



**Fatherhood Engagement Leadership Team
(F.E.L.T.)
Statewide Resource Guide**

ABCD, INC.: Fantastic Fathers Are Concerned Too (FACT)

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Overview of Services/Program: This program aims to raise awareness & importance of two involved parents in the life of a child; strengthen capacity of responsible fatherhood field; build strong parent involvement with children and improve relationships between teachers and parents.

Catholic Charities Archdiocese of Hartford FATHERHOOD INITIATIVE

www.ccaoh.org

Asylum Hill
60 Gillett Street, Suite 101, Hartford, CT
Phone 850-244-9944

El Centro de Desarrollo y Reafirmation Familiar
45 Wadsworth Street, Hartford, CT

Parker Memorial
2621 Main Street, Hartford
Phone: 860-757-0827

Southside Family Center
15 Newfield Avenue, Hartford
Phone: 860-953-0113

Waterbury Family Center
13 Wolcott Street, Waterbury
Phone: 203-596-9359

Overview of Services/Program: Catholic Charities' Responsible Fatherhood Initiative provides resources to help fathers become aware of the important role they play in their children's overall well being. The program provides services through groups and case management in three primary areas: healthy marriage, responsible parenting and economic stability/employment. Services are available in English and Spanish at our four Hartford Family Centers.

CITY OF HARTFORD, OFFICE FOR YOUTH SERVICES: The Fatherhood Network

Hartford, CT 06103
Telephone: (860) 757-9882, Fax: (860) 722-6114
Contact: Chuck Cummings, MSW, Project Director
E-mail: ccummings@hartford.gov

Overview of Services/Program: The Fatherhood Network provides mental health individual and group therapy counseling to teens and young adult fathers, resume preparation, job search strategies and offender re-entry referrals.

COMMUNITY ACTION AGENCY OF NEW HAVEN

781 Whalley Avenue, New Haven, CT 06515
Phone: (203) 387-7700 ext. 218 Fax: (203) 397-7475
Contact: Louis Hutcherson
E-mail: lhutcherson@caanh.net

Overview of Services/Program: Employment services and case management provided to non-custodial fathers. Services include job-readiness workshops, job development, training and searches respectively.

COMMUNITY RENEWAL TEAM: Real Fathers, Real Men

395 Wethersfield Avenue, Hartford, CT
Telephone: (860) 560-5765 Fax: (860) 560-5372
Contact: Tyrone Canino
E-mail: caninot@crtct.org
Website: www.crtct.org

Overview of Services/Program: Fathers interested in establishing or maintaining contact with their children are welcome to this free, year-round program. Workshops twice per month, ongoing case management regarding legal issues, child support, employment, child development, partner relationships and more.

CONNECTICUT INSTITUTE FOR COMMUNITIES: Head Start of Northern Fairfield County

7 Old Sherman Turnpike, Suite 206, Danbury, CT 06810
Telephone: (203) 743-3993, Hayward McLaine
Website: www.ct-institute.org

Overview of Services/Program: Head Start of Northern Fairfield County strongly encourages fathers, grandfathers and guardians to become an active part of our program. Parents are invited to participate on all policy groups, committees, and in classroom events and workshops. The Fatherhood Initiative Group meets with each other on a monthly basis for a child/father activity and dinner.

EASTERN CONNECTICUT HEALTH NETWORK (ECHN): FAMILY DEVELOPMENT CENTER

71 Haynes Street, Manchester, CT 06040
Telephone: (860) 646-1222, ask for the Family Development Center

Overview of Services/Program: The ECHN Family Development Center operates a number of fatherhood initiatives via five basic programs: Nurturing Families Network, Early Head Start, Family Enrichment Services, Family Resource Center in Manchester, Family Resource Center in Vernon. Opportunities include: "Nurturing" parenting groups just for dads, home visiting for parents (including dads who are primary caregivers), single parent support group, special events for dads and their children, including playgroups, field trips and workshops. No cost for services.

Fathers Cry Too!

Contact Tom at New Haven Family Alliance
Phone: 203-786-5970

Overview of Services/Program: Fathers Cry Too! has seven core members. The group goes around to local schools and public events to encourage city youth to settle disputes without guns. Members also want to organize a citywide summit meeting of dads to discuss ways of healing themselves, their families and their neighborhoods.

Family Centered Services of CT: Nurturing Families Network

131 Dwight Street, New Haven, CT 06511

Phone: (203) 624-2600 ext. 313 Fax: (203) 562-6232
Contact: Galit Sharma
E-mail: gsharma@familyct.org

Overview of Services/Program: The Nurturing Families Network offers Home Visiting and Groups for Fathers. Home Visiting is a long-term, intensive individualized program for first-time fathers and fathers parenting for the first time. Target participants are fathers of infants up to three months of age and expectant fathers. Nurturing Fathers Groups meet weekly and are open to all fathers. Both programs provide parenting education and support and focus on relationship building, attachment, age-appropriate expectations and co-parenting while helping fathers achieve their employment and educational goals. There is no fee to participate.

