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(Indianapolis, IN, January 3, 2025) – Fathers and Families Center (FFC) has been awarded an \$8 million grant from the Indiana Family Social Service Administration (FSSA) through the Temporary Assistance for Needy Families (TANF) program. The grant is designed to help FFC expand its services to assist fathers outside of Marion County. The goal of the grant is to assist men to become better people, parents, partners, and providers. Through the Strong Fathers Program, men are empowered to explore what it means to be a father, while also gaining the support of other men who are experiencing similar challenges. The program also covers co-parenting, employment, and community service. In addition, participants who wish to increase their income will be offered an opportunity to gain certification in construction, CDL, forklift driving, skilled trades, or other areas of interest.

To bring these services across the State, FFC will partner with co-grantee, Maximus, as well as Dr. Jeffrey M. Johnson of The National Partnership for Community Leadership, Inc. Maximus will deliver programs that are steeped in the national fatherhood demonstration project. The new programs will be offered in Allen, St. Joseph, Vigo, and Wayne counties in Indiana. The curriculum is interactive and hands on. It will have a particular focus on co-parenting agreements. The new programs will begin offering services in early 2025.

Fathers and Families Center is celebrating 32 years of service. Founded by Wishard Health Services, it is now a stand-alone 501(c)(3) Charitable Organization that is a supported organization of Eskenazi Health. FFC has served a total roughly 24,000 men in its three decades of existence. Its mission is to equip fathers and empower families so that children thrive.