

Resources & Tips from the National Responsible Fatherhood Clearinghouse

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The National Responsible Fatherhood Clearinghouse:
Providing FREE Tips and Resources

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Our Goals

Today

- Present resources available from the National Responsible Fatherhood Clearinghouse.
- Offer tips to engage fathers, strengthen families, and improve child well-being through family support.
- Provide take away ideas for implementing promising practices.



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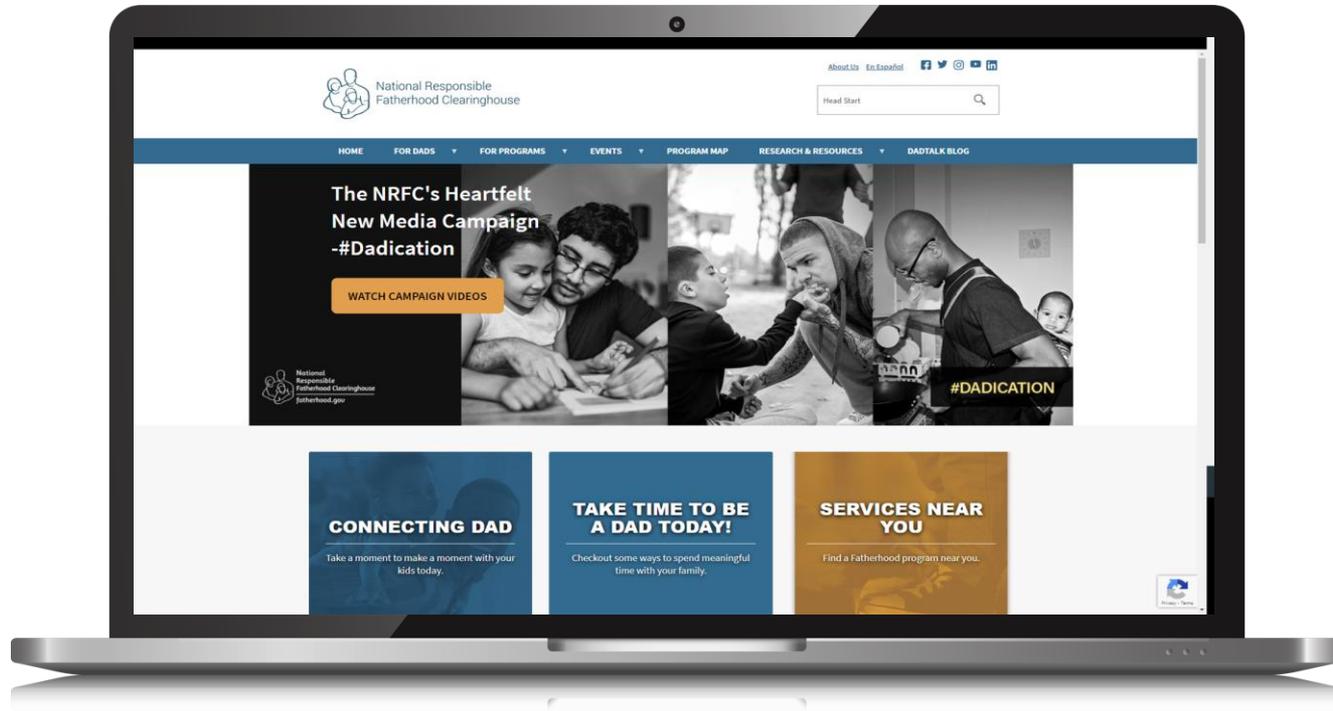
- HHS Office of Family Assistance (OFA) funded resources to support fathers and families.
- Free resources for fathers, practitioners, researchers, policy makers, the public at-large, and all who are serving or interested in supporting strong fathers and families.



