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Working with Fathers in Rural Areas and Small Communities

Resources

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Although much of the fatherhood work we hear about takes place in urban areas, we should not forget that many fathers and families live in rural areas or small town communities. The National Responsible Fatherhood Clearinghouse webinar – *Working with Fathers in Rural Areas and Small Communities* – explored the context of responsible fatherhood programming in rural areas and small communities, identified differences and similarities between rural and urban communities, presented strategies that some programs have used in working with dads in small communities, and reflected on general lessons for fatherhood programs in all communities.

The following resources may be helpful for fatherhood programs and fathers.

- The [Child and Family Development Program](#) provided by the United States Department of Agriculture’s [Cooperative Extension System](#) and National Institute of Food and Agriculture supports efforts to promote healthy physical, cognitive, social, and emotional development for individuals and families in rural communities as well as people living in urban areas.
 - See the [Family Life Specialist Directory](#) for state by state contact information.
 - The [National Extension Relationship and Marriage Education Network \(NERMEN\)](#) provides resources to inform and support quality relationship education programming.
- DHHS/ACF/Office of Family Assistance’s Peer TA Network [Rural Communities Initiative](#) provides resources that are relevant for programs in rural areas.
- [Working with Fathers in a Rural Community](#) – this short article by Zach Allen is part of the Parents as Teachers’ [Fatherhood Toolkit](#).
- [Community Development in Rural America: Collaborative, Regional, and Comprehensive](#) - an online article by Cynthia M. Duncan that is also a chapter in the book [Investing in What Works for America’s Communities](#) (Senior Editors: Nancy O. Andrews & David J. Erickson; Contributing Editors: Ian J. Galloway & Ellen S. Seidman).
- NRFC webinar, May 2009: [Working with Fathers from Rural and Small Town Communities](#).
- [National Center for Frontier Communities](#) – the main focus of this organization is access to health care in rural communities, but they have information relevant for other work in rural communities, including [Leading Change: Best Practices in Technical Assistance for Rural and Frontier Health-Care in an Era of Transformation](#).

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