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Inland Empire Father Involvement Coalition

Strengthening and supporting our fathers, strengthens our communities!

<https://cn.sbcounty.gov/programs/iefic/>

Husband of Mrs. Rachel Solis



Father of 6 kids





Children's Network

- Inland Empire Father Involvement Coalition (IEFIC) – Fatherhood Conference May 2023
- Coalition Against Sexual Exploitation (CASE) – January Case Walk
- Mentoring Task Force – Youth Mentoring Summit October
- Early Childhood Mental Health Systems
- Child Death Review Team (CDRT)
- Child Abuse Prevention Council, San Bernardino ACE's Taskforce, Inland Empire Maternal Mental Health Collaborative

Awareness Campaigns: Shaken Baby, Safe Sleep, Domestic Violence, Maternal Mental Health, Child Abuse Prevention, Father Engagement



WHY ENCOURAGE FATHER ENGAGEMENT?

In San Bernardino County, among female-headed households with no husband present and with children under 18, 43.5% were below poverty level.

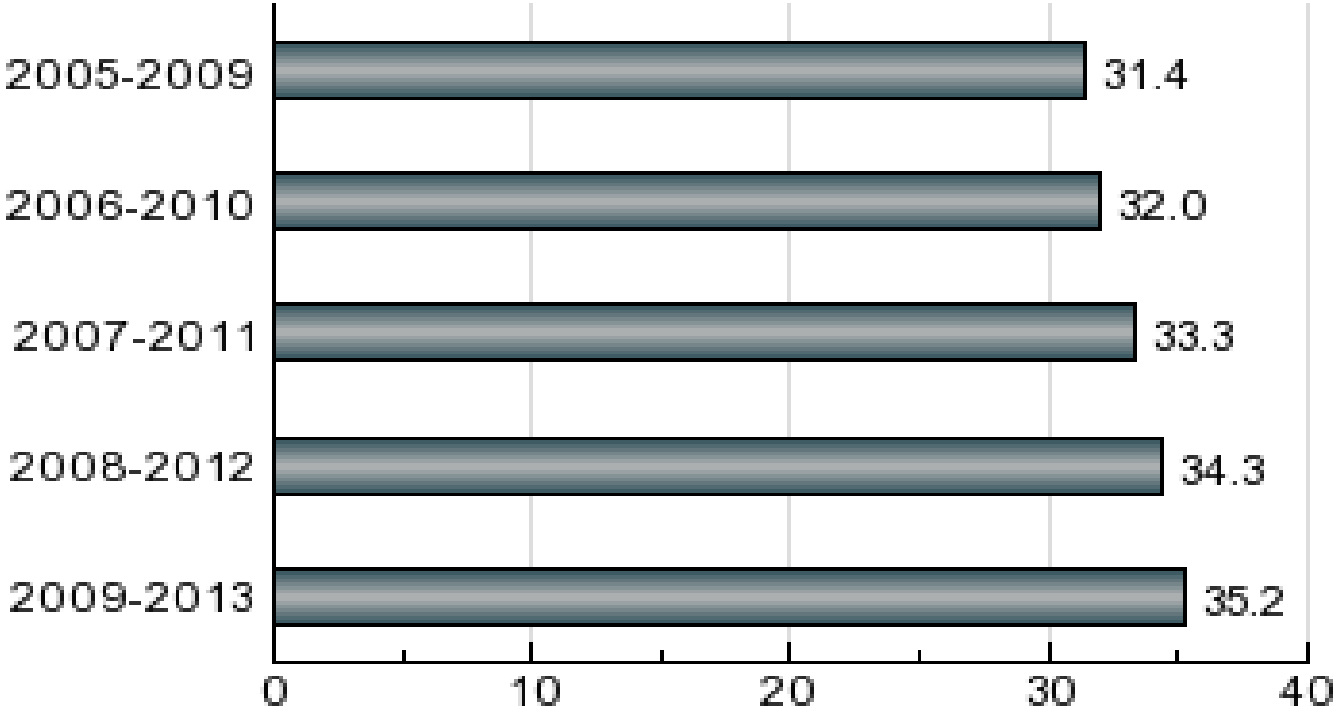
(Source: U.S. Census Bureau American Community Survey)



Why encourage father engagement?