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#DADication

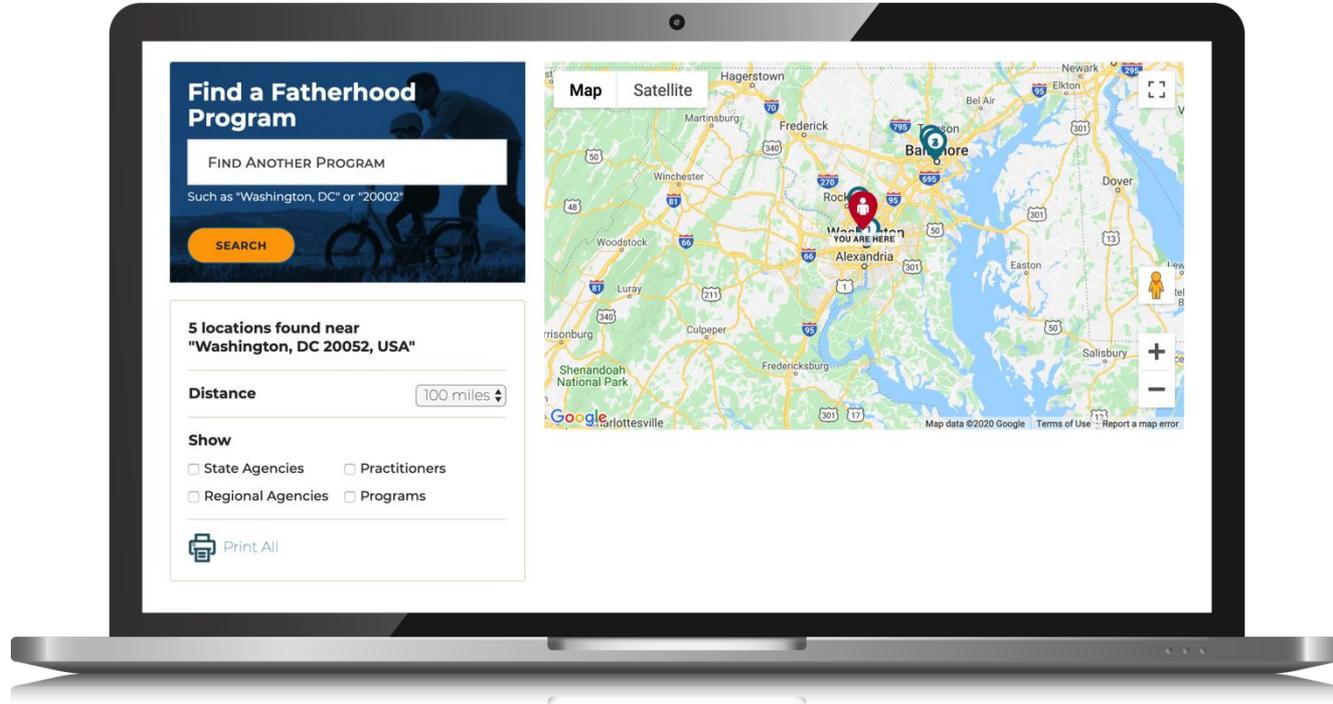
Parents and families are facing new challenges, but one thing hasn't changed: the importance of dads being involved in their children's lives. The NRFC is proud to release a series of new PSAs that encourage fathers to show their "#Dadication" by making time for their kids, even when parenting isn't easy.

Check out the #Dadication PSAs below which, depict the many ways fathers can show up for their children even when they are facing common stressors like financial burdens and busy schedules.



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DadTalk

Tips for Parents posts cover topics from homework help to finding recipes for healthy dinners, and have information for dads with kids of all ages. Our **For Programs** articles feature resources and strategies to help programs improve their services.

Virtual Library

Our Virtual library features thousands of resources ranging from **foundational work** to brand **new research findings**. Access and connect to research reports, fact sheets, journal articles, and more. Know of something we don't have? **Submit it online.**



What makes you a man isn't the ability to conceive a child. It's having the courage to raise one.

