



# The National Responsible Fatherhood Clearinghouse

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Families in 2013

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# Webinar Objective

Our objective for this Webinar is to:

- Provide a detailed overview of the NRFC and the available resources and supports that the clearinghouse offers to fathers, families, and the fatherhood field.



# Webinar Presenters

## Moderator

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# National Responsible Fatherhood Clearinghouse Overview

- The **National Responsible Fatherhood Clearinghouse** is an Office of Family Assistance (OFA) funded national resource for fathers, practitioners, programs/Federal grantees, states, and the public at-large who are serving or interested in supporting strong fathers and families.
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- Our goals are to provide, facilitate, and disseminate current research, proven and innovative strategies that will encourage and strengthen fathers and families, and providers of services via the following priorities:
  - Robust NRFC Website – [www.Fatherhood.gov](http://www.Fatherhood.gov)
  - Annual Media Campaign that will promote Responsible Fatherhood field and efforts of local programs (*Fatherhood Buzz*)



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# Fatherhood Buzz

- In an effort to market and engage fathers more directly, the NRFC launched Buzz in 8 cities:
  - NYC
  - DC
  - Philadelphia
  - Los Angeles
  - Atlanta
  - Milwaukee
  - Chicago
  - Albany



This grassroots marketing effort provided responsible fatherhood information to fathers via one of the oldest and most trusted resources to engage men: Barbershops!



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## NRFC Priorities Continued:

- Social Media Engagement
- Development and dissemination of written products that will advance the responsible fatherhood research and practice national agendas
- Outreach and expert presentations at conferences and events
- National Call Center for Dads and Practitioners (**1-877-4DAD411**)



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## NRFC Priorities Continued:

- President's Fatherhood and Mentoring Initiative (PFMI)
- Virtual Trainings (like today's Webinar)



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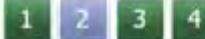
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### Check out Federal Programs and Resources

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## DadTalk BLOG

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### Diaper Bag Parent Preparedness

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## Connect with Programs

Find a Fatherhood program near you.



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## Activities of the Week

Take Time to Be a Dad Today! Here are some suggestions for easy, no-cost or low-cost ways to spend meaningful time with your family. Everyone's circumstances are different, so some of these activities might not be possible for you and your children.

**December 16, 2012 to December 22, 2012**

### Make a Haiku

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**October 28, 2012 to November 3, 2012**

### Take a Hike

Walk around the neighborhood, go to a local park, or take a walk in the countryside. Wherever you choose, enjoy the opportunity to share time with your children, point out interesting things on the way, and build some





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## For Programs

As a practitioner you are operating programs that help strengthen fathers and families. From dealing with the challenges faced by families to the challenges of implementing a successful and sustainable program, this section of Fatherhood.gov is especially for you.



Issues your families might be facing

## Program Supports

### Getting Started

...e  
...in  
...many forms. You may start a curriculum-based program, integrate male involvement and responsible parenting into your service organization, or engage with the community through the **Fatherhood Buzz** initiative.

- Program Development
- Collaboration Strategies
- Promising Practices
- Evaluation
- Sustainability

### For Your Fathers

Each father has their own challenges. As a practitioner you may not know everything that is going on in the life of a family and your organization may not be equipped to fully deal with all these challenges, and that's okay.

- Father Presence
- Health & Safety
- Economic Stability/Employment
- Fathers and Education
- Incarceration & Reentry
- Strong Families/Healthy Relationships
- Step Families
- Domestic Violence
- Child Support, Custody, Visitation
- Substance Abuse
- Mental Health

### Federal Programs and Resources

One of the key policy goals and priorities set out by President Obama is the promotion of Responsible Fatherhood and Strong Communities. As part of this goal, the White House has partnered with a number of other Federal Departments to promote these partnerships and activities that promote fatherhood in local communities.

### Fatherhood Buzz

Barbershops across the country will be participating in Fatherhood Buzz, an initiative to support barbershops in connecting dads with local resources to help build strong families.





## Library

Welcome to the National Responsible Fatherhood Clearinghouse (NRFC) Online Library! We invite you to search the online library for resources related to research and issues impacting Responsible Fatherhood.



[Browse the Library >>](#)

### Using the Library



The NRFC has a range of resources and information in addition to the library holdings here. This section guides you through how the information on the site is organized and how to find out more.

### Submit a Resource



While library staff scour various resources seeking items for the collection, it's not possible for us to find all responsible fatherhood resources out there. Do you have a resource that you think should be part of our collection? Find out how to submit it here.

