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*Prevention, Retention & Contingency Development Reserve
(PRCDR) Summary of Projects*

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Prevention, Retention, and Contingency Development Reserve (PRCDR) Projects for the State of Ohio

Executive Summary

The Prevention, Retention, and Contingency (PRC) program is the cornerstone of Ohio's welfare reform efforts. The local flexibility inherent in this new program encourages counties to develop initiatives that strive to prevent Ohio's working families from seeking public assistance as well as provide the necessary work support services to encourage the formation and maintenance of healthy families. PRC also encompasses projects funded through the PRC Development Reserve (PRCDR) fund that enabled the expansion of PRC services within communities. This report provides brief descriptions of PRCDR projects funded for the time period January 1, 2000 through June 30, 2001 and is accurate as of August 31, 2000. Actual project numbers and expenditures to date may vary due to amendments to PRCDR projects that may have occurred in counties since September 1, 2000.

The wide-ranging diversity among PRCDR projects contained herein illustrates the ingenuity and entrepreneurial spirit with which county agencies approached implementing the PRC program. These project narratives highlight creative opportunities that have been undertaken throughout the State of Ohio to address a broad range of societal issues that impact an individual's ability to achieve and maintain self-sufficiency.

Proposals have been categorized into one of the following ten subject areas: employment and training; diversion, work support, and retention; child welfare and protection; non-custodial parents; pregnancy prevention; domestic violence; emergency, contingency, and disaster services; youth and educational support services (birth to age 18); community and economic development; and early start. A total of \$299.1 million funded 1,207 proposals. The amount of funding allocated to each of the ten categories is presented in the following table.

Category	Funding	Number of Projects	Percent of total funding
Employment and training	\$88.4 million	222 projects	29.6%
Youth educational support services	\$61.3 million	262 projects	20.5%
Diversion, work support, and retention	\$44.4 million	238 projects	14.8%
Child welfare and protection	\$43.9 million	171 projects	14.7%
Community and economic development	\$18.9 million	84 projects	6.3%
Emergency, contingency, and disaster services	\$15.3 million	54 projects	5.1%
Non-custodial parents	\$8.6 million	34 projects	2.9%
Pregnancy prevention	\$7.2 million	48 projects	2.4%
Domestic violence	\$5.6 million	52 projects	1.9%
Early Start	\$5.5 million	42 projects	1.8%
TOTAL	\$299.1 million	1,207 projects	100%

This report summarizes all projects in Category 4 Non-custodial parents. An integral part of moving people out of poverty is providing services to non-custodial parents to help them meet their obligations. To accomplish this, counties are providing both programs for the employment and training of non-custodial parents and also supportive services to help them retain their jobs. For a total compilation of county projects please see *Volume 1 Description of PRCDR Projects by County*.

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<p><i>Allen County</i></p> <p><u>PRCDR Projects</u></p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> Non-Custodial Parent Program Unemployed, non-custodial parents who qualify for OWF and PRC will be assisted in job skills. The agency/organization that receives the contract to provide these services will receive the referral from the CSEA. They will perform an assessment and provide short-term services. If long-term services are needed, a referral will be made.</p>	<p align="center"><u>Total Funding SFY 2000-2001</u></p> <p align="center">\$187,500</p>
<p><i>Ashland County</i></p> <p><u>PRCDR Projects</u></p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> For Children’s Sake: Non-Custodial Parent Program Goodwill Industries of Akron, Inc., offers a range of services for 100 non-custodial parents, including job readiness training, peer support, job development, placement, and follow-up. The goal is to help these individuals achieve long-term, stabilized employment.</p>	<p align="center"><u>Total Funding SFY 2000-2001</u></p> <p align="center">\$52,091</p>
<p><i>Butler County</i></p> <p><u>PRCDR Projects</u></p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> Project Assisted Living The Butler County Alcohol and Drug Addiction Services Board will provide post-treatment drug-free housing, education, and support to 32 adult male county residents who are eligible for PRC assistance and who are the non-custodial parents of a minor child. The men will also work toward mutually agreed-upon goals and objectives with a case coordinator.</p>	<p align="center"><u>Total Funding SFY 2000-2001</u></p> <p align="center">\$502,755</p>
<p><i>Carroll County</i></p> <p><u>PRCDR Projects</u></p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> Community Mental Health - Intervention for Non-Custodial Parents Community Mental Healthcare, Inc., will provide four highly structured twelve-week counseling/educational programs for “difficult non-support cases.” The program is designed to increase the financial responsibility of non-custodial parents by helping them establish an emotional bond with their children.</p>	<p align="center"><u>Total Funding SFY 2000-2001</u></p> <p align="center">\$30,930</p>

