamics stands ready to actively participate in the coalition, to lead subgroups, to use our infrastructure and networks to promote the project, and to help implement the actionable guidance derived from the project. Thank you for your review of the project proposal. We look forward to implementing PTOC together. Children and families will benefit from outr collective efforts.

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Dear Mr. Langrock and OCSE Grants Committee:

On behalf of the Passages Connecting Fathers and Families, I enthusiastically offer our support of the Fairfield County Child Support Enforcement Agency's proposal to plan, pilot and evaluate strategies to establish parenting time orders (PTOs) at the same time as initial child support orders. Fairfield CSEA has assembled a broad coalition of partners from across Ohio for their proposal, including CSEAs representing urban and rural counties. By implementing the pilot project known as **PTOC**¹², the collation will identify best practices across the state and define what changes are needed to increase PTOs for children. Questions about the establishment of PTOs are common in Ohio, and we are eager for the project to increase opportunities.

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Dr. Brian A. Moore President and CEO



EDWARD FITZGERALD Cuyahoga County Executive

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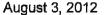
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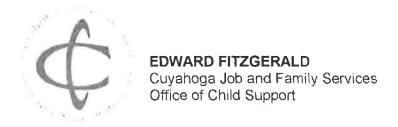
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The Cuyahoga County Department of Justice Services, Office of Mediation stands ready to actively participate in the coalition. The use of trained parenting professionals will insure the families would benefit from making educated concise parenting plans that minimizes conflict. It is evidence based that children having the opportunity to be raised by both parents increases the level of education, lifestyles improve and probability of incarceration decreases. Thank you for your review of the project proposal. We look forward to implementing PTOC¹² together! Children and families will benefit from our collective efforts.

Sincerely.

Susan Organiscak J.D.,

Manager, Office of Mediation



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Please accept this letter of support for the Fairfield County Child Support Enforcement Agency's proposal to plan, pilot and evaluate strategies to establish parenting time orders (PTOs) at the same time as initial child support orders. Showing tremendous leadership and skill with community engagement, the Fairfield CSEA has assembled a broad coalition of partners from across Ohio for their proposal, including CSEAs representing metropolitan, urban, and rural counties. By implementing the pilot project known as PTOC¹², the coalition will identify best practices across the state and define what changes are needed to increase PTOs for children. Questions about the establishment of PTOs are common in Ohio, and we are eager for the project to increase opportunities.

The Cuyahoga Support Enforcement Agency has a strong collaborative relationship with the Fatherhood leadership of agency members of the Healthy Fathering Collaborative. In addition, our agency currently houses and supports the work and efforts of The Cuyahoga County Fatherhood Initiative and the Office of Mediation (Justice Affairs). Our close and successful work together has opened the door to moving families closer together.

Because of the range of experiences across our state, the lessons learned with PTOC¹² will have relevance for a multitude of agencies and stakeholders as more counties and states seek to establish PTOs along with child support orders. The Fairfield Board of County Commissioners has participated in the county Fatherhood Leadership in the Community Initiative in Fairfield

County, and we see this special improvement project as a natural extension of the engagement in the community to make sure that families have what they need to be strong and safe. We look forward to implementing PTOC¹² together! Children and families will benefit from our collective efforts.

Sincerely,

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RE:

HHS-2012-ACF-OCSE-FI-0298

Parenting Time Opportunities for Children in Child Support

Dear Mr. Langrock and OCSE Grants Committee:

On behalf of the Cuyahoga County Office of Reentry, I enthusiastically offer our support of the Fairfield County Child Support Enforcement Agency's proposal to plan, pilot and evaluate strategies to establish parenting time orders (PTOs) at the same time as initial child support orders. Fairfield CSEA has assembled a broad coalition of partners from across Ohio for their proposal, including CSEAs representing urban and rural counties. By implementing the pilot project known as PTOC¹², the collation will identify best practices across the state and define what changes are needed to increase PTOs for children. Questions about the establishment of PTOs are common in Ohio, and we are eager for the project to increase opportunities.

With 88 counties in Ohio and diversity in the approaches to establish PTOs, Ohio may serve as a microcosm of the diversity of approaches nationally. Because of the range of experiences across our state, the lessons learned with PTOC¹² will have relevance for a multitude of agencies and stakeholders as more counties and states seek to establish PTOs along with child support orders. For these reasons, the project is uniquely situated to make good use of the Parenting Time Opportunities for Children in Child Support grant. Recommendations that emerge from Ohio will inform other states.

The Cuyahoga County Office of Reentry stands ready to actively participate in the coalition, to lead subgroups, to use our infrastructure and networking to promote the project, and to help implement the actionable guidance derived from the project. Thank you for your review of the project proposal. We look forward to implementing PTOC¹² together! Children and families will benefit from our collective efforts.