— President Barack Obama

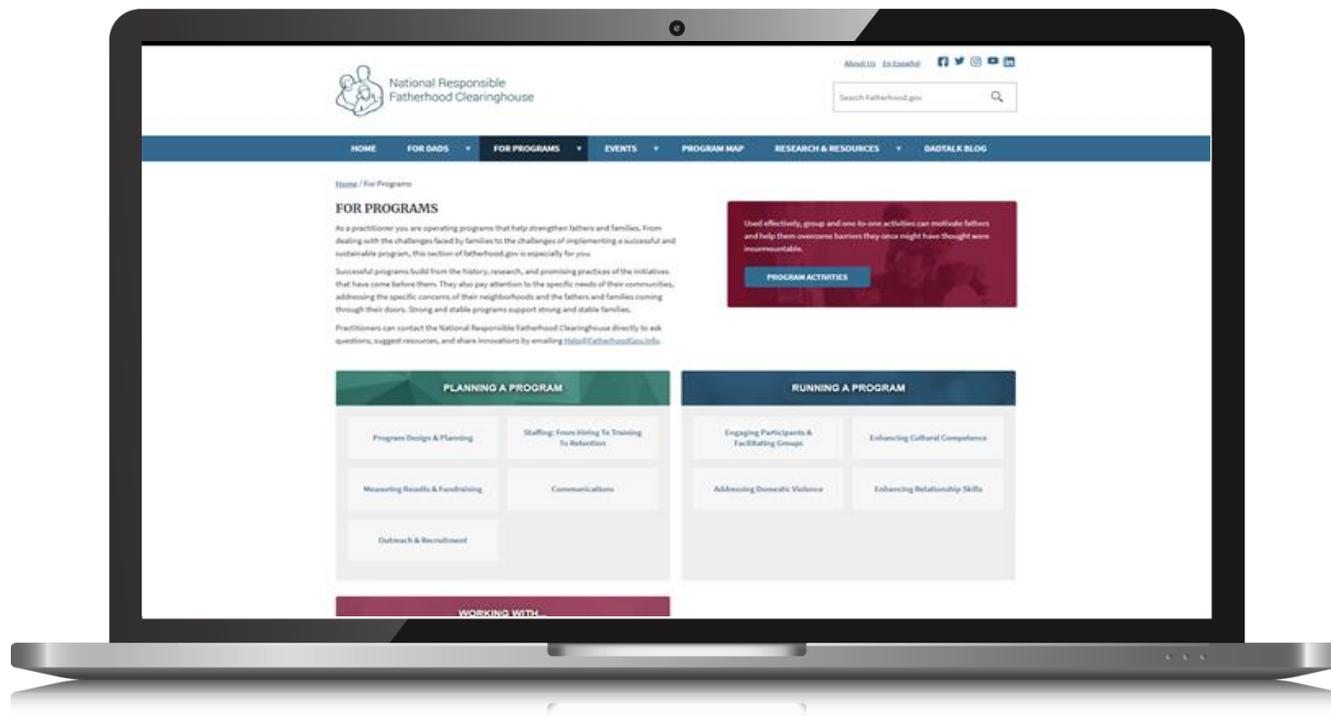
Raising a child means raising your game and developing your skills. The L.A. Fathers Program is a free resource to help 15- to 25-year-old dads find work and learn the parenting skills necessary to succeed. For more information, call 323-361-5108.

