APPENDIX – A

SUPPORT LETTERS
August 14, 2006

W. Randy Smith
Vice Provost for Curriculum and Institutional Relations
Office of Academic Affairs
203 Bricker Hall
190 N. Oval Mall
CAMPUS

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- OSU Extension/Family and Consumer Sciences/4-H Youth Development
- Office of Minority Affairs
- P-12 Initiative
- Community Research Partners/John Glenn Institute
- Center for Research on Criminal Justice
- Justice for Children Project

The Center for Family Research is housed at COSI. Such strategic community placement will enhance the relevance of the center’s work as an outreach and engagement function of the university. The Center is a very visible connection between education and family related research and will strengthen the new College of Education and Human Ecology’s integrated approach to addressing the needs of children and families.

Dean Bobby Moser and I have reviewed the plans for this center and our colleges will take the lead in overseeing the administrative functions. Please contact one of us directly should you need additional information.

Sincerely,

David W. Andrews
Dean

DWA/lg
August 2, 2004

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Sincerely,

[Signature]

David W. Andrews
Dean

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W. Randy Smith  
Vice Provost for Curriculum and Instructional Relations  
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Re: The Center for Family Research (CFR)

Dear Dr. Smith:

I am pleased as Dean of one of the co-sponsoring colleges to support the proposed Center of Family Research with Dean David Andrews and the College of Human Ecology. Drs. Steve Gavazzi and Scott Scheer have put together a proposal that is sustainable and targets an area of research (family context in the health and well-being of children and adolescents) that warrants interdisciplinary investigation and outreach efforts. Even though the proposed CFR is co-sponsored by two colleges, its research role will involve numerous colleges and faculty across The Ohio State University as illustrated in the proposal.

The College of Food, Agricultural, and Environmental Sciences provides leadership throughout the state of Ohio for agricultural and environmental sciences. Included within that realm is the human dimension, which is one of our priority areas of developing human resources to improve the quality of life – including socioeconomic status, self-esteem, health, and leadership abilities – for Ohio citizens. The CFR will help contribute to that specific priority area through its research work and engagement strategies to strengthen the lives of individuals and families in Ohio and beyond.

Please accept this letter as my full support and approval of the Center for Family Research.

Sincerely,

Bobby D. Moser  
Vice President for Agricultural Administration and Dean  
Vice President for University Outreach
August 18, 2004

Randy Smith, Ph.D.
Vice Provost - Curriculum
Office of Academic Affairs
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Dear Vice Provost Smith,

On behalf of the Department of Human Development and Family Science, I am writing to support the proposal of Drs. Stephen Gavazzi and Scott Scheer to create a Center for Family Research (CFR) at The Ohio State University. We have talked about the value of such a Center at OSU for a number of years in this Department. I believe that Drs. Gavazzi and Scheer have finally put all the necessary pieces together to make a compelling case for the establishment of this Center.

The Center for Family Research will serve a number of important functions. It will provide a structure to bring together a group of faculty from different disciplines at OSU who are conducting research on questions and issues pertaining to child and adolescent development in the context of the family. The proposed Center will enhance interdisciplinary collaborations which we believe are necessary to more comprehensively address the complex and multidimensional nature of human development in varying contexts, and in particular, the context of the family. Further, such collaborations will make for stronger and more competitive proposals for extramural funding to support the projects of the Center’s faculty.

In addition, given the University’s mission to be engaged in meaningful and significant public and professional outreach, the Center will be uniquely positioned to develop and implement intervention/prevention programs designed to enhance the well being of children, adolescents, and families. Further, and very importantly, the collaboration of scholars from different disciplines with common interests will undoubtedly produce outreach projects that are systematically derived, evidence-based, and critically evaluated…in short, exactly the kind of outreach and engagement activities that should be conducted at a Research 1 University.

It is worth noting that Dr. Gavazzi has been actively involved in interdisciplinary research on adolescent behavior problems and at-risk status for more than 10 years at
OSU, research that has involved collaborations with colleagues in other departments. Further, a larger group of scholars with common interests in adolescence, including Drs. Gavazzi and Scheer, formed the ‘OSU Adolescent Network’ approximately 7 years ago, thereby providing an informal mechanism to regularly meet and dialogue on important issues and research questions. Therefore, the proposed Center will not require establishing new relationships and the creation of interdisciplinary projects, as they already exist and have been productive.

