2020-21 Father-Friendly Provider Network & Fatherhood Partnership Orientation
Agenda

- Welcome
- Zoom Basics
- Icebreaker
- Gary Thompson Retirement Video Presentation
- Fathers Corps Overview
- Fathers Corps 2020-21 Opportunities
- What are your plans?
- Fathers Corps Updates
- Adjourn
Ice Breaker

1-2 words or a short phrase that best describes what inspires you during these unprecedented times.
Gary Thompson’s Retirement Video
Fathers Corps Overview

- Established in 2013
- Collaborative effort — First 5 Alameda County and Alameda County’s Health Care Services and Social Services Agencies
- Began with learning community for male service providers
Categories of Work

- Systems Change
- Capacity Building
- Research & Assessment
Capacity Building

• Father-Friendly Provider Network

• County-wide Father Friendly Principles trainings and TA

• Fatherhood Partnership

• Dad-scussions, Conversations with Fathers
Research and Assessment

• Father Friendly Organizational Self-Assessment Tool

• Father-Friendly Principles Implementation Tool

• Voices of Fathers and the Providers who Serve Them
Systems Change

• Father-Friendly Principles adopted by the Alameda County BOS

• Included Father-Friendly Principles implementation activities into 15 Health Care Agency contracts — 3 Years

• Probation identified Fatherhood as a top 10 strategy / making $250K available to CBOs for Fatherhood activities

• Public systems partner with First 5 to fund the Fatherhood Summit
Breakout

• What have you done to do better with your engagement and support of Fathers/Father-figures

• What would you like to do to engage and support Fathers/Father-figures
STRATEGIES FOR ENSURING FATHER-FRIENDLY ENVIRONMENTS

1. Provide two chairs for meetings and in waiting rooms.
2. Provide reading materials that address the needs of Fathers.
3. Make eye contact and speak to both parents.
4. Portray positive father images in waiting areas and common spaces.
5. Remain neutral – you are on the child’s side not mom’s or dad’s.
6. Reflect and Acknowledge the baggage and/or bias you may bring.
Strategies for Ensuring Father-Friendly Environments

**Assume**
- Assume fathers are involved and want information about their child

**Provide**
- Provide written communication and/or information to both parents

**Coach**
- Coach staff on greeting and communicating with fathers/father-figures

**Develop**
- Develop reliable sources for referrals of fathers

**Adopt and implement**
- Adopt and implement the Father-Friendly Principles

**Offer**
- Offer Father-Specific Programming
The Fathers Corps Is..

https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=NnjPCfZqEM8&t=14s
Get to the Polls
2020-21 Fathers Corps
Capacity Building Opportunities

Father-Friendly Provider Network

Dad-scussions, Conversations with Fathers

Fatherhood Partnership
Father-Friendly Provider Network

- Workshops/trainings on topics relevant to understanding and supporting the needs of fathers
- Builds the capacity of participants to effectively engage and support fathers and father-figures
- Develop Healthy Relationship Principles
- Implement the FFP at home agencies
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Dad-scussions

Dad-scussions 2.0
CONVERSATIONS with Fathers

FREE VIRTUAL SERIES


Thursday, Sept 24, 2020
6:00pm - 7:30pm (Pacific Time)

TOPIC: Breaking the Cycle

This ongoing virtual series provides opportunities for Fathers to discuss current topics that matter to them.

Father-Figures, Mentors and Allies Welcome

POWERED BY

You Are Invited to Join Us and Participate

Dad-scussions

- Conversations with Fathers about topics important to fathers
- Provides a space for fathers to receive information talk to other fathers about the joys and challenges for fatherhood
- Provides an opportunity to see virtual fathers groups in action

UPCOMING DATES

Oct 22
Social Justice and Activism

9/18/2020
**THREE PART VIRTUAL SERIES**

**Dad-scussions**
Conversations with Fathers

### Highlights from Our 3-part Zoom Series

**4/30 PART I**
Special Guest
Comedian
DJ Pryor

*“This Dad-scussions is really about providing a place for Dads to come together”*

*“I really do appreciate the brothers I was in the room with, it was inspiring”*

**Total Attendance 95**
- 5 Staff
- 18 Moderators
- 1 Special Guest
- 71 Participants
  - 6 Women
  - 65 Men

**5/21 PART II**
Special Guest
Shawn Bryant
Director, The Teaching Excellence Center

*“It was therapeutic being in the breakout rooms speaking to everyone about what is going on”*

**Total Attendance 58**
- 6 Staff
- 7 Moderators
- 1 Special Guest
- 44 Participants
  - 8 Women
  - 36 Men

**6/11 PART III**
Special Guests
Shaka Senghor
Author, Speaker, Mentor

Alameda County Supervisor
Keith Carson

*“This provides a place to help us create solutions to help each other”*

**Total Attendance 71**
- 6 Staff
- 12 Moderators
- 2 Special Guests
- 51 Participants
  - 9 Women
  - 42 Men

**Poll Results**
- **100%** reported they would recommend Dad-scussions to a friend
- **94%** reported Dad-scussions was extremely or very effective
- **88%** reported it was helpful to explore what kind of father they want to be
- **97%** want Dad-scussions to continue
Dad-scussions

https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=qgetlbdXdqI
Fatherhood Partnership

- Builds the capacity of participating agencies to offer father-specific, virtual, parenting education and support groups
- Requires 2-3 staff to participate
- Requires participating agencies to launch groups by January
- Offering $4.5K mini-grants to 6-10 agencies — MOUs
- Interested agencies will be asked to complete a short application (developing application process)
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Fatherhood Partnership Video

https://youtu.be/rinOpgq-eDI
Questions?
Get to the Polls
Breakout

• How do you plan to engage with the Fathers Corps in 2020-21?

• What do you want to get out of participating in the Fathers Corps this year?
Report Out
Evaluation
Thank you!