In San Bernardino County (2009-2013):
35.2% of households were **single-parent homes**

(Source: U.S. Census Bureau, American Community Survey)



More Of The Why



Just the Facts

Compared to pregnant women without father support, pregnant women with father support experience a lower prevalence of pregnancy loss

22.2%

compared to

48.1%

SOURCE: Shah, M., Gee, R., & Theall, K. (2014). Partner support and impact on birth outcomes among teen pregnancies in the United States. *Journal of Pediatric and Adolescent Gynecology*, 27, 14-19.

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More Of The
Why

Just the Facts

**Dad's
Involvement**
during pregnancy
positively
influences
**health
outcomes**
for mom,
dad, and baby.


SOURCE: Widarsson, M., Engstrom, G., Tyden, T., Lundberg, P., & Hammar, L. (2015). 'Paddling upstream': Fathers' involvement during pregnancy as described by expectant fathers and mothers. *Journal of Clinical Nursing*, 27, 1059-1068.

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More Of The Why



Just the Facts

**Father involvement
in schools**
is associated
with the higher
likelihood of
**a student
getting
mostly A's.**

SOURCE: Nord, Christine Winqvist,
and Jerry West. *Fathers' and Mothers'
Involvement in Their Children's Schools
by Family Type and Resident Status.*
(NCES 2001-032). Washington, D.C.: U.S.
Department of Education, National Center for Education Statistics, 2001.

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MISSION: TO ENCOURAGE HEALTHY CHILD DEVELOPMENT BY PROMOTING THE INVOLVEMENT, NECESSITY AND VALUE OF FATHERS IN THE FAMILIES AND COMMUNITY

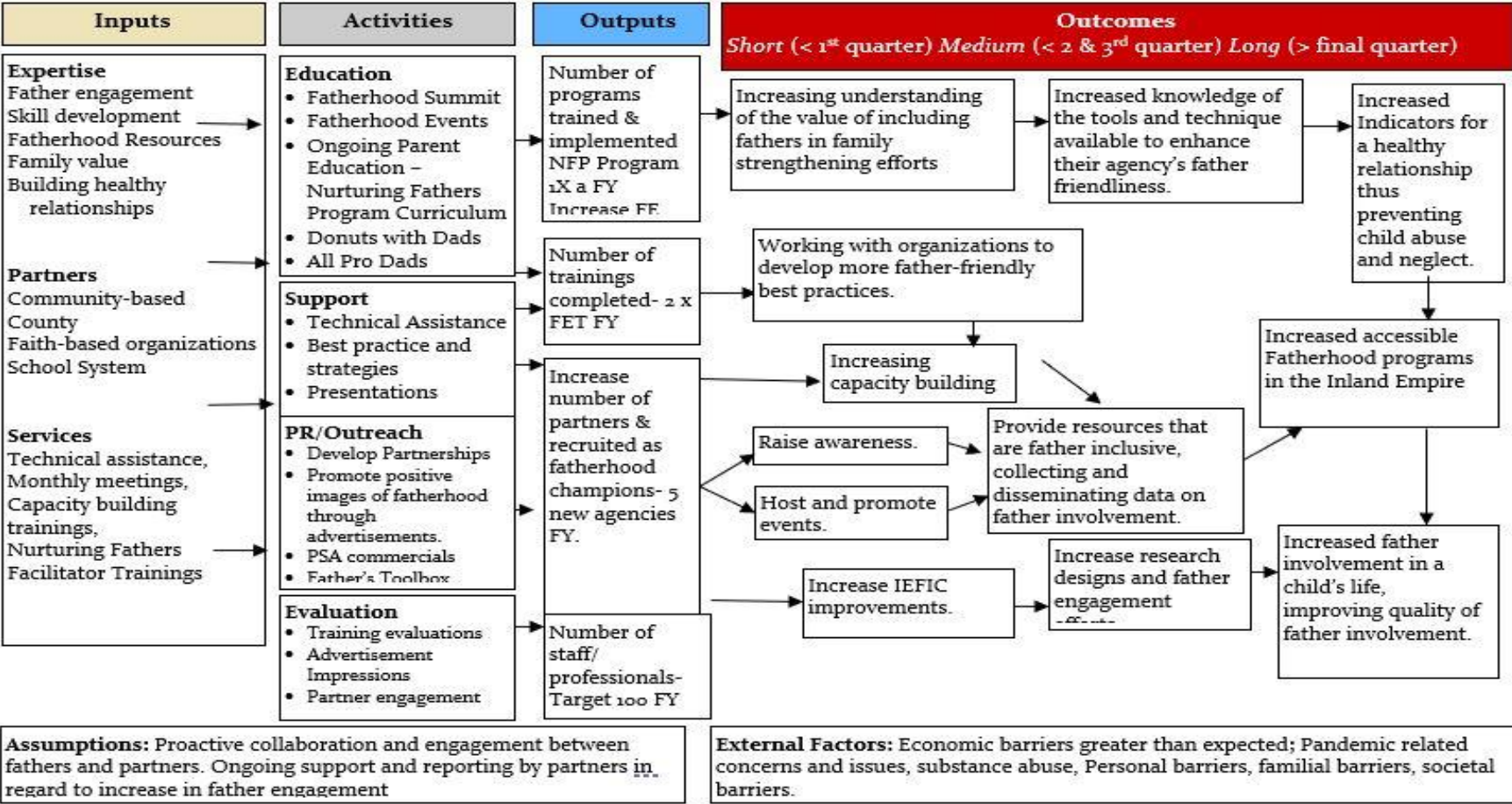
Vision: Our vision is that men fully engage as stable, supportive educators and providers, and serve as healthy family role models highlighting responsible fatherhood