Finally, it is clear that the formation of a coalition of faculty across disciplines engaged in basic and applied research focusing on child and adolescent development in the family, and with strong commitment to collaborative research, represents a truly excellent environment for the mentoring, training, and professional development of graduate and undergraduate students from diverse departments at OSU.

In conclusion, the rationale and potential benefits of the proposed new Center for Family Research, along with the existing coalition of researchers from several disciplines at OSU dedicated to the study of development of children and adolescents in the family, make for a strong and compelling case for the approval of this Center.

I recommend the proposed Center to you with enthusiasm.

Yours sincerely,

[Signature]

Albert J. Davis
Chair
August 5, 2004

W. Randy Smith
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Dear Dr. Smith:

This letter is offered in support of the proposal to establish the Center for Family Research at Ohio State as a collaborative effort between the Colleges of Human Ecology and Food, Agricultural, and Environmental Sciences. The proposed center will facilitate research, outreach, and teaching efforts among a range of faculty and students whose interests are linked to family units.

I am supportive of the leadership role that Professor Scheer has assumed in conceptualizing the center and forging collaborative relationships with other faculty throughout the university community. It is also noteworthy that the Advisory Council for the Center for Family Research will encompass a balanced perspective of stakeholders from the university, local, and state levels.

The interdisciplinary nature of the Center for Family Research will also contribute to the ability of teams of affiliated faculty to compete for external funds to support new and emerging research initiatives. Most of the current health, social, economic, and educational issues that we face in this country are directly linked to the family context. Therefore, the need for a coherent and highly visible structure to accommodate and respond to family research, outreach, and teaching issues is clearly evident.

Please convey my strong support and endorsement for approval of the Center for Family Research.

Respectfully,

Robert J. Birkenholz
Professor and Chair

RJB/tao
August 6, 2004

W. Randy Smith
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Dear Randy,

I am writing this letter in support of the proposed Center for Family Research submitted by Steve Gavazzi and Scott Scheer.

It is easy for me to support the CFR as it fits well with Extension's overall mission of "engaging people to strengthen their lives and communities through research-based educational programming." The research that results can be applied in an interdisciplinary way throughout the state – consistent with the land-grant mission of our university. It will also serve as a catalyst for outreach and engagement, again, a constant priority held by Extension.

The programming of our four core areas, 4-H Youth Development, Agricultural and Natural Resources, Community Development and Family and Consumer Sciences will all benefit from the research conducted by CFR. Extension commonly engages in issues that have a multi-program focus, and this research will help in our efforts to identify those issues and initiate integrated programming to address them.

Thank you for the opportunity to support CFR. Please feel free to contact me at 292-4880 if more information is needed.

Sincerely,

Keith L. Smith
Associate Vice President, Agricultural Administration and
Director, Ohio State University Extension

Cc: Bobby Moser
Scott Scheer
Steve Gavazzi
David Andrews
August 27, 2004

W. Randy Smith
Vice Provost for Curriculum and
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Dear Dr. Smith:

This letter is sent to support the Center for Family Research (CFR) at The Ohio State University as proposed by Drs. Steve Gavazzi and Scott Scheer. Each represent their respective colleges, Human Ecology and Food, Agricultural, and Environmental Sciences in a collaborative effort to promote interdisciplinary research with a focus on the family context for healthy child and adolescent development.

As the Ohio State 4-H leader, I believe the proposed CFR will provide research to help 4-H youth development become a strong community of young people across America who learn leadership, citizenship, and life skills. One area of study within the CFR is youth who are at risk of substance use problems and juvenile delinquency. Their investigation of over 2000 youth and their families conducted with Ohio Juvenile Courts will help 4-H youth development better serve youth with adolescent problem behaviors. Findings will guide aspects of prevention and intervention programming.

Please know that I believe The Ohio State University and the state of Ohio will benefit from the creation of a Center for Family Research.

Sincerely,

Jeff King, PhD.
Assistant Director, OSU Extension

The Ohio State University, The United States Department of Agriculture, and County Commissioners Cooperating
September 1, 2004

W. Randy Smith
Vice Provost for Curriculum and Institutional Relations
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Dear Dr. Smith:

This is a letter of support for the Center for Family Research proposed by faculty members Scott D. Scheer, Ph.D. (Associate Professor and State Extension Specialist, The Department of Human and Community Resource Development, The Ohio State University and OSU Extension) and Stephen Gavazzi, Ph.D. (Professor, The Department of Human Development and Family Science, College of Human Ecology).