### Dad Stats



There is a wide range of research and statistics related to the effect that father involvement and father absence can have on their children. These statistics give an overview of some of the statistics about fathers and father involvement that is available.

### Featured Resource



**Redefining Relationships: Countervailing Consequences of Paternal Incarceration for Parenting.**

Fragile Families Working Papers (2012) As research considers the consequences of incarceration for family life, this paper considers the consequences of paternal incarceration for fathers' & mothers' parenting.



# Events Calendar

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## Email Updates

Delivered directly to your inbox, NRFC Email Updates highlight what's new on the website for programs and dads.

Subscribe to receive the National Responsible Fatherhood Clearinghouse's (NRFC) free email update announcing information that has been added to the NRFC website, including updates to topics and tools, news, and new publications available via the NRFC online library search.

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11 + 2 =

Solve this simple math problem and enter the result. E.g. for 1+3, enter 4.





# FY 2013 Social Media Priorities

Increase the audience and relevance of the NRFC as a vital resource to the responsible fatherhood field and to fathers by expanding the reach of the NRFC through social media and the use of social media tools as a method for increasing and maintaining connectivity between NRFC activities (i.e. Webinars, Conferences, New Products) and the broader community.



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# FY 2013 Social Media Priorities

- Increase Facebook Likes, Twitter Followers & Email Update members
- Raise awareness to NRFC events & services
- Engage the general public through replies, retweets & reposts,
- Increase engagement of social media platforms via OFA regions
- Raise awareness to OFA program highlights, news and other regional spotlights



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**Linda Scott** Children who have or had caring fathers take these precious memories with them throughout their lives. Unfortunately memories remain whether there was a father or not.

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**El-cid Mofer** wow thanks im doing all that to my little Elijah some source of bonding time to him

17 hours ago via mobile

# Example Facebook Post

# @fatherhoodgov



A screenshot of the Twitter profile page for @fatherhoodgov. The page is blue and white. On the left, there's a navigation menu with options: Tweets, Following, Followers, Favorites, and Lists. Below that is a "Follow Fatherhoodgov" section with fields for Full name, Email, and Password, and a "Sign up" button. The main profile area shows the account name "Fatherhoodgov" and "@Fatherhoodgov", a bio stating "Fatherhood.gov uses relevant research to engage the public, fathers &amp; agencies that serve fathers in evidence-based principles related to Responsible Fatherhood" and the website "http://fatherhood.gov". It also shows 617 tweets, 21 followers, and 286 people followed. The "Tweets" section displays several tweets from @fatherhoodgov, including one about Earl Johnson and Dr. George L. Asikew, one about child psychology, one about George Foreman, and one about Father's Day.





# NRFC Call Center

- Call Us @ (877) 4DAD411
  - Operates Monday - Friday, 9AM to 5PM
  - Speak with a live NRFC representative
  - Line addresses anything related to fatherhood and strengthening families
- New partnership with Child Find of America's Parent Help Line, (800) 716-3468



# Call (800) 716-3468 and connect to Parent Help

The National Responsible Fatherhood Clearinghouse and Child Find of America have partnered to provide Parent Help services to fathers and their families.

