NRFC Webinar Series

Working with Young Fathers: Tips from the Field (March 22, 2017)

Helpful Resources

■ Serving and Engaging Males and Young Fathers
  o This list of resources was compiled in 2016 by the Pregnancy Assistance Fund (PAF), which is managed by the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services’ Office of Adolescent Health.
  o One of the resources, the Introductory Toolkit to Serving Young Fathers, provides information about recruitment and retention; statistics on how young fathers make a difference; an assessment and checklist for organizations; and a program activities workbook.

■ Changing Systems & Practice to Improve Outcomes For Young Fathers, Their Children & Their Families
  o This January 2017 report from the Center for the Study of Social Policy 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.
    ▪ Links to practice guides and other resources with general information on working with young fathers.
  o 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.

■ Young dads get nonprofit treatment: Fathers find support in New Mexico
  o A recent article about the Young Fathers of Santa Fe program (Salon.com, January 5, 2017).

  o This guide was developed by the New Mexico Alliance for School-Based Health Care.
  o Chapter 4, Special Information for Teen Fathers, includes tips and resources for fathers on post-natal health issues, breastfeeding, fathers’ role in child literacy development, and a “crying baby flowchart.”

National Responsible Fatherhood Clearinghouse resources include:

■ Promising Teen Fatherhood Programs: Initial Evidence Lessons From Evidence-Based Research
  o This NRFC research brief by Jacinta Bronte-Tinkew, Mary Burkhauser, and Allison Metz (2008) presents 10 promising practices for working with teen fathers.

■ A 2008 webinar, Promising Practices: Working with Teen Fathers

■ Responsible Fatherhood Toolkit: Resources From the Field
  o The toolkit section on Working with Young Fathers includes a list of additional Helpful Resources.
  o The materials on the following page are also cited in the toolkit and may be helpful:
Additional references with information and resources for practitioners working with young fathers