The mission of the OSU Extension Family & Consumer Sciences program is to deliver research-based educational programming that strengthens individuals and families in their near environment. The family’s role is a critical variable in reducing at-risk behaviors in youth and adolescents. The proposed Center’s research findings would provide OSU Extension Family & Consumer Sciences professionals with additional research based information about families and upon which to base educational programming and thus strengthen families.

Because the outreach and engagement function of the proposed Center for Family Research is aligned with the mission of the Family and Consumer Sciences program component of OSU Extension, I support the Center for Family Research. I look forward to the research, service learning, and programming opportunities that the Center will afford.

Sincerely,

[Signature]

Joyce R. McDowell
Interim Assistant Director, Family & Consumer Sciences
OSU Extension and
Assistant Dean, Outreach & Extension, College of Human Ecology
September 8, 2004

W. Randy Smith  
Vice Provost for Curriculum and Institutional Relations  
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Dear Dr. Smith:

I was very interested to read the proposal assembled by Professors Stephen Gravazzi and Scott Scheer to establish a Center for Family Research at Ohio State. The proposal is well thought out, and the prospective co-directors have assembled an impressive array of colleagues from multiple departments, colleges, and disciplines to participate in the proposed activities. Given the thought that has gone into this proposal, and the multiple sources of funding that have already been lined up, I think the Center has a very good prospect for success.

Our experience at Penn State has been that center and consortium mechanisms are productive ways of pulling faculty together around research foci of mutual interest. Large, multidisciplinary research teams need to be conducted by the strongest scholars in the relevant research domain, and this can usually be done most successfully by combining forces across departments and colleges. Without an infrastructure in which scholars can interact and get to know one another around a substantive set of issues, however, multidisciplinary team efforts can be very difficult to mount. The proposed Center will provide the mechanism for the kinds of sustained scholarly exchanges that are likely to lead to incubating research teams and, ultimately, to successful grant writing efforts. Such centers can also be wonderful ways to foster interdisciplinary training for graduate students and to provide mentoring and seed research opportunities for junior faculty.

I support the efforts of Professors Gravazzi and Scheer to establish the new center and look forward to hearing about its plans and accomplishments.

Sincerely,

Ann C. Crouther  
Professor of Human Development and Director,  
Center for Work and Family Research
August 23, 2004

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Addictive Disorders and Recovery Studies
Family and Consumer Sciences Education
Marriage and Family Therapy
Personal Financial Planning

Dear Vice Provost Smith:

At the request of Dr. Stephen Gavazzi, I have reviewed the proposal to establish the Center for Family Research at Ohio State University. I found the proposal very interesting and thoughtful, and I think the Center would serve a very useful function at Ohio State. I also reviewed the budget and found it reasonable for the timeframe and activities proposed. Finally, I reviewed the proposed outcomes and was particularly impressed because they are well-defined and measurable.

In the present Federal and foundation grants system, the Center would be particularly attractive. More and more, reviewers and program officials are looking for research that is more comprehensive in scope, crosses several disciplines, and offers the promise of collaboration among experts. Family research approaches have become more important and fundable in mental health, health, justice, and community research, and the Center would offer an opportunity to pull collaborators together quickly and efficiently when funding opportunities arise. Further, the Center would provide ongoing opportunities for researchers from various disciplines to cooperate and collaborate across departmental and college lines. Such opportunities for cooperation and collaboration will provide a further stimulus for research and grant writing.

I have followed Dr. Gavazzi’s career since his graduate work at Connecticut. He has an excellent track record both in publications in refereed journals and in funding from both foundations and government sources. He is clearly one of the leaders in family intervention programs for high-risk juvenile populations, and his work is of excellent quality. As a person, I have found him open and cooperative, eager to share his knowledge and also learn new things. I think that his commitment to making the Center for Family Research work will be a driving force in its success—his enthusiasm is contagious, he has excellent local and national connections, and he is collaborative in his approach to research and funding. It is clear that he has already identified a number of his colleagues around Ohio State who are potential participants in the Center, and initial funding is available from a number of sources.