 **L.A. FATHERS PROGRAM**
CHLA.org/LAFATHERS

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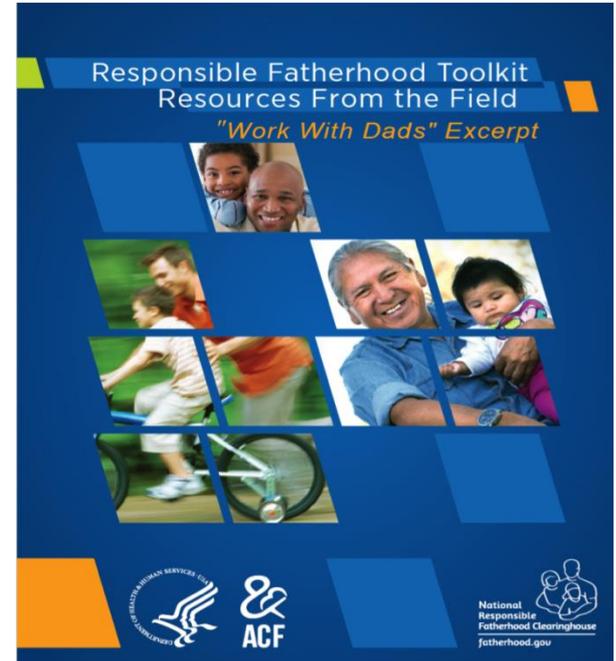
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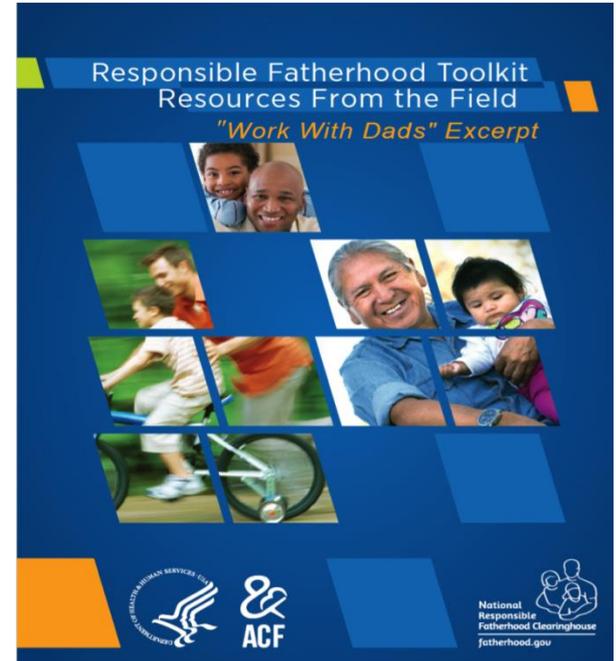
- **Hire staff or volunteers** who can genuinely relate to fathers in your community. Provide thorough training to ensure they are professional and responsive to the needs of potential participants.
- **Create and maintain a father-friendly environment** throughout your organization. Make sure that fathers feel welcomed and are treated with respect by all staff members from the first point of contact.
- **Establish a referral network** of community organizations and individuals who work with boys, men or families.
- **Go where the dads are**, both physically in the community and online via social media.
- **Make sure all staff and board members understand the program goals** and can share information on available services with any interested fathers.
- **Understand that potential participants** will want to know “What’s in it for me?” Be prepared to emphasize this in presentations and printed materials.



What Can

You Do?

- **Remember that printed materials are primarily a tool** to start a conversation with a potential participant. Include a “hook” to get attention and limit the written information to the essentials.
- **Listen carefully to what fathers have to say.** Focus on their needs, not your enrollment goals. Offer relevant advice or services, but don't promise immediate solutions.
- **If brochures are available** at a community location (e.g., a barbershop, child welfare office, or Head Start program), make sure people there can describe your program's services effectively.
- **Share individual success stories** and information about program events with local media; ask them to feature these in upcoming broadcasts or publications.
- **Encourage graduating participants** to spread the word in the community.





DADS and MOMS LIVING APART?

We know that when dads and moms live apart, it can be hard to talk to each other about the kids, visitation disputes, parenting differences, money and child support issues. Small arguments become big battles. You end up arguing in front of the kids. Nothing ever changes. Nothing gets resolved.