FAMILY STRIDES, INC.: Father Involvement Program

350 Main Street, Suite A, Torrington, CT 06790
Telephone: (860) 482-3236 Fax: (860) 482-3238
Contact: Emil
Website: www.familystrides.org

Overview of Services/Program: This state-certified fatherhood program promotes parenting education and support to fathers and family men through weekly groups that focus on the importance of nurturing vital to the father/child relationship, one-on-one contacts, links to community resources, assistance in navigating the court system, educational training, job readiness skills & job placement, and direct contact with business and employment agencies. Also offers relationship classes to couples. Call for information and to register.

GREATER BRIDGEPORT ADOLESCENT PREGNANCY PROGRAM: Teen Fathers Program

158 Mill Hill Avenue, Bridgeport, CT 06610
Telephone: (203) 366-8255 Fax: (203) 367-9588
Contact: Saleh Hanaif, Program Coordinator
E-mail: shanaif@gbapp.org

Overview of Services/Program: The focus of this program is to have young men connect with their children, to involve them in the child-rearing process, and to help young males see themselves as nurturing parents. The program assists young men by providing comprehensive support services and strengthening employment skills. We serve young parents at the Greater Bridgeport Adolescent Parenting Program, Bassick High School, Central High School, Harding High School, Park City Academy, and Bullard Heaven Technical High School.

HUMAN RESOURCES AGENCY OF NEW BRITAIN, HEAD START: HRA Neighborhood Fathers Unite (Fatherhood Program)

Meeting locations:

- 180 Clinton Street (Head Start-Parent Room)
North-Oak Community Center, New Britain, CT
- 35 Oak Street, New Britain, CT 06053

Telephone: (860) 225-8601 or (860) 225-4688 ext. 2226
Fax: (860) 225-4843
Contact: Robert (Bobby) Sanchez, Social Services
Senior Manager.
E-mail: fathersunite@hranbct.org

Overview of Services/Program: Services include support group formed by fathers to discuss and learn about child development issues. Guest speakers during support group meetings cover the following topics: Men's Health, Mental Health, Challenging Behaviors, Importance of Reading to Children, Ages and Stages, Separation issues, Domestic Violence and any other topics of interest to Fathers. Peer Support Network and Mediation, HRA services to fathers and their families and Events for Fathers and their families. Also offer 24/7 Dads a.m. & p.m. (curriculum-based) training, a unique and innovative program that focuses on the universal characteristics that every father needs so that men of all cultures, races, religions, and backgrounds can benefit from the program. Dads need to attend all 10 to 12 sessions of this program in order to benefit from it and will receive a certificate of completion at the end.

KIDSAFE CT

19 Elm Street, Rockville, CT 06066
Telephone: (860) 872-1918 Fax: (860) 872-8066
Contact: Judith Clarke or Mary Burke
E-mail: jclarke@kidsafect.org or mburke@kidsafect.org
Website: www.kidsafect.org

Overview of Services/Program: KIDSAFE CT offers a Fathers Support Group meeting weekly, Parenting Education and Parent Aide Resources, Individual/Couples/Family Counseling, Anger Management Classes, and Noncustodial Parenting specific education and counseling. For all of these programs, the mission is to help individuals and their families succeed. KIDSAFE's goal is to assess then create a plan that offers solutions for ultimate success. KIDSAFE will provide appropriate assessment, consultation, direction, simple solutions and access to information and services in order for the individual or family to make progress and address the issues. KIDSAFE tailors programs specifically for fathers needing assistance in all program areas.

MADONNA PLACE, FATHERHOOD: INITIATIVE PROGRAM

240 Main Street, Norwich, CT 06360
Telephone: (860) 886-6600 Fax: (860) 892-5411
Contact: Scott Swartz
E-mail: sswartz@madonnaplace.org
Website: www.madonnaplace.org

Overview of Services/Program: This state-certified fatherhood program has a mission to support fathers as they strive to meet the emotional, financial, medical, educational and physical needs of their children. The program offers case management services to promote positive interaction between fathers, mothers and children. A number of curriculum-based parenting and related groups are offered for fathers and couples. Family Development Plans are used to address fathers' strengths, challenges and goals.

