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Insight: One Stop for the Common Good of Scioto County

**Provided by Mary Glenn, Co-chair of the One Stop
for the Common Good of Scioto County Team**

The One Stop for the Common Good of Scioto County marked its first anniversary with a meeting and celebration on July 9 at the Scioto County Department of Human Services. In attendance were local leaders and dignitaries including U.S. Congressman Ted Strickland, Ohio Representative William Ogg, County Commissioner Opal Spears, Shawnee State University President James P. Chapman, SCDIIS Director Ruby Grant, State ABLE Consultant Jeff Gove, Ohio One Stop Assistant Project Manager Sue McKittrick, and OBES Representative Carol Brigham. Mary Glenn, SCDHS and co-chair of the team, led the meeting.

One Stop for the Common Good of Scioto County was honored at the celebration to receive several awards for its accomplishments during its one-year existence. Through Commissioner Opal Spears, the Scioto County commissioners presented a proclamation designating July 9 as "One Stop for the Common Good Day" in Scioto County. State Representative William Ogg presented a plaque on behalf of the House of Representatives to extend special recognition to the team, and Congressman Ted Strickland presented a proclamation of tribute for the team's "invaluable service to the residents of Scioto County."

Congressman Strickland also commended the team for the "innovative and creative ideas" that have been used to help put people back to work. "It's not just having a job," Strickland pointed out. "You're dealing with the human component that is so critical in moving people from a place where they are unable to support themselves to a place where they can reach their full potential."

Ruby Grant, Director of the Scioto County Department of Human Services, said the ideas for Scioto County's Common Good "grew as a springboard to welfare reform." Ms. Grant, who recognized the importance of interagency collaboration at this time of historic change produced by welfare reform, initiated the team in June 1997. The team held its first meeting with 24 agencies on the mailing list and has already grown to include over 55 agencies, civic organizations, churches, and businesses.

After several months, the Scioto County Common Good team evolved into the One Stop for the Common Good of Scioto County through the recognition that the purpose of service integration corresponds with the Ohio One Stop concept. With that,

Common goals...

Common customers...

Common needs...

Common challenges...

the team elected to support the One Stop Shop of Southern Ohio of which Commissioner Spears is governance board chairperson. The team then became the One Stop for the Common Good of Scioto County.

Along with her involvement with many organizations, Scioto County Commissioner Opal Spears has not only attended the monthly meetings of the Common Good, but has been very active in speaking for the families and individuals in the community to identify needs and bring forward project ideas. Her support has strengthened the team's work and commitment to the mission to move residents to family stability and self-sufficiency.

During its one-year existence, One Stop for the Common Good of Scioto County has begun work on issues as far-reaching as a community clothes closet for those moving from welfare-to-work, reliable transportation, and accessible dental care for all in Scioto County. Through its Be A Voice Project, the Scioto County team for the first time brought together in one place sixteen public service agencies with community residents to promote dialogue to enhance service delivery. All of these projects are relevant to the team's mission.

Several core members of the One Stop for the Common Good presented overviews of the projects launched this year by the team:

- Nancy Litteral (Scioto County Joint Vocational School) introduced the community clothes closet, aptly named "First Impressions." The clothes closet provides suitable clothing for those individuals who have gained employment. All clothing is donated and the operation is staffed through AARP by its host program, thanks to Kathleen Staker, Director of AARP and a Common Good member.
- Carolyn Gross (Shawnee State BASICS Director) presented information resulting from the transportation project. Reliable transportation is a concern for residents who are seeking or who have obtained employment. Among the ideas being considered are a car lease program, a ride sharing hotline, and supplying individuals with bicycles for inner city travel.
- Charley Flaig (Northwest ABLE and State ABLE Administrator of the Year) provided information about the Be A Voice Project, a monthly meeting between Common Good agency representatives and

community residents. The meetings are held at All Saints Episcopal church through the courtesy of Reverend Pam Gaylor, pastor and Common Good member. Ohio State Representative William Ogg attended the July Be A Voice session and said that he felt the meetings were so significant that he plans to attend every future monthly meeting as his schedule permits.

- Brent Newman (Attorney, Shawnee State President's Office) introduced the dental project, formed as a result of an idea brought forward by Commissioner Spears. Commissioner Spears recognized a population of typically unserved individuals in the community, those who have no insurance and cannot find a dentist who will accept payments or those who receive medicaid, which provides limited coverage. A subcommittee was formed and plans to create a dental clinic are being developed.

During the celebration, Mary Glenn, representing the team, presented Commissioner Spears with the Innovative Leadership award in gratitude for her strong support and leadership. One Stop for the Common Good also recognized the state Common Good team for its direction and support, especially Susan Imel, Jeff Gove, and Sue McKitrick for the workshops, direction, and foundation that has been provided.