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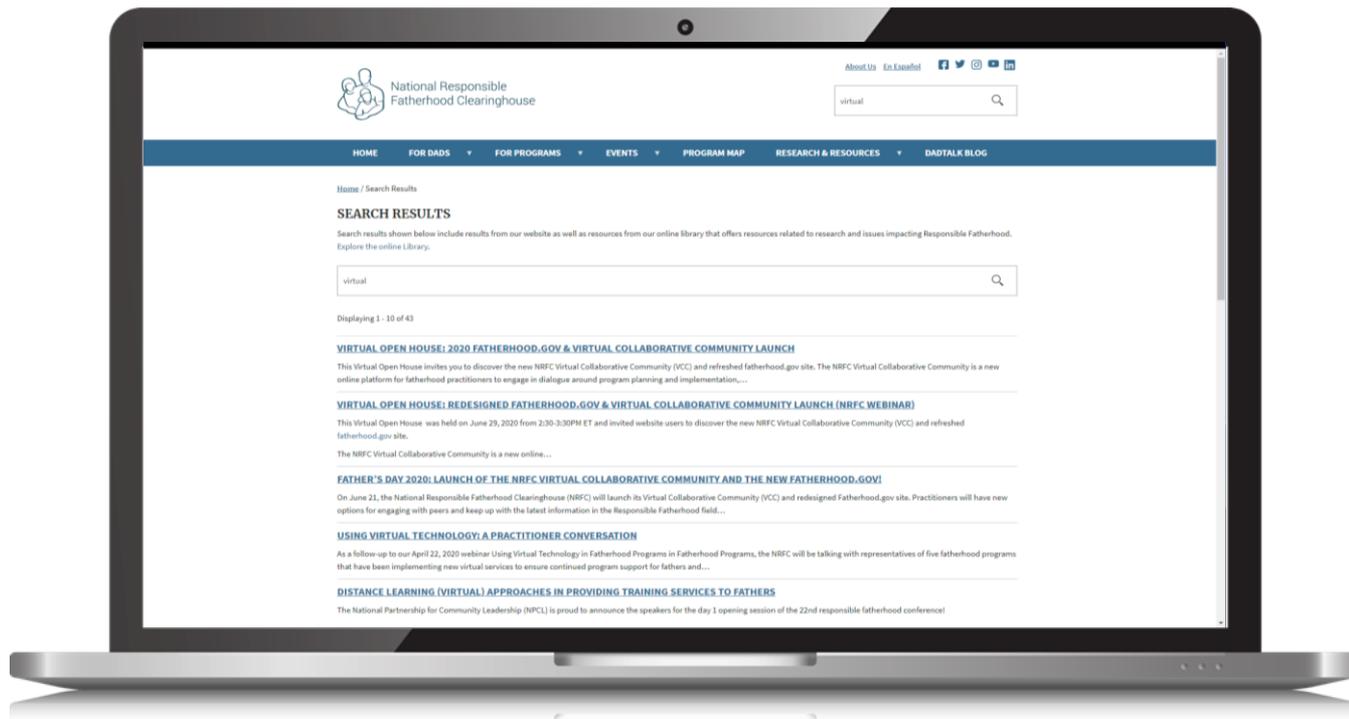
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SEARCH RESULTS

Search results shown below include results from our website as well as resources from our online library that offers resources related to research and issues impacting Responsible Fatherhood. Explore the online Library.

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[VIRTUAL OPEN HOUSE: 2020 FATHERHOOD.GOV & VIRTUAL COLLABORATIVE COMMUNITY LAUNCH](#)

This Virtual Open House invites you to discover the new NRFC Virtual Collaborative Community (VCC) and refreshed fatherhood.gov site. The NRFC Virtual Collaborative Community is a new online platform for fatherhood practitioners to engage in dialogue around program planning and implementation...

[VIRTUAL OPEN HOUSE: REDESIGNED FATHERHOOD.GOV & VIRTUAL COLLABORATIVE COMMUNITY LAUNCH \(NRFC WEBINAR\)](#)

This Virtual Open House was held on June 29, 2020 from 2:30-3:30PM ET and invited website users to discover the new NRFC Virtual Collaborative Community (VCC) and refreshed fatherhood.gov site.

The NRFC Virtual Collaborative Community is a new online...

[FATHER'S DAY 2020: LAUNCH OF THE NRFC VIRTUAL COLLABORATIVE COMMUNITY AND THE NEW FATHERHOOD.GOV!](#)

On June 21, the National Responsible Fatherhood Clearinghouse (NRFC) will launch its Virtual Collaborative Community (VCC) and redesigned Fatherhood.gov site. Practitioners will have new options for engaging with peers and keep up with the latest information in the Responsible Fatherhood field...

