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Conference to highlight relationship health

(Cincinnati, OH) - Healthy relationships lead to healthy communities. That's the premise behind the Ohio Healthy Marriage Coalition and the first-of-its-kind Ohio Healthy Relationship Conference planned for April 22 and 23 in Columbus. The Conference will focus on marriage, fatherhood, parenting, at-risk youths, and health risks for families and children.

"The goal is to create stronger relationships among Ohioans," said Gwen L. Robinson, Cincinnati-Hamilton County Community Action Agency (CAA) President & CEO. "People in stable relationships create a better environment for children, have less trouble with their finances and are generally more self-sufficient."

CAA is a member of the Coalition through its state associations with the Ohio Association of Community Action Agencies (OACAA) and the Ohio Community Action Training Association (OCATO). In addition, John Garner, Fatherhood/Healthy Relationships Program Coordinator, will be giving a presentation at the event entitled *The Roles of Fathers in a Healthy Relationship*. Through its Fatherhood Initiative, CAA provides men with the skills, resources, and confidence needed to become self-sufficient caregivers.

Marriage, fatherhood, and at-risk youth have been studied nationwide and throughout the state. Factors such as divorce, absentee fathers, and incarcerated parents impact poverty rates, teen pregnancy rates, and domestic violence arrests. Community Action Agencies throughout Ohio provide programs and services to help break the unhealthy cycles that affect relationships.

The Ohio Healthy Relationship Conference is open to everyone. The two-day event will be held at the Hyatt on Capitol Square in downtown Columbus. For more information on the event, please visit www.oacaa.org. For more information on CAA's Fatherhood Initiative, please visit www.cincy-caa.org.

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