An EEO/Affirmative Action Institution
I think that the proposed Center for Family Research will be a real asset for Ohio State, and I would urge its approval.

Richard S. Wampler, Ph.D. Professor
September 3, 2004

W. Randy Smith
Vice Provost for Curriculum and Institutional Relations
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Dear Vice Provost Smith:

Dr. Stephen Gavazzi has requested that I review the proposal to establish the Center for Family Research at Ohio State University. I have carefully reviewed this document and wish, therefore, to write a letter of support and encouragement. It is my assessment that the proposed Center will serve a very useful function at The Ohio State. These types of centers are usually very successful when they contain several key elements. First, they must be lead by competent, motivated, and talented faculty who have a clear vision that will enhance not only the universities overall missions but one that interfaces with the efforts to reach into our communities in significant and viable ways. Second, that dynamic vision needs to be clearly articulated in a way that leaves no doubt what the goals and objectives are. Third, successful proposal (and subsequent centers) demand a clear budgetary plan. That plan must include university support and significant financial commitment. Without that focused long term commitment by the university it is too easy for the university to disengage before the center can mature and become more self-supporting.

I believe that this proposal has met all three of those key criteria including plans for a sound and reasonable budget that will operate within the designated timeframe. In our family center here at BYU we seek to expand our mission so that our research and outreach projects are comprehensive and contain the important elements of cross discipline connections. It is essential that these centers promote faculty collaboration from many departments and areas of study. I believe this proposal has addressed that need.

I also believe that the proposed Center will act as a catalyst as ongoing research opportunities are generated that bring the much needed cooperation and collaboration across disciplinary lines.
I am very familiar with Dr. Gavazzi’s professional work. He is an excellent administrator, respected scholar, and has the necessary capacity to make this project happen. His grant writing and getting record is outstanding. And, that skill is an essential piece that will predict the success of this enterprise. I fully applaud and support this important entrepreneurial effort and recommend its endorsement by the University.

Randal D. Day, Professor
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June 2, 2004

Dr. Randy Smith
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Dear Dr. Smith:

I am writing in support of a proposal to create the Center for Family Research (CFR) at The Ohio State University. I understand that the CFR will begin as a coalition of OSU faculty, students, and staff who have interest and expertise in research, assessment, and treatment efforts related to families, with particular emphasis on the family’s role in the development and well-being of children and adolescents.

I heartily endorse this mission and plan. As chair of the recent President’s New Freedom Commission on Mental Health and Director of the Ohio Department of Mental Health, I am deeply concerned about the scope and impact of poor youth development and behavioral illness. The National Research Council/Institute of Medicine has concluded that as many as 25% of all adolescents are at risk of not having a productive adulthood because of these problems. Yet, sadly, well established multi-disciplinary perspectives on the causes and solutions are lacking. The CFR can make a significant contribution to science--and eventually to policy and practice, our greatest concern.

Dr. Steve Gavazzi has indicated that an advisory council is being formed to help guide the CFR toward better serving and engaging Ohio families. As part of my organization’s support, I am designating Dee Roth, Chief of Program Evaluation and Research, to participate as a member of the council.

Sincerely,

Michael F. Hogan, Ph.D.
Director

MFH:ja
June 1, 2004

Dr. Randy Smith  
Office of Academic Affairs  
The Ohio State University  
203 Bricker Hall  
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Dear Dr. Smith,

I am writing in support of a proposal to create the Center for Family Research (CFR) at The Ohio State University. It is my understanding that the CFR will exist as a coalition of OSU faculty, students, and staff who have interest and expertise in research, assessment, and treatment efforts as they relate to the family, with particular emphasis on the family’s role in the development and well-being of children and adolescents.

The Ohio Department of Youth Services manages Ohio’s juvenile corrections systems. At any given time, we are responsible for the care and custody of almost 1800 adolescents in one of eight juvenile correctional facilities. At the same time, we supervise over 2000 youth on parole in Ohio’s communities. The department also provides technical assistance, consultation and considerable funding for the state’s 88 juvenile courts. Together the courts and DYS touch the lives and the families of over 10,000 youth, as well as the lives and families of 10,000 victims, each year.

The proposed work of the Center for Family Research is of great interest to this department and, I can safely say, to juvenile courts across the state. We look forward to the work of the Center and you can be assured of the complete cooperation and support of the Department of Youth Services.

