

UNITED WAY OF THE OHIO VALLEY
OHIO COUNTY
PARTNER AGENCY: BUILDING STRONGER FAMILIES

A dad and two young children asked for help after completing the program a few years ago. The children are close in age and encourage each other in misbehavior. The mom of the children does not live with them, but she is in the home often and has much differing parenting style than dad. Dad is very stern, with long punishments lasting over 30 minutes for three and four year olds. Mom has almost no restrictions on behavior. The family had low scores in parental capabilities, child well-being and family interactions.

The home visitor worked with dad on routines and chore charts to give structure to the children's lives. She also had mom attend the curriculum sessions when she was able and encouraged them to agree on discipline and not undermine each other. Dad began to set more reasonable consequences to the children's behavior and began to praise their good behavior. The children listened more and their misbehaviors lessened daily. Mom did not undermine dad as much, but she did not set many limits. The scores in all three sections improved to baseline scores which means no legal or moral reason for intervention is needed. The children were safe in their homes and receiving more positive attention.

WHAT DIFFERENCE WILL YOUR INVESTMENT MAKE?

With your investment of \$100 **Building Stronger Families** can:

- Provide six families with curriculum workbooks
- Provide 230 miles of travel in employee's personal car to reach families' homes
- Provide two families with assessment time

