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# *Real Talk*

Responding to Challenging Issues in Father Engagement



*Join the National  
Conversation  
on Child Abuse  
and Neglect*



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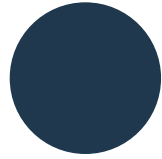
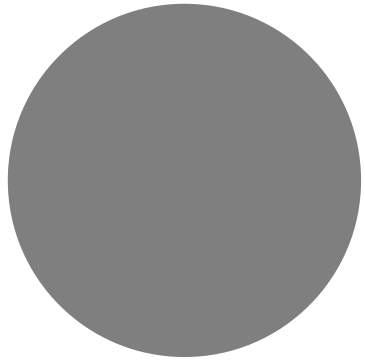


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# Discussion Topics

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- Building relationships with fathers
- Strategies for effectively recruiting and retaining fathers
- Dealing with anti-father bias among staff and partners
- Working with fathers with substance use issues
- Addressing histories of conflict—and in some cases violence—between parents
- Addressing gatekeeping by mothers
- Trauma and healing

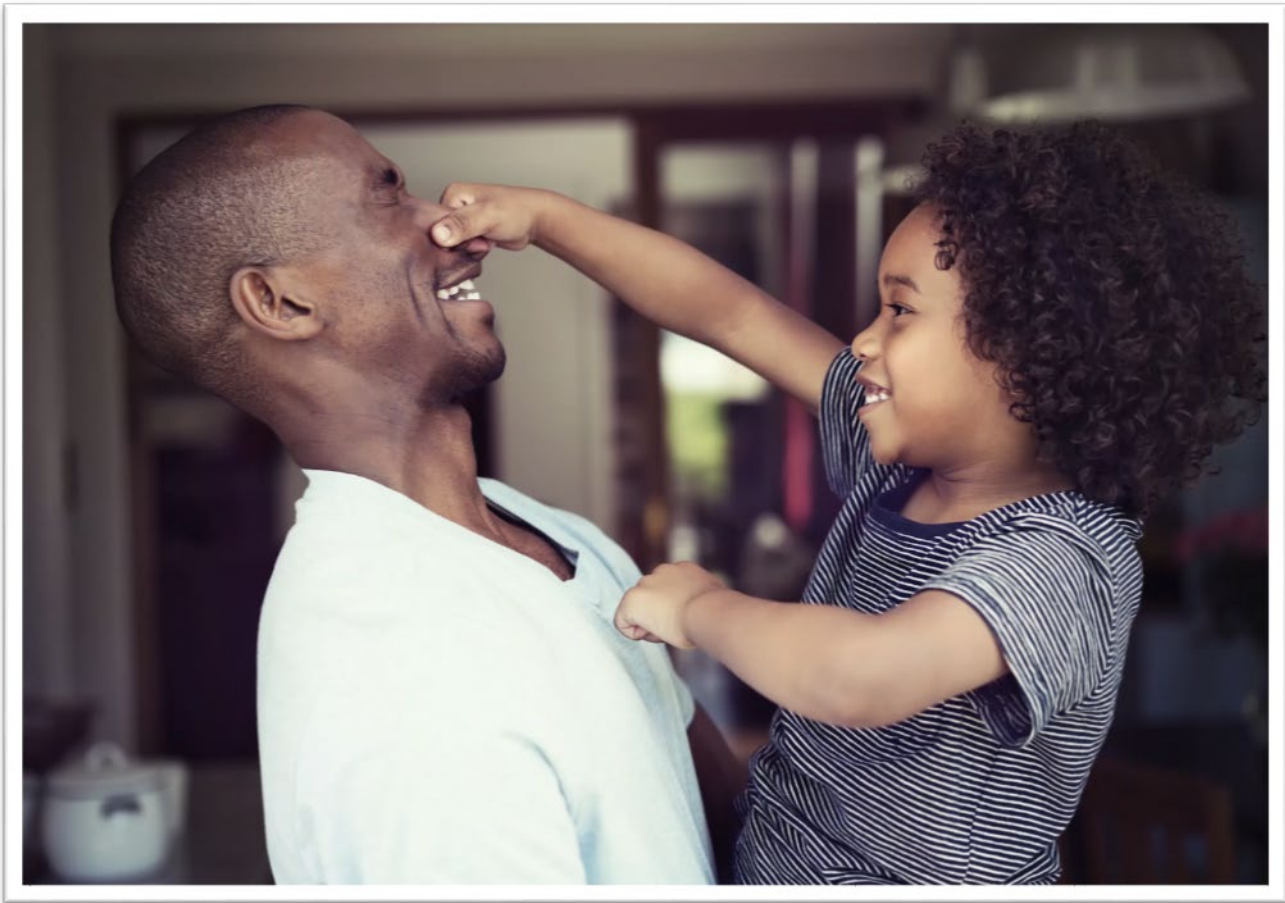


Relationships Matter



# Recruiting and Retaining Fathers

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# Addressing Anti-Father Bias

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# Paternal Substance Use

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# Conflict & Violence Between Parents

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# Maternal Gatekeeping

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# Trauma and Healing

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# Resources

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- Integrating Approaches that Prioritize and Enhance Father Engagement (ACF Information Memorandum)
  - [https://www.acf.hhs.gov/sites/default/files/assets/acffatherhoodim\\_final.pdf](https://www.acf.hhs.gov/sites/default/files/assets/acffatherhoodim_final.pdf)
- Breaking the Cycle: Fathering After Violence, Curriculum Guidelines and Tools for Batterer Intervention Programs (Futures Without Violence)
  - <https://www.futureswithoutviolence.org/breaking-the-cycle-fathering-after-violence-curriculum-guidelines-and-tools-for-batterer-intervention-programs/>
- Working with Fathers to Identify and Resolve Substance Abuse Problems (National Responsible Fatherhood Clearinghouse)
  - [https://www.fatherhood.gov/sites/default/files/webinar/slides/nrfc\\_substance\\_abuse\\_webinar\\_-\\_jan2014\\_508c.pdf](https://www.fatherhood.gov/sites/default/files/webinar/slides/nrfc_substance_abuse_webinar_-_jan2014_508c.pdf)

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From the National Fatherhood Initiative:

- Recruitment and Retention Webpage of National Fatherhood Initiative: <https://www.fatherhood.org/keeping-fathers-interested-in-fatherhood-program>
- The Father Friendly Check-Up™: <https://www.fatherhood.org/ffcu>
- How to Train Female Staff to Effectively Engage Fathers (Ebook): <https://www.fatherhood.org/how-female-staff-can-engage-fathers?>

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## *Building Community, Building Hope* Resources:

- *Dads Rock!* film and discussion guide
- Engaging Dads: Seeing Their Strengths
- Dads Rock: Getting Real with Fathers
- Dads Rock: Xavier's Story

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# Discussion

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