My understanding is that an advisory council is being formed with the charge of helping to guide the CFR toward better serving and engaging Ohio families by putting Center-generated research into action. As part of my organization’s support, I am designating David Schroot, deputy director, Parole and Community Services, and Glenn Thomas, Ph.D., clinical director, to participate as members of its advisory council.

Sincerely,

Geno Natalucci-Persichetti  
Director

GNP/ds
May 6, 2004

Dr. Randy Smith
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Dear Dr. Smith:

The Ohio Department of Alcohol and Drug Addiction Services is pleased to write this letter supporting the proposal to create the Center for Family Research (CFR) at The Ohio State University. I understand that the CFR will be a coalition of OSU faculty, students and staff who have interest and expertise in research, assessment and treatment relating to families, with particular focus on the role of the family in the development and well-being of children and adolescents.

The Department is responsible for the creation and oversight of the alcohol and other drug prevention and treatment system for all Ohioans. The family plays a critical role in prevention, treatment and recovery, making the work of this proposed CFR valuable. As evidence continues to emerge nationally demonstrating positive impacts of family involvement in prevention and treatment, the ability to advance this research in Ohio becomes more critical. The CFR proposal is an opportunity that shouldn’t be missed.

It is my understanding that an Advisory Council is being formed to help guide the CFR toward better serving and engaging families by putting Center-generated research into practice. ODADAS is willing to support the CFR by designating a Department official to serve on the Advisory Council.

Thank you for your consideration.

Sincerely,

Gary Q. Tester
Director
May 3, 2004

Dr. Randy Smith
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The Supreme Court of Ohio, led by Chief Justice Thomas Moyer, has made the well-being of Ohio's children and their families a priority. In November of 2002 Chief Justice Moyer announced the formation of the Supreme Court Advisory Committee on Children, Families, and the Courts. The 22-member committee, made up of judges, magistrates, and various professionals who specialize in child and family issues, make recommendations on court reform matters related to family law. The Court has also developed an ongoing collaboration with the Ohio Department of Job and Family Services to devise ways to better serve children and families in Ohio courts.
My understanding is that an advisory council is being formed with the charge of helping to guide the CFR toward better serving and engaging Ohio families by putting Center-generated research into action. As part of my organization's support, I am designating Barbara S. Carter, Esq. as a liaison to the CFR in order to participate as a member of its advisory council.

Sincerely,

[Signature]

Douglas R. Stephens
Director
Judicial & Court Services
September 3, 2004

W. Randy Smith  
Vice Provost for Curriculum and Institutional Relations  
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Dear Dr. Smith,

I am writing in support of the establishment of a Center for Family Research at the Ohio State University. The primary faculty members have the experience and leadership skills necessary to fund and maintain the center. Additionally, they have demonstrated their ability to produce high quality research and make significant contributions in their areas of expertise. They have identified numerous multidisciplinary affiliates that will add to the strengths of the Center. The affiliates represent a wide range of research areas. By combining their efforts and expertise, the proposed research of the center has the potential to make even greater contributions to our understanding of the impact of the family on children’s development. All of the proposed areas of research are important and timely issues.

Dr Gavazzi and Dr. Scheer have the resources and experience necessary to establish the center and I support them and wish them success in this endeavor. Moreover, we look forward to being able to utilize the work that they will produce.

Sincerely,

Kathy Thornburg, Ph.D.  
Director, Center for Family Policy & Research
June 22, 2004

Dr. Randy Smith  
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The Office of Clinical Sciences and Columbus Children’s Research Institute is particularly invested in understanding the role of families and child and parent well-being, use of services, and outcomes for individuals, families and communities. Our research to date has focused on county, state and federal policies and practices related to high-risk families across public service sectors, and we aim to expand this work with the expertise that will be available through Center for Family Research (CFR) at The Ohio State University.

My understanding is that an advisory council is being formed with the charge of helping to guide the CFR toward better serving and engaging Ohio families by putting Center-generated research into action. As part of my organization’s support, I am willing to serve as a liaison to the CFR in order to participate as a member of its advisory council.

Sincerely,

Kelly J. Kelleher, M.D., M.P.H.  
Professor, Department of Pediatrics  
The Ohio State University School of Medicine  
and Public Health  
Director, Office of Clinical Sciences  
Children’s Research Institute

For Every Child. For Every Reason.