FATHERHOOD PARTNERSHIP

Over the last six years, the Alameda County Fathers Corps 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 Fathers Corps has established 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 parenting education/support groups and resources. [Click to view video of the 2018-19 Fatherhood Partnership.](#)

The Core Belief. Fathers want to be involved.

Core Father Friendly 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 the Strengthening Families™ Protective Factors

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

- Tools and strategies to, manage logistics to create and launch father-specific services, conduct outreach to fathers, and facilitate small group discussions with fathers on fatherhood topics
- The importance of communicating the unique and critical role fathers play in the optimal development of their children
- Strategies for implementing the Father Friendly Principles

Requirements:

1. Participating agencies must identify 2-3 staff to attend the Fatherhood Partnership 9-month training series.
2. Staff attending the training series will be the same staff facilitating and supervising 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 parenting education/support groups by the end of May 2020.

**Fatherhood Partnership 2019-2020 Timeline:**

- Launch Fatherhood Training Series - September 2019
- Launch Father – Specific Parenting Education/Support Groups – May 2020
- Conclude Fatherhood Training Series – May 2020
- Fatherhood 2nd Annual Summit – Fall 2020
- Fathers Corps 7th Annual Celebration– June 2020

### 2019-20 TRAINING CALENDAR

All trainings are from 12:00 pm – 3:00 pm; LUNCH IS PROVIDED.

Click [HERE](#) to register for upcoming trainings

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