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**In Honor of Father’s Day and Responsible Fatherhood Month,
Family-Friendly Events Planned Across the State**

COLUMBUS, OHIO – Communities across the state are planning family-friendly events in June, in honor of Father’s Day and Responsible Fatherhood Month.

“These are great opportunities for families to get out and just enjoy each other’s company and have fun being together,” said Kim Dent, executive director of the Ohio Commission on Fatherhood. “Research shows that children with fathers who are present in their lives have greatly improved outcomes. They do better in school, they’re more likely to graduate, they do better psychologically, and they do better economically. Throughout the year but during June especially, we honor the dads who are there for their children and thank them for their unconditional love, guidance and support.”

Events in Akron, Cleveland, Columbus, Portage County and Zanesville will feature everything from free hotdogs and ice cream to inflatables, petting zoos, face painting, entertainment and raffles. To find an event near you, visit fatherhood.ohio.gov.

The Ohio Commission on Fatherhood seeks to improve the well-being of Ohio’s children by helping fathers become better parents, partners and providers. Commissioners include the directors of state agencies, bipartisan members of the Ohio House and Senate, and citizens chosen by the governor because of their knowledge of fatherhood issues. As part of the Ohio Department of Job and Family Services, the commission strengthens vulnerable families by funding programs that serve low-income fathers.