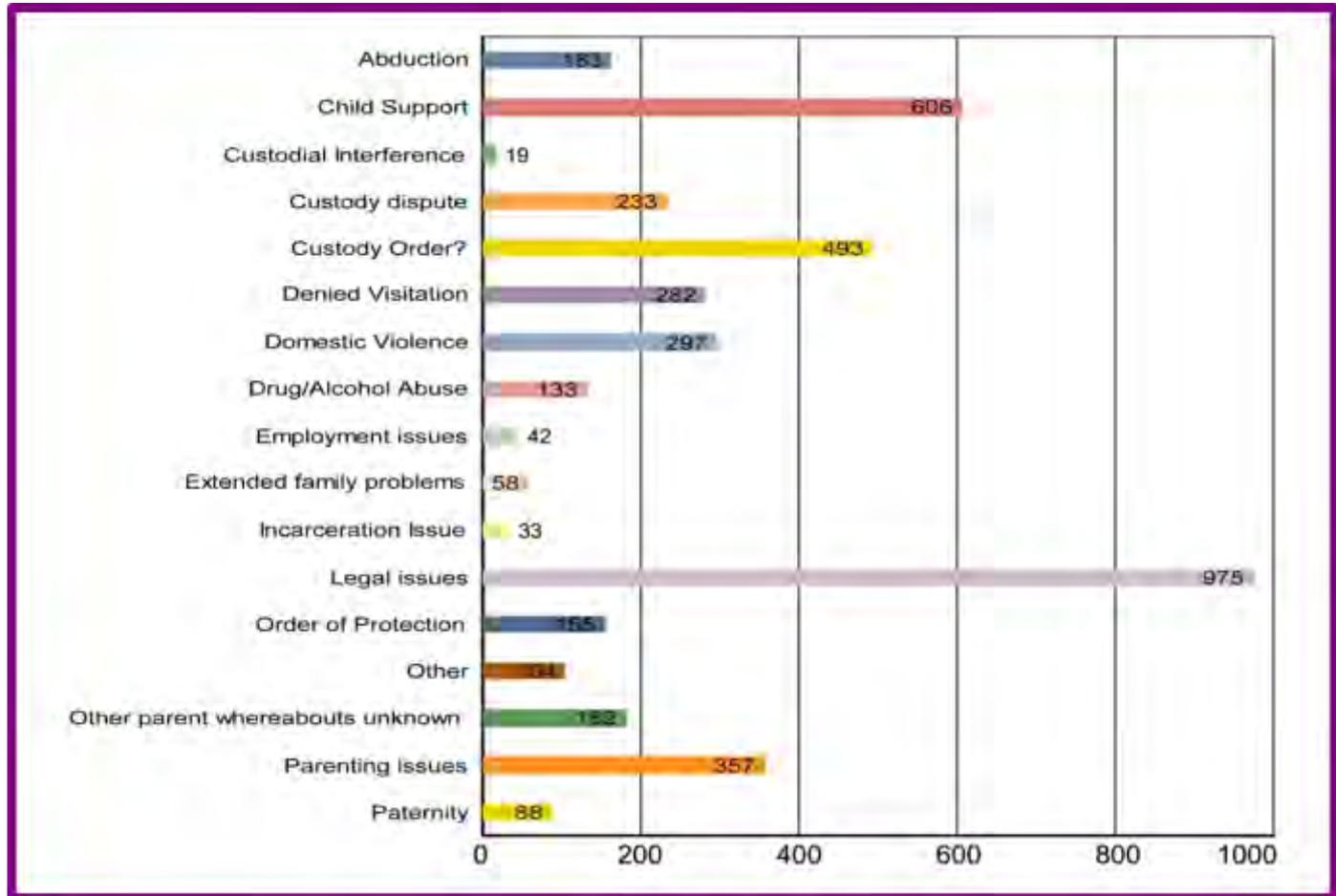
- Free, confidential, telephone-based problem solving services to fathers and mothers living in conflict and disputes over sharing custody, kids & child support.
- Consultation, training and co-case management services to allied professionals, agencies, programs and caseworkers.
- Services include: Crisis Intervention, Legal Exploration, Conflict Resolution & Mediation, Location, Information & Referral, Fatherhood/Parenting/Co-Parenting Education



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# We Ask Callers: What's Going On?



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# Parent Help's staff have the time to *listen to callers' stories...* *help them sort things*

Services include:

## CRISIS INTERVENTION

- We address immediate safety concerns
- We work to prevent and resolve abductions & denied access

## LEGAL EXPLORATION

We discuss and explore

- Legal options, Court procedure
- Courtroom etiquette, Gathering documentation
- Legal terminology
- We liaison with
- Attorneys, Courts, Law enforcement
- Other state agencies
- Domestic violence agencies
- Child support enforcement



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## CONFLICT RESOLUTION AND MEDIATION

- Improve communication and relationship skills
- Engage estranged parent
- Explore related conflicts (other than presenting ones)
- Explore options
- Discuss parental involvement
- Explore options for those without legal avenues
- **MEDIATE** : conflicts, parenting plans

## LOCATION

- We search for
  - A child with a parent violating a court order
  - A child with a parent to address conflict (Possibly offer mediation)
  - A parent to facilitate the service of court papers



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## INFORMATION AND REFERRAL

- Legal aid / attorneys / mediators/ Fatherhood programs
- Employment resources/ At-risk youth resources
- Community dispute resolution centers
- Local Social service agencies
- Any other reputable agency that may help a caller

## PARENTING EDUCATION

- Provide skill building for parents in challenging situations
- Educate on child development
- Provide co-parenting and parallel parenting skills

**Some of our callers need only a brief intervention, while others work with us over several months.**



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# NRFC Outreach/Event Support

- For FY 2013, the NRFC will support 18-25 events in person
  - Exhibition from NRFC staff
  - Presentation from NRFC content experts





# Exhibition Entails...

- Physical representation (display, banner, etc...) in the conference or event's designated exhibition hall
- NRFC staff present to educate audiences on the nature of our work
- Distributing NRFC materials and promotional items that not only educate, but resonate with the intended audience
- Connecting with professionals and/or families to broaden our network and potentially create future joint endeavors in a variety of capacities



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# Presentation Entails...