IEFIC Logic Model

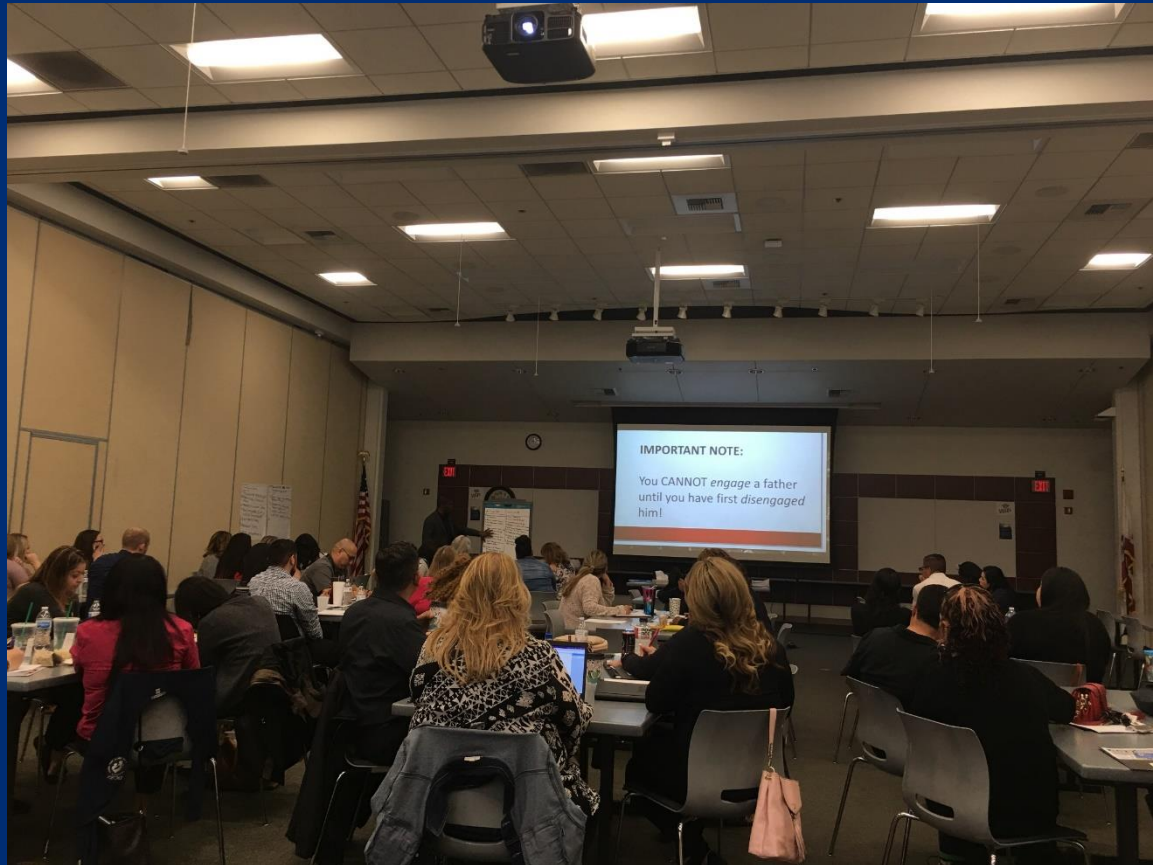
Figure 1: The IEFIC Logic Model

Situation: Father Absenteeism has negative effects on their children. Thus, the IEFIC seeks to reduce the number of absent fathers and increase the capacity for father's contact in having a healthy relationship with their children. Equally as important, IEFIC seeks to change the narrative on fatherhood by engaging systems and programs, shift culture from within by highlighting the importance of the fatherhood role and explore the bias that act as a deterrent to father engagement.



Father Engagement At A Glance:

Capacity Building for our Family Servicing Agency





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NURTURING FATHERS PROGRAM

The Inland Empire Father Involvement Coalition (IEFIC) is looking to collaborate with local agencies that are interested in implementing a fatherhood program. The Nurturing Fathers Program (NFP) is a thirteen week, group-based curriculum for developing positive attitudes and skills for male nurturing. Your partnership is important to the IEFIC – together we can make the NFP more accessible to fathers throughout San Bernardino County and the Inland Empire.

FREE TO AGENCIES:

CONSULTATION

NFP STRATEGIC PLANNING

NURTURING FATHERS PROGRAM FACILITATOR TRAINING

Nurturing Fathers Program Facilitator training participants will receive the following:

One Comprehensive Facilitator Manual with step-by-step instruction for guiding group members toward achieving the specific learning objectives developed.

One Nurturing Father's Journal, the interactive workbook containing weekly home activities for each group member to complete in order to enhance knowledge and growth.

Topics addressed during the training:

How parenting is learned, development of self, fathering without fear and violence, empathy, facilitation nuts and bolts, active listening, overcoming barriers to nurturing fathering, recruitment and retention strategies, and seeing the significance of becoming "The Father I Choose to Be."

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The Nurturing Father's Program

"... a fantastic journey into learning healthy fathering."
- married father of 16 month old

The Nurturing Father's Program is a 13-week, cognitive (thinking) and affective (feeling) group-based program designed to educate and support development of attitudes and skills for male nurturance. Parenting can be relearned!

Your partnership matters and can make a difference in a child's life, Every Child Deserves a Nurturing Fathers!

Nurturing Fathers Program at a Glance

Week #1- The Roots of Fathering

Week #2- Self-Nurturing Skills I: Fathering “The Little Boy Within”

Week #3- Self-Nurturing Skills II: The Power To Meet My Own Needs

Week#4- The World of Feelings and Male Nurturance

Week#5- The Power To Nurture: Fathering without Violence or Fear

Week#6- Overcoming Barriers to Nurturing Fathering: Anger, Alcohol/Other Substances, and Stress

Week#7- Discipline and Fun & Games

Week#8- Play shop: Fun & Games for Fathers and Their Children

Week#9- Nurturing Relationships I: Fathering Sons / Fathering Daughters

Week#10- Nurturing Relationships II: Teamwork between Father and Spouse/Co-parent

Week#11- A Time and Place for Fathering

Week#12- Healing the Father Wound

Week#13- Graduation Ceremony and Closing Activities



Capacity Building & Building the Community for Fathers

- Victor Community Support Services
- Moses House Ministries
- Child Care Resource Center
- Preschool Services Department
- El Sol Neighborhood Services
- Riverside University Health Systems
- Mental Health Services



