FATHERHOOD PARTNERSHIP

Over the last five years the Alameda Father Corp has focused on creating a father-friendly system of care and support for Alameda County families. Both providers and fathers identified the lack of easily accessible father-specific support services as a barrier to fathers being fully engaged in the lives of their children. Fathers feel as though they are tackling the work of being a good father alone. To respond to this identified barrier the Fatherhood Corps is establishing the Fatherhood Partnership.

The Purpose of the Fatherhood Partnership is to build the capacity of participating agencies to authentically and effectively engage and support fathers/father figures by creating and offering father-specific parent education/support groups and resources.

The Core Belief. Fathers want to be involved.

Core Principles:

- Include the Needs of Fathers
- Provide Father-Friendly Services
- Portray Positive Father Images
- Create Positions That Serve Fathers
- Train Staff on Fatherhood Issues
- Expect Father Participation
- Design Programs For Fathers

Core Activities:

- Capacity Building/Professional Development
- Collaboration with Community Partners
- Father Focused Family Engagement
- Building Protective Factors

Over the next nine months the Fatherhood Partnership will provide an intensive capacity building, training series, and provide technical assistance to enhance staff’s ability to offer father specific support groups by focusing on the following:

- Developing the tools to facilitate small group discussions on relevant father-specific topics
- Demonstrating proficiency in implementing the Father Friendly Principles
- Acknowledging and understanding the unique and critical role fathers play in the optimal development of their children

Requirements:

1. Participating agencies must identify 2-3 staff to attend the Fatherhood Partnership 9-month training series.
2. Staff persons attending the training series will be the same staff facilitating the Father specific groups.
3. Participating agencies are expected to participate in all trainings and evaluation and data collection activities.
4. Participating agencies agree to begin offering father-specific parent education/support groups by the end of March 2019.

Fatherhood Partnership 2018-2019 Timeline:

- Launch Fatherhood Training Series - October 2018
- Launch Father – Specific Parent Education/Support Groups – March 2019
- Fatherhood Summit – March 2019
- Conclude Fatherhood Training Series – June 2019
- Quarterly Trainings begin – July/August 2019

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