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<p><i>Clermont County</i></p> <p><u>PRCDR Projects</u></p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> The Justice Connection: Ex-Offender Program An integrated case management system will target felony non-support, non-custodial parents and incarcerated individuals to focus on family stability and workforce development issues. The comprehensive program will utilize job training and employment counseling services, drug and alcohol assessments, basic education, and child service interventions to increase child support payments and promote family stability in the county.</p>	<p align="center"><u>Total Funding SFY 2000-2001</u></p> <p align="center">\$849,244</p>
<p><i>Columbiana County</i></p> <p><u>PRCDR Projects</u></p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> Columbiana County Career Center Non-Custodial Parent Program The Columbiana County Career Center (CCCC) will assist OWF-eligible parents in meeting child support obligations. Participants will be OWF recipients and non-custodial parents with incomes at or below 200% of the federal poverty threshold and who have child support obligations. CCCC will work with each participant to develop an individualized plan. Participants will have a job coach, and the CCCC will also provide intake services, direct services, and job development services.</p>	<p align="center"><u>Total Funding SFY 2000-2001</u></p> <p align="center">\$178,500</p>
<p><i>Coshocton County</i></p> <p><u>PRCDR Projects</u></p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> Child Support Enforcement Mediation Project A mediation program will be offered to low-income families going through divorce. The mediator will help resolve the conflict within the families and help them seek alternatives to disputes. Negotiations will involve many areas of divorce and post-divorce disputes, along with assistance in paternity and grandparent visitation issues, juvenile delinquency issues, parent and children conflicts, teacher-student conflicts, and employer-employee conflicts.</p>	<p align="center"><u>Total Funding SFY 2000-2001</u></p> <p align="center">\$47,453</p>
<p><i>Cuyahoga County</i></p> <p><u>PRCDR Projects</u></p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> Expansion of Non-Recurrent Services for Non-Custodial Parents The CDJFS will work jointly with the Child Support Enforcement Agency to provide non-recurrent services, job readiness, placement and retention services to the non-custodial parent population. These services will assist them in paying child support to their families and help them to avoid a return to OWF cash assistance.</p>	<p align="center"><u>Total Funding SFY 2000-2001</u></p> <p align="center">\$2,000,000</p>

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<p><i>Defiance County</i></p> <p><u>PRCDR Projects</u></p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> Non-Custodial Parents – Job Search, Job Retention Program This proposal is directed toward non-custodial parents who have problems finding or maintaining a job. The CJFS will work with the target population to assist them in their job search and to coach them after a job is found.</p>	<p align="center"><u>Total Funding SFY 2000-2001</u></p> <p align="center">\$463,209</p>
<p><i>Erie County</i></p> <p><u>PRCDR Projects</u></p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> For Children's Sake – Non-Custodial Parent Employment Retention This program is designed to aid non-custodial parents in maintaining child support payments. This will be done by providing training and services to non-custodial parents who have problems making child support payments due to their inability to maintain employment. The services and training will be provided by Goodwill.</p>	<p align="center"><u>Total Funding SFY 2000-2001</u></p> <p align="center">\$159,135</p>
<p><i>Fairfield County</i></p> <p><u>PRCDR Projects</u></p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> Non-Custodial Parent Job Club This project will give unemployed non-custodial parents the chance to learn valuable job skills and obtain a job. The Job Club will train qualified individuals in areas such as money management, job skills, and self-esteem. Once participants become employed, they will be monitored on their progress and ability to maintain employment.</p>	<p align="center"><u>Total Funding SFY 2000-2001</u></p> <p align="center">\$62,925</p>
<p><i>Franklin County</i></p> <p><u>PRCDR Projects</u></p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> Ohio Central Low-Income Males Employment and Training Collaborative (OLMEC) OLMEC will be established to help African-American non-custodial fathers become employed. Participants will be given a training course for a three-week period (25-35 participants each session) that covers topics such as beliefs, attitudes, confidence, discrimination, personal objectives, parenting, and work ethics. The program will also help the men with job skills and preparation and financial management.</p>	<p align="center"><u>Total Funding SFY 2000-2001</u></p> <p align="center">\$338,862</p>

