



Family Engagement Series: Session III

ENGAGING AND EMPOWERING FATHERS 101

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Today's objectives

Engagement	Attendance	Importance
Develop strategies for engaging fathers and teaching them about Early Childhood Development.	Learn ways to increase fatherhood attendance at trainings, support groups, and parent engagement activities.	Understand the statistical reasons why it is so important to engage fathers in Early Childhood Programs.

Reasons to Engage Fathers

Reduce Child Poverty	Improve School Performance	Reduce Behavioral and Emotional Problems
Promote Physical Health and Safety	Reduce Problem Behaviors in School	Prevent Crime and Delinquency
Prevent Child Abuse and Neglect	Prevent Substance Abuse	

Daddy Facts



Fact: Babies as young as six months whose fathers are present and active in the home score higher on mental development tests than babies whose fathers are not present and active.

Fact: Teenage girls who are close to their fathers are far less likely to become sexually active.

Fact: Teenage girls are twice as likely to stay in school if their fathers are involved in their lives.


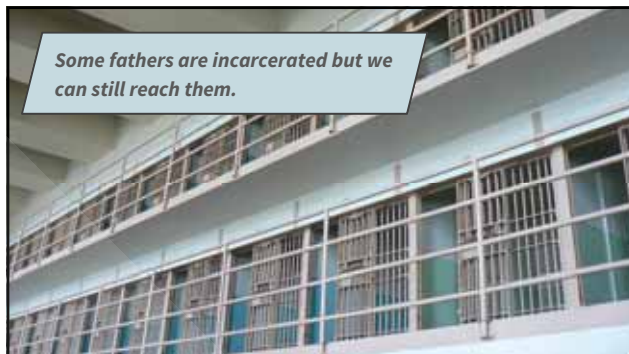
Teen Dads



- In the US, about 750,000 women under the age of 20 become pregnant every year.
- 8 out of 10 teen dads don't marry the mother of their child.
- Teen dads are less likely to finish high school than their peers.
- Absent fathers pay less than \$800 annually for child support.

Teen Dads

- 5 Children who don't live with their fathers are 5 times more likely to be poverty-stricken than children with both parents at home.
- 6 Teen fathers face a lack of teen parent programs to help them.
- 7 An unmarried father has rights and responsibilities concerning custody, visitation, and child support.
- 7 There is evidence that teen fathers want to be (and are) involved with their children, though this involvement may not always include financial support.

Ways To Engage Fathers

- Fatherhood Classes
- Outings
- Support Groups
- Volunteer Opportunities
- Father/Daughter Dances
- Tell them "how cool their child is"

Fatherhood Classes

Facilitate Weekly Training
Mandated & Voluntary Training

CHOOSING CURRICULUM
Evidence-based

1. Nurturing Fathers
2. Inside Out Dad



Child Development

- Icebreakers
- Movie Clips
- Classroom Observation
- Guest Speakers




Support Groups



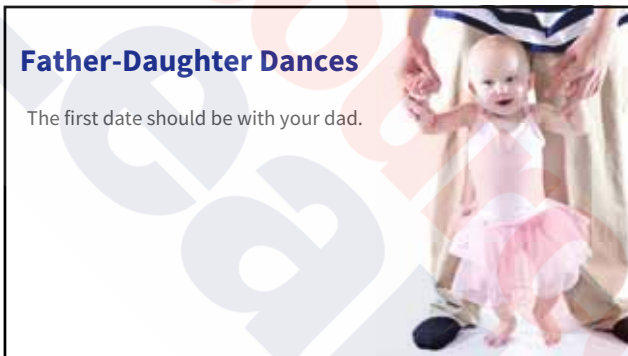
Donuts with Dads
Meetings that answer questions fathers are pondering....

Volunteer Opportunities



Reading to children in the classrooms
Playground Clean-up
Field Trips
Festivals/Holiday Events

Father-Daughter Dances



The first date should be with your dad.

Offer events at different times of the day and different days of the week.



How to Get Fathers to Attend



Use Catch Phrases:

- Q and A with Child Support
- Getting Along with Your Baby's Mama

Free Food
Raffle Prizes
Child Care
Reminder Phone Calls

Working with Child Support

Compliance with Child Support



Voluntary vs. Mandated Attendance



Some fathers are mandated by court order to attend.




- Temp-to-Hire Jobs
- Help Develop Resumes
- Interviewing Skills
- Dressing for Success

Making Fathers a Part of the Planning Process



- Survey the fathers
- Event planning

Measuring Effectiveness



- ECONOMIC SECURITY**
 - Employment
 - Income Security-Past Earning
- CHILD SUPPORT**
 - Is amount realistic?
 - How much owed per month?
 - How much paid per month?

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