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NRCPFC Teleconference/Webinar: Engaging Fathers in Child Welfare

Wednesday, July 13, 2011

3:00-4:30 PM EST



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Introduction to the Engaging Fathers Teleconference/Webinar & NRCPFC Teleconference Series

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Father Presence/Father Involvement

- Better School Performance
- Attachment to School
- Staying Out of Trouble
- Delayed Sexual Activity
- Fewer Teen Pregnancies



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Our Own Story

“Dear Dad”



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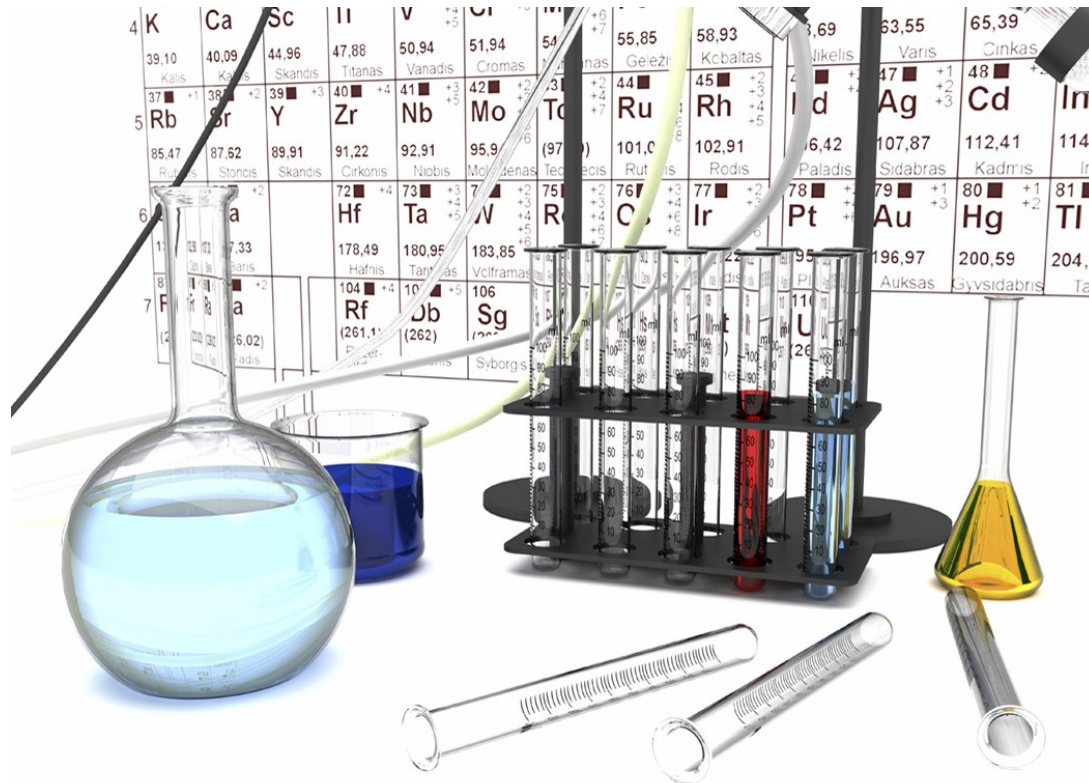
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Understanding The Back Story



Key Elements of Engaging Fathers





Walking In The Door

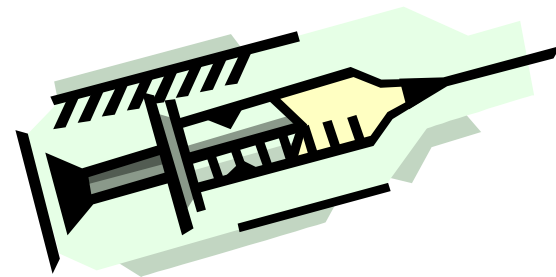
Provide all fathers with children in imminent risk of entering foster care with the information they need to successfully advocate for Themselves and for their children.





Substance Abuse

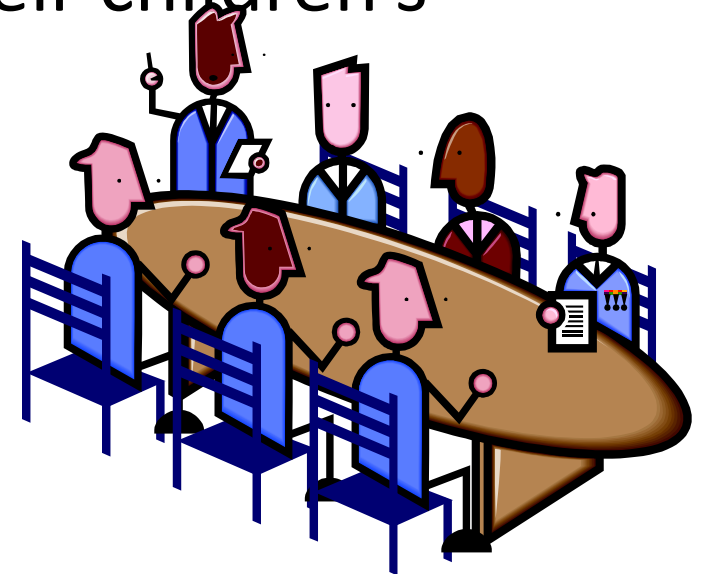
To provide all fathers with substance abuse histories the skills they need to advocate for the services and resources they need to overcome their addiction and maintain their recovery.





Child and Family Team Meeting

Provide fathers with children in imminent risk of entering foster care the means to participate in all decisions made about their children's care, custody, and placement.





Policy and Resource Allocation

Provide fathers who have experienced the child welfare system with opportunities to influence and improve child welfare policy, practice, and resource allocation





New Tools for Workers

Provide all child welfare staff the skills and tools necessary to work effectively with fathers and children/youth.





Public Information

Inform the public, legislators, and the community at large about the struggles and successes of fathers who have been involved with child welfare





Father Engagement Assessment

Please grade on a 5 point scale (0,1,2,3,4,5) where 0 means “not started” or “not moving” and 5 means “incredible progress” or “great results.”

Please discuss with your team after the webinar!



Discussion Guide – Part 1

What does it feel like for non-custodial fathers when they learn that their children have been referred to Child Protective Services or that they have been placed in foster care? How might they behave initially?



Discussion Guide – Part 2

What does it feel like for workers when they meet non-custodial fathers for the first time?
How might workers behave initially?



Questions from Participants

Webinar Participant Questions?

*If you have a question for the presenters, please
dial *1 on your phone.*

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Resources

- National Resource Center for Permanency and Family Connections www.nrcpfc.org
- National Fatherhood Initiative
www.fatherhood.org
- Quality Improvement Center on Non-Resident Fathers www.fatherhoodqic.org
- American Bar Association
www.americanbar.org