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<i>Hamilton County</i>	
<u>PRCDR Projects</u>	<u>Total Funding SFY 2000-2001</u>
<p><input type="checkbox"/> Fatherhood Initiative Services United for Mothers & Adolescents, Inc., and Santa Maria Community Services will serve young fathers, 15-26 years of age. Case managers will aid each father in increasing his understanding of self, improving his ability to parent, and developing his financial support capabilities. Additional services include home visits, counseling, and ongoing and after-group support.</p>	\$441,672
<p><input type="checkbox"/> Non-Custodial Teen Parents The Cincinnati Lighthouse Day Treatment Program will provide clinical case management group services to non-custodial fathers who are adjudicated felony youth 15-18 years of age. This program will be a condition of their probation/ parole plans, and it stresses crime-free living, self-sufficiency, and responsible thinking.</p>	\$90,000
<p><input type="checkbox"/> The Manmade Initiative: Assistance to Non-Custodial Fathers The Urban League of Greater Cincinnati will operate a 12-week training course to assist non-custodial fathers in establishing meaningful and effective relationships with their children in OWF and low-income families and to instill the desire to assume financial responsibility for their children's well being. The course includes personal development and technical instruction.</p>	\$308,675
<p><input type="checkbox"/> Residential Assessment & Day Reporting for Males Convicted of Non-Support of Dependent Children Talbert House will offer this program to unemployed males with a history of substance abuse incarcerated for non-support of children. Participants will receive a drug and alcohol assessment, referrals for GED classes and support from the Talbert House Employment Services Center in life skills, parenting, budgeting, anger management, and family services.</p>	\$459,305
<p><input type="checkbox"/> Fatherhood Initiative Accountability and Credibility Together (ACT) will organize this project to focus on bringing about reunification and involvement of fathers in their children's lives and to provide non-custodial fathers with the necessary services and supports they may need to gain employment and support their children. Participants will be eligible for PRC assistance.</p>	\$292,300
<p><input type="checkbox"/> St. Aloysius - Parental Involvement through Mediation St. Aloysius Orphanage will provide mediation of custody and visitation issues to never-married parents in cases where paternity has been established. This will allow the children involved to have the benefit of a two-parent family system even though the two adults do not live together. Prompt visitation orders improve the likelihood of child support being paid on a timely basis.</p>	\$143,500

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<p><i>Holmes County</i></p> <p><u>PRCDR Projects</u></p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> Goodwill Industries - Non-Custodial Parental Employment Program This program is designed to assist low-income, non-custodial parent(s) of the child's other residence in meeting their child support obligations by helping them obtain and sustain employment. It will provide 42 non-custodial parents with intake services, direct services, and job development services. Further, the program will offer one-year of job coaching and an individualized employment plan for each of the participants.</p>	<p align="center"><u>Total Funding SFY 2000-2001</u></p> <p align="center">\$74,952</p>
<p><i>Huron County</i></p> <p><u>PRCDR Projects</u></p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> Fatherhood Initiative CDJFS will contract out an educational program aimed at non-custodial fathers who are not meeting their financial and/or medical child support obligations. This program will enable adult fathers to improve their social functioning and overall quality of life through economic empowerment and enhancement of family structures.</p>	<p align="center"><u>Total Funding SFY 2000-2001</u></p> <p align="center">\$1,089</p>
<p><i>Knox County</i></p> <p><u>PRCDR Projects</u></p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> Knox County CSEA - Parent Support Program This program targets non-custodial parents who have problems making child support payments. Each person will be assessed and an Individual Employability Plan will be developed. This plan will promote skills training, GED course enrollment, and career development.</p>	<p align="center"><u>Total Funding SFY 2000-2001</u></p> <p align="center">\$20,000</p>
<p><i>Lake County</i></p> <p><u>PRCDR Projects</u></p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> Job Training for Unemployed Child Support Payers The Employment and Training Administration will assist low-income and unemployed individuals making child support payments by offering a six-month job-training course. ETA will provide job search assistance, career assessment, case management, work skills training, and basic skills enhancement during the course.</p>	<p align="center"><u>Total Funding SFY 2000-2001</u></p> <p align="center">\$439,080</p>

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<p><i>Licking County</i></p> <p><u>PRCDR Projects</u></p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> Enhanced Seek Work Program This program will benefit non-custodial parents and their children. It is designed to provide information and training services for out-of-work parents. These individuals will be assessed, trained, and assisted with their job search.</p>	<p align="center"><u>Total Funding SFY 2000-2001</u></p> <p align="center">\$121,185</p>
<p><i>Mahoning County</i></p> <p><u>PRCDR Projects</u></p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> Youngstown Area Urban League (Seek Work Outreach Program) This program is directed towards non-custodial parents who need to become employed. CSEA will refer individuals who fail to participate in the Seek Work program. The Urban League will contact individuals by writing or through personal visits in an attempt to get them to participate. They will also be invited to join a group session on parental responsibility.</p>	<p align="center"><u>Total Funding SFY 2000-2001</u></p> <p align="center">\$138,000</p>
<p><i>Medina County</i></p> <p><u>PRCDR Projects</u></p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> Goodwill Industries: Job Readiness/Skill Development Program Goodwill Industries offers to help non-custodial parents become more accountable and responsible to their children by assessing the participant's job readiness, providing any necessary training and support, and helping place these individuals in jobs.</p>	<p align="center"><u>Total Funding SFY 2000-2001</u></p> <p align="center">\$47,402</p>
<p><i>Shelby County</i></p> <p><u>PRCDR Projects</u></p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> Non-Custodial Parent Employment Services The CDJFS will assist all court-ordered, "Seek Work" non-custodial parents to develop an intensive employment plan. The Employment & Family Services Unit will work with participants individually to help them find a job and pay child support.</p>	<p align="center"><u>Total Funding SFY 2000-2001</u></p> <p align="center">\$67,000</p>