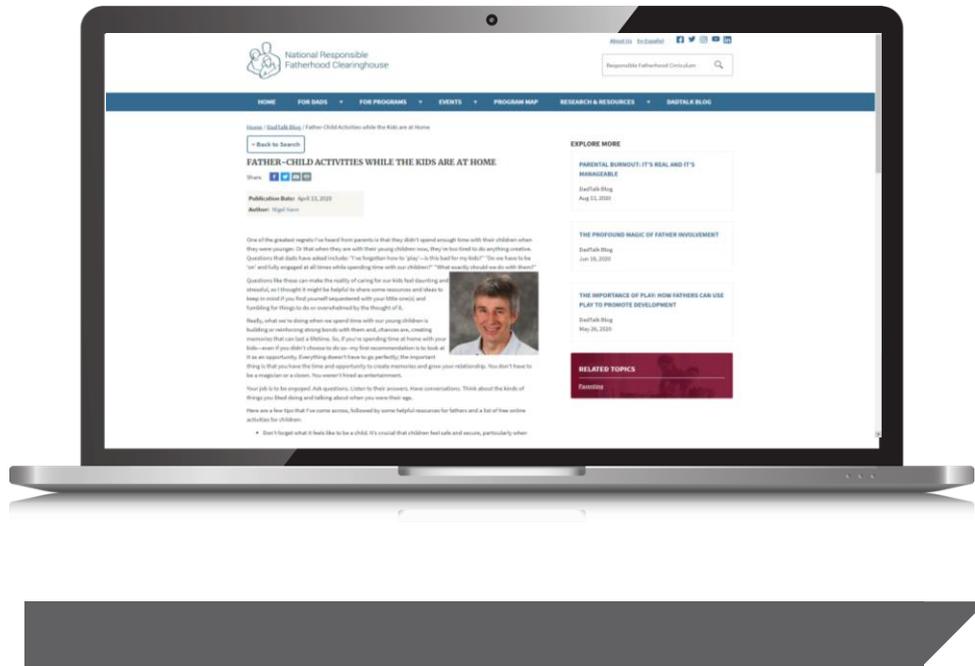
[USING VIRTUAL TECHNOLOGY: A PRACTITIONER CONVERSATION](#)

As a follow-up to our April 22, 2020 webinar Using Virtual Technology in Fatherhood Programs in Fatherhood Programs, the NRFC will be talking with representatives of five fatherhood programs that have been implementing new virtual services to ensure continued program support for fathers and...

[DISTANCE LEARNING \(VIRTUAL\) APPROACHES IN PROVIDING TRAINING SERVICES TO FATHERS](#)

The National Partnership for Community Leadership (NPCL) is proud to announce the speakers for the day 1 opening session of the 22nd responsible fatherhood conference!

Resources



Resources



Resources for Practitioners

- [eLearningIndustry.com](#)
 - [7 tips on how to prepare for teaching online](#)
 - [5 teaching techniques in the virtual classroom](#)
- Harvard Business Review
 - [15 questions about remote work, answered](#)
- Maher and Maher
 - [Essential skills for virtual workers](#)
- U.S. Department of Health and Human Services (HHS), Office of the Assistant Secretary for Planning and Evaluation (ASPE)
 - [Virtual case management considerations and resources for human services programs](#)
 - [Virtual case management considerations and resources for human services programs](#)
 - [Facilitating low-income families' use of emergency paid family leave: Considerations for human services agencies in supporting workers and their employees](#)

Resource for researchers

- Mathematica
 - [Tips to quickly switch from face-to-face to home-based telephone interviewing](#)

Resources for Fathers

- [DaddyIsABigDay.com](#)
 - [Webinars](#) – including blogs, podcasts, and other resources
 - [Alpha 3Kill](#)
- [Fatherly.com](#)
 - [How To Make Coronavirus Lockdown Purples for Kids \(And Kill Time\)](#)
- [AllProDad.com](#)
 - [5 ways to make the most of social distancing](#)
 - [Conversation starters for family dinners](#)
- National Responsible Fatherhood Clearinghouse
 - [Father-child activities while the kids are at home](#) (DadTalk Blog, April 13, 2020)
 - [Activities of the week](#)

Take Time to Be a Dad Today

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Resources for children

- [30 virtual field trips](#) (link provided by Family Connection of South Carolina)
- [OpenCulture.com](#)
 - [200 free educational resources for kids](#)
- National Responsible Fatherhood Clearinghouse
 - [DadTalk Blog \(April 13, 2020\)](#) includes a list of free online activities for children.
- Pender Harbor Ocean Discovery Station Kids Club
 - Online activities for kids <https://www.opensods.com/kidsclub>
- SesameStreet.org/Caring - [Caring for Each Other](#)
 - [Caring for Myself, Caring for Others](#) (30 second video for kids ages 2-6)

resources for fathers and families

- American Academy of Pediatrics
 - [Covid-19: Information, tips and resources for parents](#)
- Campaign for a Commercial Free Childhood
 - [School is closed. Now what?](#)
- Child Mind Institute
 - [Talking to kids about the coronavirus](#)
 - [Supporting kids during the coronavirus crisis](#)
- Child Trends
 - [Resources and recommendations to support and protect children's emotional well-being during the pandemic](#)

