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**Fatherhood Commissions:
A Conversation with Kim Dent
and Tony Judkins
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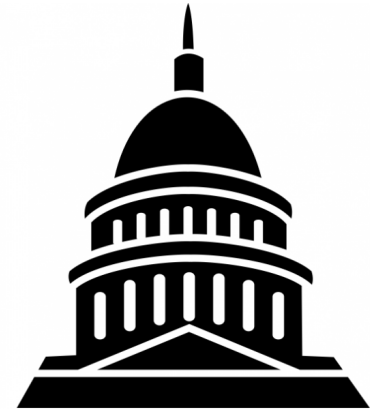
What are the basic features of Fatherhood Commissions?



What are their benefits and key **challenges**?



What is the pathway to creating a Commission?



Which state agencies should be involved with the creation and operation of the Fatherhood Commissions in Connecticut and Ohio?

Who have been champions of Fatherhood Commissions in Connecticut and Ohio?





How might Fatherhood Commissions be funded?

TANF funds?

SNAP funds?

Legislative appropriations?

Families First funds?

Federal grants?

Other sources?

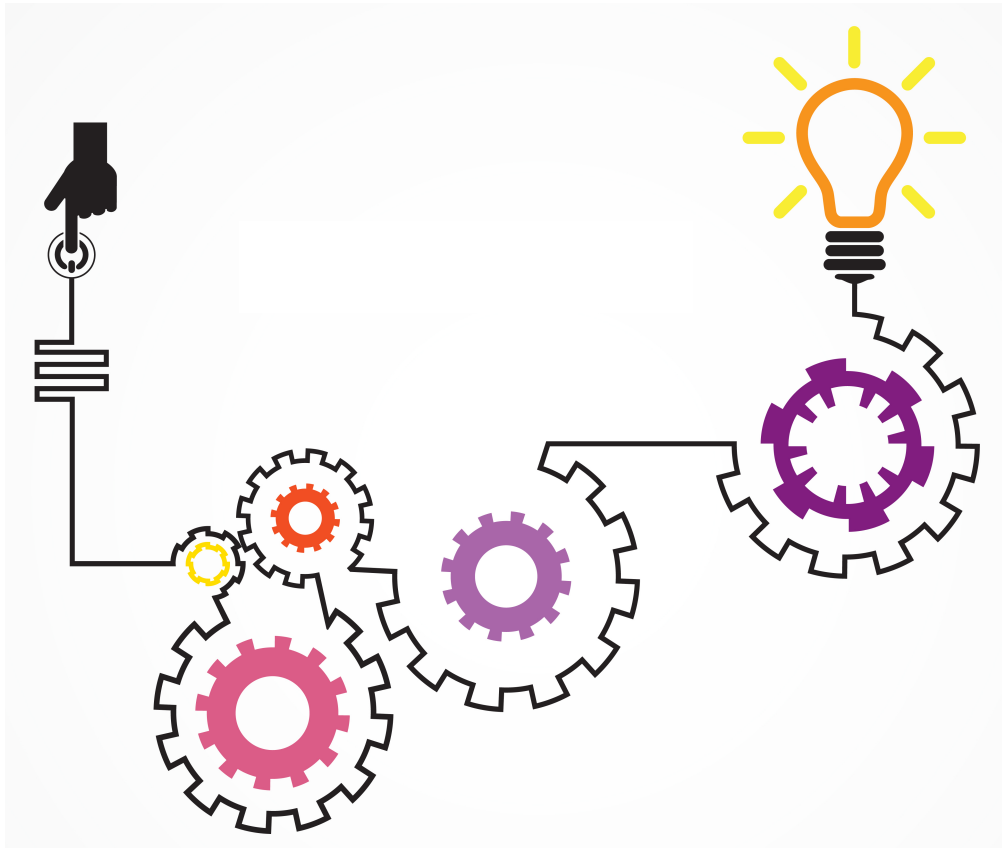
How do you convince legislators to support father engagement?



What type of outreach activities and data are effective?



How do you convince administrators of other agencies to support father engagement?



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Role of Commissions:



Creating and funding
fatherhood programs



Improving program quality

Collecting comparable evaluation
data across programs



Documenting Return on
Investment



Highlighting
fatherhood
resources



Convening statewide and regional
fatherhood summits



Several Grantees are Planning to do Some Specific Things That You Might Have Tried



Any quick advice or ideas you can offer?

Interviews/focus groups with fathers and stakeholders
Strategic planning



Convening a fatherhood summit
Assessing the father friendliness of various agencies



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