As a result of the July 9 celebration, which was covered by local newspapers, radio, and WSAZ television, The One Stop for the Common Good of Scioto County was recognized by the editors in *The Daily Times* (Portsmouth) proclaiming "Common Good is good for the community." The editorial further stated "The Common Good does just what the name implies--it works for the common good." Upon this first-year anniversary, it is marvelous to realize the positive outcomes and strength that the service integration of over 55 organizations across Scioto County can bring.

For more information about the One Stop for the Common Good of Scioto County, contact Mary Glenn, co-chair, Scioto County Department of Human Services, 710 Court Street, PO Box 1347, Portsmouth OH 45662; phone: (740) 355-8811.

Resource Corner--101 Brilliant Ideas for Local Partnerships

“101 Brilliant Ideas for Local Partnerships” is a handy book produced by an interagency committee formed under the auspices of the Ohio Department of Human Services and the Ohio Family and Children First Initiative. The mission of the committee was “to develop a list of strategies and examples which counties can use to create partnerships within communities in support of Ohio Works First.” This book is the result.

“101 Brilliant Ideas” is a descriptive list of interagency partnerships working in areas such as workforce development, housing, mental health, substance abuse, early childhood care and education, community networks, family resources, transportation, and domestic violence. Each entry on the list includes contact information.

The book also includes sections on communications strategies and organizational strategies, as well as numerous appendices with model agreements and release forms.

To obtain copies or to contribute information to the next edition, contact Marlene Preston-Rombach, Human Services Program Administrator, Cincinnati District Office, Ohio Department of Human Services, 100 E. Eighth St., Fourth Floor, Cincinnati, Ohio 45202-2194:

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Need to Know Welfare Information Network

Looking for information about welfare reform? The Welfare Information Network is the place to go! If you have access to the World Wide Web, then you are only a mouse-click away from almost any information you want about welfare reform and related issues.

The Welfare Information Network (WIN) is a “clearinghouse for information, policy analysis, and technical assistance on welfare reform.” It is supported by grants from several foundations, including the Annie E. Casey Foundation, the Charles Stewart Mott Foundation, the Edna McConnell Clark Foundation, the Ford Foundation, and the Foundation for Child Development.

One of the publications available from WIN is “Issue Notes.” Each issue of “Issue Notes” is eight to twelve pages long and discusses a “priority policy issue confronting policy makers, practitioners and others concerned with the implementation of welfare reform... and contains background information, a discussion of the key policy questions, a summary of available research, and information on promising practices.” If appropriate, a list of individuals and organizations who are able to provide additional information or consultation is provided as well.

To find WIN and “Issue Notes,” use your favorite web browser to go to <www.welfareinfo.org> to begin your search.

WEB UPDATE

Can't remember the address for the Common Good website? Here it is again if you don't want to wade through the hits from a search engine:

<http://literacy.kent.edu/CommonGood/>

The newest addition to the Common Good website is *For the Comon Good: A Guide for Developing Local Inter-agency Linkage Teams*. To view it, use the website address to go to the home page and click on "Fact Sheets and Other Resources."

Reminder:

Just a reminder that all local teams have space on the common Good website to let everyone know what you are doing! If your team already has a website, you don't

need to create a whole new site--consider linking what you've already developed to the Common Good site!

Questions about the Common Good website may be directed to Susan Imel at <imel.1@osu.edu>; phone: (800) 848-4815, ext. 28606 or (614) 292-8606; mail: Center on Education and Training for Employment, 1900 Kenny Road, Columbus, Ohio 43210-1090.

WELCOME

The State Common Good Team would like to welcome Tony McManus, the new state GED Testing Administrator. Tony attended his first State Team meeting on Monday, August 17, 1998, his first day on the new job. Welcome aboard, Tony!

Wanted: News from Local Teams

During 1998 and 1999, four more issues of *In Common: Information for the Common Good* will be produced. If you have ideas or suggestions for articles to include in future newsletters, please contact Susan Imel at (614) 292-8606 or (800) 848-4815, ext. 2-8606 (e-mail: imel.1@osu.edu) or send the form below to Susan's attention at: 1900 Kenny Road, Columbus, OH 43210-1090 or fax (614) 292-1260.

Yes, my Common Good Local Linkage Team is involved in a project or activity that could be featured in *In Common*. Please provide brief project/activity description.

For more information about the project/activity contact:

Name: _____

Phone: _____

Fax: _____

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I would like to see more information about _____
in *In Common*. (list topic or topics)

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