Child Development Institute

- [Helping Parents and Kids Stay Cool and Collected During the COVID-19 Outbreak](#)

CommonSenseMedia.org

- [Resources for families during the coronavirus pandemic](#)
- [17 apps to help kids stay focused](#)

Consumer Financial Protection Bureau

- [Protect yourself financially from the impact of the coronavirus](#)

Family Connection of South Carolina

- For families with children who have autism: [Talk with your child about coronavirus](#)

Herfy.com

- [Co-Parenting during coronavirus: 7 guidelines to help divorced parents](#)

How to prepare for the coronavirus: A parent's guide

U.S. Department of Health and Human Services

- [How to talk to children about the coronavirus](#)

U.S. Department of Health and Human Services/Administration for Children and Families

- [Stay safe and be informed about COVID-19](#)

U.S. Department of Health and Human Services

- [2019-19 fact sheet for grandfamilies and multigenerational families](#)



Resources for children

- Good Men Project:
 - [How will you work from home and keep your kids engaged during COVID-19?](#)
- The Guardian (March 23, 2020)
 - [Let your kids get bored](#) – Emergency advice from teachers on schooling at home
- National Association of School Psychologists
 - [Talking to children about COVID-19 \(Coronavirus\): A parent resource](#)
- National Child Traumatic Stress Network
 - [Parent/Caregiver guide to helping families cope with the coronavirus disease 2019 \(COVID-19\)](#)
- New York Times (March 11, 2020)
 - [Helping Children Cope](#) (chart with tips based on age of children)
 - [5 ways to help teens manage anxiety about the coronavirus](#)
- PBS.org (March 6, 2020)
 - [How to talk to your kids about coronavirus](#)
 - [With Senior Year in Disarray, Teens And Young Adults Feel Lost, here's How To Help](#) (April 19, 2020)
- SesameStreet.org/Caring - [Caring for Each Other](#) (games, videos, art "to help families breathe, laugh, and play together")
 - [Caring for Myself, Caring for Others](#)
 - [Elmo's Dad Sends a PSA to Overwhelmed Parents at Home: "You Are Doing an Amazing Job!"](#) (11-24 minute video for parents)
- U.S. Department of Health and Human Services/Administration for Children and Families
 - [Stay safe and be informed about COVID-19](#)
 - [How to talk to your child about coronavirus disease 2019 \(COVID-19\)](#)
- UNICEF
 - [How to talk to your child about coronavirus disease 2019 \(COVID-19\)](#)

Tips From The Field



NRFC SPOTLIGHT

USING VIRTUAL TECHNOLOGY IN FATHERHOOD PROGRAMS



This National Responsible Fatherhood Clearinghouse (NRFC) spotlight provides an overview of key points from the April 22, 2020 webinar *Using Virtual Technology in Fatherhood Programs*.

▶ WATCH THE WEBINAR

Access the webinar and associated materials at fatherhood.gov/2020-virtual-tech-webinar

For additional information see the NRFC Tip Sheet: *Internet Security: Ensuring Confidentiality and Privacy When Using Virtual Technology* fatherhood.gov/2020/internet-security



When selecting a virtual tool, think about its capacity to provide the services required for your audience. When you're looking at a vendor, do they own your data or do you?



JEFF STREET
VIA CONSULTING GROUP

SELECTING TECHNOLOGY

- How old is your computer system? If it's more than 4 to 5 years old, it may be time to upgrade.
- How reliable is your Internet access? Do you have enough bandwidth for streaming?
- How does your technology align with your programmatic goals? Do you need to modify your goals for virtual services?
- How will you ensure confidentiality and privacy for information shared during group sessions?

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Using Virtual Technology in Fatherhood Programs

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Preparation is key. You've got to prepare to engage these guys. If your content or presentation isn't valuable to them, they're not coming back.



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NRFC/ICF

PREPARATION

- Make sure you have complete knowledge of the technology you are using. Don't learn "on the job." Practice videos or calls are always prudent.
- Walk through any new virtual platforms with all staff.
- Test different platforms if necessary.

