Healthy Marriage and Responsible Fatherhood Grantees
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The HMRF initiative is a $150 million Healthy Marriage and Responsible Fatherhood (HMRF) discretionary grant program originally authorized under the Deficit Reduction Act of 2005 and reauthorized under the Claims Resolution Act of 2010. These programs play a key role in helping OFA achieve its goals to foster economically secure households and communities for the well-being and long-term success of children and families. On September 30, 2015, OFA announced grant awards to 91 organizations in 27 states and one territory to provide activities to promote healthy marriage and relationship education, responsible fatherhood, and reentry services for currently or formerly incarcerated fathers under three funding opportunities. The Healthy Marriage and Relationship Education Grant Program (HMRE), New Pathways for Fathers and Families (New Pathways), and Responsible Fatherhood Opportunities for Reentry and Mobility (ReFORM) are part of HHS' community-based efforts to promote strong, healthy family formation and maintenance, responsible fatherhood and parenting, and reentry opportunities for fathers returning from incarceration.

The fine print and bottom of page location de-emphasizes the most important information for the public, while delayed gratification on information about the actual grants and grantees gives more opportunity to indoctrinate with the new program names (New Pathways, ReFORM), and “HMRE” (as opposed to “HMRF”). This link is going to lead to a flat (no more links) list, organized under program names, and by state. It is a “dead end” and STILL doesn’t inform readers there are at least two databases to look up the funding: 1. TAGGS.HHS.gov; and 2. USASpending.gov and 3. another helpful resource tying into both of those (and providing searchable filters) called CFDA.gov. It doesn’t link to the law, and provides no historic information on any of the individual grantees, or the programs, in any visual format, let alone sortable by column headings. The grantees are named only, not described by type, further clouding comparisons.