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State Representative McClain Appointed to Ohio Commission on Fatherhood

COLUMBUS—State Representative Riordan McClain (R-Upper Sandusky) was recently appointed to the Ohio Commission on Fatherhood by Speaker Larry Householder (R-Glenford).

The Ohio Commission on Fatherhood is a state-wide commission whose mission is to enhance the well-being of Ohio's children by providing opportunities for fathers to become better parents, partners and providers. The commission is part of the Ohio Department of Job and Family Services and seeks to strengthen vulnerable Ohio families by funding community based programs that serve low-income fathers.

"I'm excited to have the opportunity to serve on the Commission on Fatherhood," said Rep. McClain. "As a father to three (soon to be four) amazing children, I'm deeply invested and understanding of the role fathers play in the lives and development of their children. Providing support and guidance to men facing the challenges and joys of being a parent is critical to the success of our society."

OCF-funded programs are intended to aide fathers in improving economic stability, fostering responsible parenting, and promoting healthy relationships with their children. In addition to funding fatherhood programs throughout the state, the Ohio Commission on Fatherhood makes policy recommendations regarding fathers, engages the community and trains county leaders on how to mobilize their community to promote responsible fatherhood.

Representative McClain's appointment to the commission is joined by Representatives J. Todd Smith (R-Germantown), Terrence Upchurch (D-Cleveland), and Glenn Holmes (D-McDonald). Commission meetings are held five times a year, and are open to the public. The 2019 commission meeting dates are as follows: February 14, May 9, July 11, September 12, and November 14.

All commission meetings are from 10 a.m. to 12 p.m. in the Riffe Tower in downtown Columbus. If you would like to attend a commission meeting, please contact Terri Simmons at 614-752-0182.

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