Sincerely,

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Dear Mr. Langrock and OCSE Grants Committee:

On behalf of the Pickaway County Help Me Grow program, I am pleased to write this letter of support for the Fairfield County Child Support Enforcement Agency Coalition's proposal for **PTOC**¹² funding.

Research has proven that children are more successful when both parents are present in the children's lives. If selected for the grant, the Coalition's partners will be able to spend a year establishing effective and safe parenting time orders (PTO). After determining the appropriate parameters for the most effective way to implement safe PTOs, the procedures will be implemented and the outcomes measured. It is the goal of the coalition that by demonstrating and communicating the successful and safe implementation of the PTOs a change in the law will result that requires states to establish PTOs in all initial child support orders.

The Help Me Grow program of Pickaway County – of which the Pickaway County Educational Service Center is the administrative agent - is willing and prepared to promote the project by providing parenting training and consultation services to parents.

Thank you for your review of the proposal. Funding of the project will benefit the children and families served by the coalition's partners.

Sincerely,

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RE: HHS-2012-ACF-OCSE-FI-0298

Parenting Time Opportunities for Children in the Child Support Program

Dear Mr. Langrock and OCSE Grants Committee:

Please accept this letter of support for the Fairfield County Child Support Enforcement Agency's proposal to implement the pilot project known as **PTOC**¹². Fairfield County Child Support Enforcement Agency has assembled a multi-county collaboration of partners, which includes CSEAs representing urban and rural counties from across Ohio. The Pickaway County Commissioners are excited to see the Pickaway County Child Support Enforcement Agency is part of this pilot project.

With 88 counties in Ohio and diversity in the approaches to establish parenting time orders, Ohio may serve as a representative of the diversity of approaches nationally. Because of the range of experiences across our state, the lessons learned with PTOC¹² will have relevance for a multitude of agencies and stakeholders as more counties and states seek to establish parenting time orders along with child support orders. For these reasons, the project is uniquely situated to make good use of the Parenting Time Opportunities for Children in the Child Support Program grant. Recommendations that emerge from Ohio will inform other states.

The Pickaway County Commissioners recognize the importance of increasing parenting time opportunities for children in Ohio. We support the project known as PTOC¹² and will support the coalition through outreach efforts, education, administrative support and ongoing interaction with stakeholders and parents.

Thank you for your review of the project proposal. We look forward to implementing PTOC¹² together.

Sincerely,

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HHS-2012-ACF-OCSE-FI-0298/Parenting Time Opportunities for Children in Child Support RE:

Dear Mr. Langrock and the OCSE Grants Committee:

Pickaway County Child Support Agency is an active participant in the Special Improvement Project to increase Parenting Time for Children. Pickaway County is part of a coalition that is diverse with multiple county agencies and stakeholders working together for the benefit of children. The proposal benefits from bringing together diverse statewide and county officials to develop processes for other county and state structures so that parenting time orders for children can be established at the same time as initial child support orders broadly throughout the state.

Our approach is sound and appropriate for Ohio's IV-D program structure and process. The process will coordinate state access and visitation programs with multiple access and visitation services available throughout the state. In addition, the approach is fully integrated with family violence safeguards. This project allows the Pickaway County the ability to consistently expand parenting time efforts in our county and in other counties. Pickaway County Child Support Agency is ready to connect its processes with the Pickaway County Juvenile Court to establish parenting time orders. There is extraordinary community engagement surrounding the effort. Pickaway County understands the holistic approach needed to support a family and have active partners supporting the project. We are eager to work with the other members of the collaboration to create process changes for establishment of parenting time orders at the same time as child support orders.

There is power in improving the lives of children. For that reason, the project will be known as Parenting Time Opportunities for Children to the 12th power- PTOC12, Ohio's coalition of at least 12 founding agencies and stakeholders with multiple perspectives dedicated to increasing safe parenting time opportunities for children. We look forward to implementing PTOC12 together.

Sincerely,

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RE:

HHS-2012-ACF-OCSE-FI-0298

Parenting Time Opportunities for Children in Child Support

Dear Mr. Langrock and OCSE Grants Committee:

On behalf of Pickaway County Community Action Org. Inc., I enthusiastically offer our support of the Fairfield County Child Support Enforcement Agency's proposal to plan, pilot and evaluate strategies to establish parenting time orders (PTOs) at the same time as initial child support orders. Fairfield CSEA has assembled a broad coalition of partners from across Ohio for their proposal, including CSEAs representing urban and rural counties. By implementing the pilot project known as PTOC¹², the collation will identify best practices across the state and define what changes are needed to increase PTOs for children. Questions about the establishment of PTOs are common in Ohio, and we are eager for the project to increase opportunities.

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Pickaway County Community Action Org., Inc. stands ready to actively participate in the coalition, to lead subgroups, to use our infrastructure and networking to promote the project, and to help implement the actionable guidance derived from the project. Thank you for your review of the project proposal. We look forward to implementing PTOC¹² together! Children and families will benefit from our collective efforts.

