ENGAGING FATHERS IN FAMILY SERVICES

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Ancient Wisdom on Parenting

“Having a family is like having a bowling alley installed in your brain.”
-- Martin Mull, actor

“Before I got married I had six theories about raising children; now, I have six children and no theories.”
-- John Wilmot (1647-1680)
Workshop Goals

1. Promoting a Father Friendly Environment
2. Outreach Strategies for Fathers
3. Fatherhood Topics and Core Skills
4. Case Management Goals
5. Fatherhood and Discipline
6. Fatherhood and Trust-Based Relational Intervention
PROMOTING AND CREATING A FATHER FRIENDLY ENVIRONMENT

What does your agency say about Fatherhood?
Promoting and Creating a Father Friendly Environment

- Many agencies have very little information and resources on Fatherhood
- Parenting magazines do not explore the role of fatherhood dynamics
- What does a visit to the OBGYN office look like?
- Hidden Resistance and Fears from staff*

*James A. Levine, Getting Men Involved
UTILIZING POSTERS AND PHOTOS TO PROMOTE FATHERHOOD.

- Give your kids what they need to succeed. You.
- Every girl needs a leading man. Have you been a dad today?
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- It’s Hard To Be What You Don’t See. Let Your Son See A Great Dad. You.
- Have you been a dad today?
Utilizing Posters and Photos to Promote Fatherhood.

South Valley Male Involvement Project (New Mexico)
UTILIZING A FATHERHOOD KIOSK TO PROMOTE PARENTING RESOURCES.
OUTREACH STRATEGIES FOR PROMOTING FATHERHOOD

Fathers Network — Once a month meeting to share resources and upcoming events.

Watch D.O.G.S. (Dads Of Great Students)

All Pro Dad Meetings

Donuts with Dads

Father’s Day Festival — speakers, gift bags, arts and crafts, men’s health information
CREATIVE FATHERHOOD TOPICS: CORE SKILLS

1. Men and Money
2. Balancing Work and Family
3. Men and Intimacy
4. Respect and Family Values
5. Parenting your Adult Child
6. Heavy Mettle (Mental Health)
7. Men’s Health
8. The Art of Manliness
Case Management Goals

- “Finding Fathers” – an intentional effort by case managers.
- 24 Hour NO MEDIA CAMPAIGN!
- Community Service Projects
- Complete Nurturing Father’s Journal by Mark Perlman
- Complete 24/7 Dad Curriculum (NFI)
- reFRESHments at McDonald’s
Fatherhood and Discipline

“Train a child in the way he should go, and when he is old he will not turn from it.”

Proverbs 22:6
“We are to train a child according to his/her characteristic manner (strengths). Some will be artistic, others athletic, and still others academic. One may be strong-willed and another compliant. The parent finds ways to encourage behavior that makes everyone happy and satisfies the child’s deepest needs. And it involves guiding a wild spirit in order to give it purpose and direction.”

Chuck Swindoll, A Better Way to Parent
Fatherhood and Discipline

“Folly is bound up in the heart of a child, but the rod of discipline will drive it far from him.”
Proverbs 22:15
Fatherhood and Discipline

“In the raising of sheep, the rod is used to guide the sheep, and the staff is used to pull them back to the herd when they stray. Our dysfunctional parenting beliefs would have us to believe that sparing the rod means the failure to beat our children. What utter sheep dip that is.”

--Bryan Post
Parenting Solutions Journal, 2007
Fatherhood and Discipline

“Corrective discipline is the means to address the foolish nature in our children. The purpose of discipline is always redemptive. God does not intend for it to be abusive, destructive, or harsh. Loving concern for the development of the child should motivate all discipline.”

--Tom Lane, The Influence of a Father
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Training and Education

- National Certificate Programs
  - Fathers and Families Coalition*
    *Approved by National Association of Social Workers
  - National Fatherhood Initiative**
  - National Partnership for Community Leadership**
  - The Nurturing Fatherhood Curriculum**
    **Evidence based curriculum

Invest in professional development in the area of marriage and fatherhood.
Resources for Mothers

- Rick Johnson: "That's My Teenage Son"
  - How moms can influence their boys to become good men

- Meg Meeker, M.D.: "Strong Mothers, Strong Sons"
  - Lessons mothers need to raise extraordinary men
  - Develop a healthy, lasting relationship with your son, at any age
Scott Watters – Home Life Supervisor
• Trust Based Relational Intervention®
  ○ Developed by Dr. Karyn Purvis & Dr. David Cross at the TCU Institute of Child Development

“The only way to heal a relational wound is through relationships.”

- Dr. David Cross
TBRI Parenting Principles

Empower
Setting the Stage for Success

Connect
The Goal of the Relationship

Correct
Getting the “train” back on track
Empowering Principles

- Meet Physical Needs
  - Food, shelter, sensory needs
- Felt Safety
- Predictability
- Sharing Power
Connecting Principles

- Play!
- Safe Touch
- Voice Control
- Keeping Promises
- Seeing the Real Child
Correcting Principles

- Shared Language
- Responding to Challenges with Intention
  - Not killing a mosquito with a shotgun!
- Balancing Nurture & Structure
Nurture / Structure Balance

Nurture

Structure

Raise the Structure, Raise the Nurture
Lower the Structure, Lower the Nurture
Empowering Fathers

- Education
- Meet the Needs
- Share Power
Connecting with Fathers

- Recognizing the Real Person
  - Unconditional Positive Regard
- Groups
  - Play
  - Support
- Showing Respect
Correcting Fathers

- Modeling
- Balance Nurture and Structure
- Partnering
Connecting Relationship is the Goal
Thank you for your time and participation today!

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- Master’s Degree in Counseling along with state licensure. Must have the ability to obtain LPC-S credential. Experience in residential care settings and foundational knowledge of Trust Based Relational Intervention (TBRI) is strongly preferred. Please send resume to Rhonda Thurman at rthurman@armsofhope.org.