- A keynote speech, workshop or other scheduled speaking engagement held by a NRFC staff member with the purposes of:
  - Educating the intended audience on the nature of the NRFC's work
  - Delivering pertinent fatherhood subject matter to an audience as an expert in the content
  - Facilitation to a group with the intention of collecting valuable criticism/feedback on the NRFC's work and services
- NRFC staff member developing original content to be presented or delivering information from a standard NRFC presentation



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# Recent NRFC Conference Workshops

- Working With Dads to Enhance Parenting Skills
- Fatherhood Engagement in Children's Education
- Group Facilitation Skills for Fatherhood Practitioners
- Selecting and Effectively Using Curricula



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## NRFC Conference Attendance FY 2012 & 2013



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# Responsible Fatherhood Toolkit: A Resource Guide from the Field

- Lessons from the Field
- Useful Resources
- Tips from Successful Practitioners
- Hands on Activities
- Volume One available online June 2013
- Input from other practitioners invited and welcomed!
- Contact us at [info@fatherhood.gov](mailto:info@fatherhood.gov) or [nigel.vann@icfi.com](mailto:nigel.vann@icfi.com) with feedback, ideas or to suggest tips/activities for the toolkit.





# Toolkit - Volume One (coming June 2013)

- Development of the Responsible Fatherhood Field
- Organizational Capacity and Project Start Up
  - Initial Planning and Design
  - Staffing
  - Budgeting/Fundraising
  - Documentation and Sustainability
- Outreach and Recruitment
- Working with Dads: Challenges and Strategies
  - Working with dads one-on-one
  - Working with dads in groups
- Hands-On Activities for Working with Dads



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# Toolkit - Volume Two (tentative topics)

- Addressing Domestic Violence in Fatherhood Programs
- The Issue of Cultural Relevance:
  - African American Dads
  - Hispanic American/Latino Dads
  - Native American Dads
- Tips, Resources, Activities for Work Specific Populations
  - Non-Residential Dads
  - Incarcerated Dads
  - Re-Entry Dads
  - Dads of Special Needs Children
  - Dads with Children in the Child Welfare System
  - Young Dads





# Other NRFC Resources

- State Profiles
- Tips for Dads
- Blogs (Dad Talk)
- Research-to-Practice Briefs
- Promising Practices Briefs
- Tips for Professionals



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# NRFC Webinars

- Provided since 2007.
- Ideas, discussion and resources to help strengthen the fatherhood field.
- Feature successful practitioners, researchers, policy makers and federal officials.

Find Podcasts of previous webinars (with transcripts, slides, audio) at <http://fatherhood.gov/for-programs/resources/webinar-archives>



# Recent Webinar Topics

- Fatherhood Buzz - Back to School Initiative: Effective Strategies for Increasing Father Involvement in Schools (August 2012)
- Effective Strategies for Working with Fathers Returning from Prison (July 2012)
- Achieving Economic Stability: Strategies for Successfully Connecting Dads to Jobs (April 2012)



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# Previous Webinar Topics

- Promising Practices for outreach, recruitment and service delivery.
- Documentation and evaluation tips.
- Working with fathers facing specific situations, such as: homelessness, special needs children, divorce/separation, co-parenting, step families, multiple partner fertility, new fathers, young dads, incarcerated dads, military dads, rural dads.
- Integrating Healthy Marriage Skills in to Responsible Fatherhood Programs
- Using internet and modern media to enhance fatherhood programs
- Addressing DV as part of fatherhood work





# 2013 Webinar Schedule

- March 2013 - Working with Child Support - Effective Strategies from Model State/Local Partnerships.
- May 2013 - Safe House: Ensuring Family and Child Safety in Responsible Fatherhood program services.
- July 2013 - Fathers of Special Needs Children - issues faced, resources available, ways general fatherhood programs can help.
- September 2013 - TBD (Reserved for emerging priority)



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