Singerely,

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July 25, 2012

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Re: Parenting Time Opportunities for Children in Child Support

Dear Mr. Langrock:

If for no other reason, common sense would tell us that children flourish when they have strong parental interaction and support in their life, even in situations when the parents do not live together. Laws and courts do their best to protect the rights of separated parents to have access to their child but give little guidance on how to make the child visitation process go smoothly. Obviously, there are reasons the relationship between the adults has ended. It is unreasonable to think that those reasons and hard feelings disappear suddenly to allow for a harmonious and stable relationship that benefits both the child and the parents.

Frequently the staffs of Social Service Agencies find it impossible to simply "do their jobs" without becoming involved in the finer details concerning the lives of their clientele. Even if it were humanly possible to turn your back on the issues that may develop in a parenting and custody situation, the problems would continue to make themselves a part of the job responsibility of the social service agency because the parents have no other avenue to assist with resolution of problems and conflict. Programs such as PTOC will give the staff of the social services agencies the tools to act responsibly when giving guidance, support and training to their clientele.

In our local housing programs, 73% of all applicants have female heads of households. From agency waiting lists, for households of all sizes, 81% of the applicants have incomes that fall below \$15,000 annually. These applications overwhelmingly represent households including

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children. This data makes it clear that low income households have a high percentage of single parent households with no financial ability to seek professional guidance or intervention for the children or the parents. The difference that a strong parental presence would make in the lives of these children cannot be denied, not only from a societal standpoint, but most likely also from an economic standpoint. The motivation to provide financial support to a child will be greater when you have positive involvement in that child's life. If all agencies involved in the child support process can come together to give unified support to households such as those participating in our housing programs, the benefit would be tremendous. This is true not only for the children and parents involved, but also to other Social Service agencies. Our agency has one staff person who spends over 50% of her time handling conflict resolution in our public housing and managed housing programs. These programs represent approximately 110 residences that include children. She works extensively to handle complaints regarding conflicts between neighbors, children and confrontational issues such as those associated with child visitation. I can with great confidence, guarantee that our agency would benefit from improved child visitation and parenting programs offered to our clientele.

We wholeheartedly support funding of a PTOC pilot program that would include Pickaway County, Ohio. We pledge our commitment to working with Pickaway County Jobs & Family Services to use our resources and networking capabilities to promote this program in a positive and effective manner. We would be willing to partner in this program in any way possible so that the clients of our agency gain maximum benefit from the program.

Sincerely,

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RE: HHS-2012-ACF-OCSE-FI-0298

Parenting Time Opportunities for Children in Child Support

Dear Mr. Langrock and OCSE Grants Committee:

As the Director of Haven House of Pickaway County, Inc. I want to offer our support of the Pickaway County Child Support Enforcement Agency's proposal to plan, pilot and evaluate strategies to establish parenting time orders (PTOs) at the same time as initial child support orders. Pickaway CSEA has assembled a broad coalition of partners for their proposal. By implementing the pilot project known as PTOC12, the coalition will identify best practices and define what changes are needed to increase PTOs for children. We are eager for the project to increase opportunities for our area.

Haven House of Pickaway County Inc. will actively participate in the coalition and promote the project, and help to implement the actionable guidance derived from the project. Thank you for your review of the project proposal, and we look forward to working with our county agency in implementing this most worthwhile project:

If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to contact me.

Sincerely

Executive Director

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Re: HHS-2012-ACF-OCSE-FI-0298
Parenting Time Opportunities for Children in Child Support

Dear Mr. Langrock and OCSE Grants Committee:

The Pickaway County Veterans' Service Commission is in full support of the Pickaway County Child Support Enforcement Agency's proposal to plan, pilot and evaluate strategies to establish parenting time orders (PTOs) at the same time as initial child support orders. Pickaway CSEA has assembled a broad coalition of partners from across Ohio for their proposal, including CSEAs representing urban and rural counties. By implementing the pilot project known as PTOC¹², the coalition will identify best practices across the state and define what changes are needed to increase PTOs for children. Questions about the establishment of PTOs are common in Ohio, and we are eager for the project to increase opportunities.

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We understand this funding will be used to assist those from our community who are experiencing issues related to child services and visitation issues for non-custodial parents, which directly impacts our veteran clientele. Our agency stands ready to actively participate in the coalition, to lead subgroups, to use our infrastructure and networking to promote the project, and to help implement the actionable guidance derived from the project.

Pickaway County Veterans' Service Commission will provide supportive services to these veterans as well in the form of Case Management, Financial Assistance and Transportation.

Thank you for your thoughtful consideration of PTOC¹²! We look forward to implementing PTOC¹² together! Children and families will benefit from our collective efforts. We look forward to hearing a response from the grants committee and to working together to serve non-custodial veterans' families in Ohio.

If you need additional information, please do not hesitate to contact me.

Sincerely,

Rebecca J. Lee