MANCHESTER HEAD START

60 Washington Street, Manchester, CT 06042
Telephone: (860) 647-5004 Fax: (860) 647-5046
Contact: Nydia Einsiedel

Overview of Services/Program: Manchester Head Start is a father-friendly pre-school program where significant males in each child's life are encouraged to participate in all areas of teaching and learning. Male role models can join various committees and participate in Policy Council, as well as volunteering in the classroom. Head Start supports families in locating social services available to them. We are also a part of the Fostering Fathers and Children Together Collaboration (FFAT); FFAT hosts special events just for dads and their children.

NATCHAUG SCHOOL, FAMILY RESOURCE CENTER

123 Jackson Street, Willimantic, CT 06226
Telephone: (860) 465-2396 Fax: (860) 465-2383
Contact: Kathy Williams, Coordinator

Overview of Services/Program: MIKE, or Males Involved in Kids' Education, began in 1999 as a support group for fathers, and now includes activities for fathers and their children. Call for information and to register.

NEW HAVEN FAMILY ALLIANCE, INC.: Male Involvement Network

370 James Street, New Haven, CT 06511
Telephone: (203) 786-5970 Fax: (203) 777-5839
Contact: Bruce Trammell, Program Manager
E-mail: bruce.trammell@nhfamilyalliance.org

Overview of Services/Program: The Male Involvement Network is a state-certified fatherhood program. The targeted consumers are 1) noncustodial fathers who strive to be nurturing and responsible parents; 2) custodial fathers seeking support for their parenting; 3) fathers with child support, visitation or other parenting related concerns; 4) incarcerated and post-incarcerated fathers requiring fatherhood services. The Male Involvement Network strives to dispel myths about noncustodial fathers while increasing awareness of the father's importance to a child's healthy development. Services include case management, fatherhood development educational classes, workforce development, fatherhood support group, healthy relationship classes, financial education, employment assistance and pre-release father engagement and mentoring for incarcerated fathers.

REAL DADS FOREVER

P.O. Box 684, Manchester CT 06045
Telephone: (860) 643-7364
Contact: Doug Edwards, Director
E-mail: realdadsforever@aol.com
Website: www.realdadsforever.com

Overview of Services/Program: Real Dads Forever is a multi-faceted fatherhood development program designed to energize, prepare and strengthen men to fulfill their responsibilities, making their families better... forever. Since 1997 we have conducted group sessions with family men; staff training for private and state agencies and schools; school fatherhood programs with family men and their children; and programs for incarceration and alternative incarceration centers. Through the years, over 3500 men have participated in the program in more than 450 groups. We have facilitated over 100 staff trainings and workshops that provide opportunities to examine the value of men in the lives of children and to develop strategies to increase involvement of fathers and family men in the home and school environment. With the use of music, videos, photos and interactive conversation, we create an engaging atmosphere for an informative, inspiring and motivating experience. Call or e-mail for scheduling or to attend a workshop or training.

QUINEBAUG VALLEY COMMUNITY COLLEGE: STRIDE Program

742 Upper Maple Street, Danielson, CT 06239
Telephone: (860)412-7320 Fax: (860)412-7318
Contact: Julie Scrapchansky, STRIDE Program Director
E-mail: jscrapchansky@qvc.commnet.edu

Overview of Services/Program: The STRIDE Program serves a targeted group of incarcerated men and women both pre-and post-release from Bergin Correctional Institute in Storrs, Bridgeport Correctional Center in Bridgeport, Gates Correctional Institute in Niantic, New Haven Correctional Center in New Haven and York

Correctional Institute in Niantic. The class curriculum and post-release services are collaboratively designed to assist the men and women in successfully re-entering the workforce upon release and to resume their parental roles. Eligibility of criteria is as follows: must be currently incarcerated at one of the participating STRIDE correctional facilities; must be a non-custodial parent of a child under the age of 25; you or your children are now or have been recipients of any CT state assistance program such as TFA, SAGA/LIA, HUSKY, SNAP; must be committed to becoming employed and plan to remain in the state of CT; must be able to make and keep scheduled appointments with STRIDE staff, both on a pre- and post-release basis.

VILLAGE FOR FAMILIES & CHILDREN, INC.: Fatherhood Initiative/Fatherworks Hotline

1680 Albany Avenue, Hartford, CT 06105
Phone: (860) 236-4511 Ext. 3724
Hotline: 860-297-0546

Overview of Services/Program: The Father Works program will assist young fathers between the ages of 15-24. The goal is to reduce future unplanned pregnancies and to help our young fathers understand the Joys of fatherhood and parenting. Program services include parenting and co-parenting education, case management services, clinical group and individual therapy services, sex education (to decrease risky behaviors and promote safe and healthy behaviors), vocational and employment opportunities. To learn more or to participate in the study, please contact: Fatherworks@villageforchildren.org

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National Fatherhood Initiative:
www.nationalfatherhood.org

Department of Social Services:
<http://www.ct.gov/fatherhood>