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<p><i>Stark County</i></p> <p><u>PRCDR Projects</u></p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> Canton Urban League – Employment & Training Program for Non-Custodial Parents This program is designed for non-custodial parents and will provide training to an estimated 140 adults. The Employment and Training Program provides non-custodial parents with a thorough job readiness program. The individuals will be trained in job preparation, parental support, and computer skills for 20 hours a week through mentoring and support services.</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> SCCAA Fatherhood Restoration The Stark County Community Action Agency will help non-custodial fathers with this program. Eligible participants will be low-income fathers who have problems making child support payments. The program will consist of case management, weekly meetings for follow-up, a basic skills employment program, fatherhood restoration training (the role and purpose of male involvement), and violence remediation.</p>	<p align="center"><u>Total Funding SFY 2000-2001</u></p> <p align="right">\$110,200</p> <p align="right">\$80,000</p>
<p><i>Trumbull County</i></p> <p><u>PRCDR Projects</u></p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> Non-Custodial Parent Program This program will expand current services that are provided under PRC. To receive these services, non-custodial parents must be employed and paying child support, or be actively involved in a program that prepares them for employment such as Urban League, OBES, or the Job Opportunity Center.</p>	<p align="center"><u>Total Funding SFY 2000-2001</u></p> <p align="right">\$500,000</p>
<p><i>Tuscarawas County</i></p> <p><u>PRCDR Projects</u></p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> Group Psychoeducational Interventions for Non-Custodial Parents Non-custodial parents will be mandated by the courts to attend a series of structured counseling and educational sessions offered by licensed and experienced counselors from Community Mental Healthcare, Inc. The purpose of the program is to establish and foster an emotional bond between the non-custodial parent and the child in hopes of increasing the financial responsibility of the parent.</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> CSEA - Days With Dad The Child Support Enforcement Agency will assist recently divorced fathers with this program. The agency will provide a number of services for fathers and their children so that they can spend time together. These services include hiking, fishing, miniature golf, kite flying, trips to the library, bowling, and cooking.</p>	<p align="center"><u>Total Funding SFY 2000-2001</u></p> <p align="right">\$30,930</p> <p align="right">\$10,000</p>

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<p><i>Union County</i></p> <p><u>PRCDR Projects</u></p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> Non-Custodial Parent Employment and Training Project Union County CSEA will assist unemployed or underemployed non-custodial parents who are not meeting their child support obligations by developing a personalized plan on how to find employment and then by identifying resources available in the community that could help the individual find employment. The CSEA will also make referrals to other service providers and serve as a liaison between these providers and the individual, while also monitoring the progress of the individual in finding employment.</p>	<p align="center"><u>Total Funding SFY 2000-2001</u></p> <p align="center">\$30,840</p>
<p><i>Wayne County</i></p> <p><u>PRCDR Projects</u></p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> Non-Custodial Parent Employment Services Goodwill Industries will provide services to an estimated 170 non-custodial parents referred by the Child Support Enforcement Agency. These individuals will be given an initial assessment to determine what services they will receive; direct services such as job readiness training, peer support, and job placement; and job development services designed to find employers who will hire the participants.</p>	<p align="center"><u>Total Funding SFY 2000-2001</u></p> <p align="center">\$277,850</p>
<p><i>Williams County</i></p> <p><u>PRCDR Projects</u></p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> It Takes Two – Family Development The United Way of Defiance County is the main provider for this project, which targets males who have a child with a teenage female. Enrollees into the program go through both individual and group counseling, learning career planning (exploration of careers, assessment of skills, resume writing, etc.), personal development (anger management, impulse control, decision making, etc.), and basic parenting (establishing a schedule, changing a diaper, giving a bath, etc.). Additionally, the fathers are provided with time to participate in activities with their children.</p>	<p align="center"><u>Total Funding SFY 2000-2001</u></p> <p align="center">\$34,000</p>