KNOW YOUR AUDIENCE

- What technology do they have?
 - Can they download virtual platforms to their phone?
- What is their knowledge and comfort level with the virtual world?
 - Do they have free access to the platforms you plan to use?

MOVING FROM IN-PERSON TO VIRTUAL COMMUNICATION

1. If you already have established and respected connections with your clients, the conversion to virtual is not as hard.
2. Schedule one-on-one conversations before the first group session, and explore possible barriers and solutions to their engagement.
3. Make sure you start at an elementary level; allow time for everyone to get used to the technology.
4. Remind participants of established ground rules and discuss any new online expectations.

Tips From The Field

PRACTICE PROFESSIONALISM REGARDLESS OF YOUR LOCATION

Be aware of your background environment. Think about what your audience will see behind you.

- If you are working from home, be sure others at home know your video times so they do not disturb your call.
- Put pets in a different room.
- Dress as you would for in-person group sessions.

WORK AS A TEAM

A. Don't try to do everything yourself.

Work with team members who can help with different production components. For example, on Zoom or similar platforms, it is always a good practice to designate someone on your team as a co-host.

B. Team members can also:

- Help monitor the main online "room" and any breakout or chat conversations.
- Track all incoming comments, and make sure they are addressed.
- Step in if you lose your Internet connection.

IF DADS DON'T HAVE RELIABLE ACCESS TO WI-FI OR VIDEO

- Individual phone calls or group conference calls will work.
- Record group sessions (audio and video) so dads can review later.
 - Share recordings and other materials via email, website, Facebook, or other forums they can access.



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If people aren't secure in the environment, they're less likely to participate at a high level."

JUSTIN BATT
DADDY SATURDAY



FACILITATING GROUP SESSIONS ON A VIRTUAL PLATFORM

1. Keep your first sessions to an hour or 90 minutes. If you schedule longer sessions, build in bathroom and other breaks.
2. Log in early. Be there for informal chat with anyone who's early—the same as you would for in-person meetings.
 - You can lose people if you're late logging in.
3. Find ways to keep participants focused and involved.
 - Use visual, on-screen icebreakers.
 - Call them by their names.
 - Ask simple, open-ended questions.
 - Use brief case studies or scenarios. When presenting, you can ask: "What would you do in this situation?"
 - Be engaging and relevant.
 - Have fun.
4. Invite guest speakers, just as you would for in-person sessions.
5. Prepare key takeaway points to emphasize.

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It really doesn't matter how you're connected to them; as long as you're engaging them, they're going to stay with you."



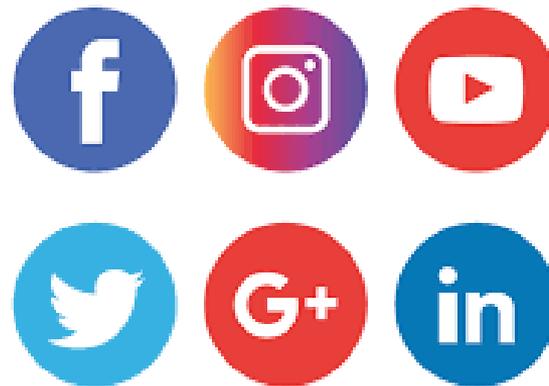
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The Power

of Social Media

Data on usage of social media such as Facebook and Twitter shows that **73% of adults and 90% of young adults (ages 18-29) use social media**

- Use text messaging, apps, and social networking tools to stay in touch with current, future and alumni program participants.
- Use video, infographics and music to deliver messages that resonate with fathers.

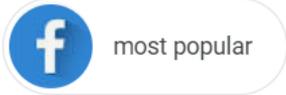


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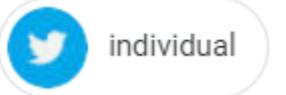
- Use content that delivers quick and simple messages and pictures of fathers with their children to grab attention.
- Tag your organization, tweet and post relevant fatherhood topics or images to help build awareness of program services.
- Ask graduates and former participants to “Like” or share your posts with friends to increase your organization’s name recognition.



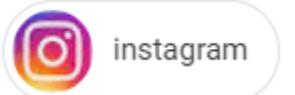
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Reflections...

- For me this workshop has been ...
- Something I learned is ...
- Something I learned from other participants is...
- One thing I'll do differently as a result of this workshop is ...

