



## NRFC Webinar Series

### Working with Child Welfare Agencies to Improve Outcomes for Families July 19, 2017

#### Helpful Resources

##### American Humane Association

- [FINAL REPORT: National Quality Improvement Center on Non-Resident Fathers and the Child Welfare System.](#) This report provides a summary of findings from a five-year (2006-2011) federally-funded project that was designed to positively impact child safety, permanency, and well-being by better involving non-resident fathers and paternal kin through enhanced services, policy, and child welfare training.

##### Center for the Study of Social Policy

- [Changing Systems & Practice to Improve Outcomes for Young Fathers, Their Children & Their Families.](#) This January 2017 report provides recommendations for child welfare system policy and practice changes that recognize the critical role young fathers can play in improving the outcomes of their children and families. The report includes links to practice guides and other resources with general information on working with young fathers.
  - Along with the report, CSSP released a new video, [Effectively Engaging Young Fathers in Child Welfare](#), which highlights the voices of three young fathers who share their experiences and provide recommendations for child welfare system leaders on how to strengthen father engagement.

##### Child Welfare Information Gateway

- The [Engaging Fathers Podcast Series](#) is a three-part podcast series for Child Welfare agencies on engaging fathers and working with fatherhood organizations.
  - [Part 1](#) and [Part 2](#) feature conversations with leaders of local fatherhood organizations.
  - [Part 3](#) provides an example of a successful partnership and showcases how the agencies came together.
- Child Welfare Information Gateway. (2013). *How the child welfare system works*. Washington, DC: U.S. Department of Health and Human Services, Children's Bureau.
- Child Welfare Information Gateway. (2006). [The Importance of Fathers in the Healthy Development of Children](#). U.S. Department of Health and Human Services, Children's Bureau.
- Other resources for Child Welfare staff include [Engaging the Non-Resident Father](#) and [Engaging Fathers and Paternal Family Members](#).

##### National Family Preservation Network

- The [Basic Fatherhood Training Curriculum](#) and a [Complete Guide to Father Involvement](#) were developed to help child welfare professionals involve fathers in their children's lives.

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### National Responsible Fatherhood Clearinghouse

- [Working with the Child Welfare System](#) is a chapter in the NRFC's [Responsible Fatherhood Toolkit: Tips from the Field](#) and includes a list of additional resources.

### U.S. Department of Health and Human Services

- [What About the Dads? Child Welfare Agencies' Efforts to Identify, Locate and Involve Nonresident Fathers](#), K. Malm, J. Murray, and R. Geen (2006).
  - A summary of the information presented in What About the Dads? is provided in [Child Welfare Casework with Nonresident Fathers of Children in Foster Care](#), ASPE Issue Brief, (December 2006).
- [More About the Dads: Exploring Associations between Nonresident Father Involvement and Child Welfare Case Outcomes](#), K. Malm, E. Zielewski, and H. Chen (2008).

### Washington State Children's Administration

- [Including Fathers](#) is a training video for professional social workers that covers the importance of father inclusion in child welfare practices and includes stories from committed dads who are navigating the child welfare system in order to be fully engaged in the lives of their children.

### Other Publications and Resources

- Coakley, T. (2014). Fatherhood. In G. P. Mallon & P. M. Hess (Eds.), *Child welfare for the twenty-first century: A handbook of practices, policies, and programs* (pp. 694-709). New York: Columbia University Press.
- Kendall, J. and Pilnik, L. (2010). [Engaging Nonresident Fathers in Child Welfare Cases: A Guide for Court Appointed Special Advocates](#).
- Minnesota Fathers and Families Network. (2011). [Linking Fathers: Child Welfare Sector Analysis](#)
- The Kempe Center at the University of Colorado offers [Dad Advantage](#) services to help child welfare agencies better engage with fathers.