



Dear Returning and Prospective **Fatherhood Partnership** Members,

Over the last seven 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 have consistently 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, in 2018, the Fathers Corps 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 and support groups and resources. [Click to view a video of the 2018-19 Fatherhood Partnership.](#)

Core Trainings and Activities Focus on:

- Capacity Building/Professional Development
- Collaboration between Community Partners
- Father Focused Family Engagement
- Strengthening Families and the Five Protective Factors

Fatherhood Partnership Mini-Grants

New this year, the Fathers Corps will provide a minimum of six mini-grants of up to \$4,500 per agency to support Fatherhood Partnership organizations with the development and implementation of their fathers' groups.

Mini-grant eligibility criteria:

- Organizations/programs must be an active participant in the 2020-21 Fatherhood Partnership; sign a MOU committing to full participation (see requirements on next page)
- Have demonstrated capacity to engage and support the needs of fathers and father-figures
- Launch virtual fathers' groups by January 2021
- Participate in all Fatherhood Partnership evaluation activities

Allowable uses for mini-grant funding: Stipend for group facilitator

- Incentives for participating fathers and father figures (e.g. gift cards, diapers, car seats, strollers, etc.)
- Payment(s) for content experts who present during group sessions
- Other expenses directly related to offering father-specific parenting and support groups

More information about how to apply for the mini-grants described above will be distributed at the September 18th launch.

The Fatherhood Partnership Training/Capacity Building

Over 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 the logistics associated with creating and launching father-specific services, conducting outreach to fathers, and facilitating small group discussions with fathers on father-centered topics
- The importance of communicating the unique and critical role fathers play in the optimal development of their children
- Best practices for convening virtual fathers' groups
- Strategies for implementing the [Father Friendly Principles](#)

Participation Requirements:

1. Participating agencies must identify three staff to participate in a virtual 9-month training series.
2. Staff attending the training series should 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 January 2021.


2020-21 TRAINING CALENDAR
 All trainings are from 11:00 am – 1:00 pm
 Click [HERE](#) to register for upcoming trainings

Date	Topic
9/18/2020	Fathers Corps Overview and 2019-20 Orientation
10/15/2020	Know your Rights and Understanding Trauma Caused by Police Violence
11/19/2020	Convening Virtual Fathers' Groups
12/17/2020	Life Course Approach to Improving the Lives of Boys and Men of Color (Part 1)
1/14/21	Life Course Approach to Improving the Lives of Boys and Men of Color (Part 2)
2/18/2021	Supporting Fathers' Mental Wellness / Understanding ACES
3/18/2021	Exploring Masculinity in Small Group Settings
4/15/2021	Exploring the Father Wound
5/20/2021	Facilitating Healthy Relationships Discussions in Fathers' Groups

For registration-related questions, please contact:

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Looking forward seeing you,



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