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Capacity Building & Building the Community for Fathers

- Dee's Family Tree Recovery Program
- Olive Branch Empowerment
- Mom & Dad Project
- Walden Family Services



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Nurturing Fathers Program



More Of The How





Collaboration Approach to Father Engagement

Chats With Dads

THE ROCKY PROJECT

- A series of exciting and in-depth topics
- Support from other Dads like you
- Practical tips you can put into practice



Location: Online via Zoom
Time: 6:00pm-7:00pm
Session Dates:
12/9/2020
1/13/2021
2/10/2021

PRESENTED IN PARTNERSHIP WITH:



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VCSB Family Resource Center
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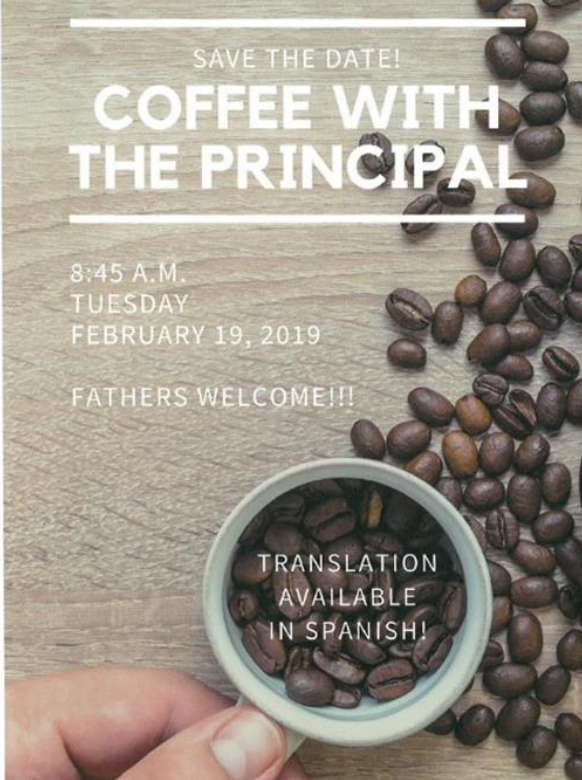
To Register, Visit: <https://forms.gle/ZfhsxJgdPjCDVRK59>

SAVE THE DATE!


COFFEE WITH THE PRINCIPAL

8:45 A.M.
TUESDAY
FEBRUARY 19, 2019

FATHERS WELCOME!!!




TRANSLATION AVAILABLE IN SPANISH!



CALLING ALL DADS, UNCLES, BIG BROTHERS AND FATHER FIGURES!


YOU AND YOUR STUDENT ARE INVITED TO THE SHS FAMILY ENGAGEMENT CENTER'S

DONUTS WITH DADS



Featuring special guest Juan Solis, Father Engagement Coordinator at the Children's Network and host of the "Father's Toolbox" video series

WEDNESDAY, APRIL 17
7:30 A.M. DONUTS, 8 A.M. PRESENTATION



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Collaboration Approach to Father Engagement



"Fathers Are Irreplaceable" Campaign



- **Father Engagement Training** – 22 Held 1144+ participants 200+ agencies 32 Cities 4 Counties 6 States
- **Nurturing Fathers Program Facilitator Training** – 10 Cohorts 130 participants 18 agencies 12 cities 3 Counties
- **Presentations** – 100+ presentations 2,420+ Professionals
- **Inland Empire Fatherhood Summit** – 300 Participants 65 Agencies 86 Cities 7 Counties



What Can we do?

Assist in Changing the Narrative of Fatherhood In Your Local Community

Intentionally Seek To Engage Fathers

You Are Our Fatherhood Champions!



Create a Father Friendly Environment



Train Staff on the Importance of Father Involvement



Review your strategic plan and mission

What Can WE Do

Father Friendly Principles – Alameda County Fathers Corps



FATHER-FRIENDLY PRINCIPLES For Agencies & Organizations Serving Families

INCLUDE NEEDS OF FATHERS

Fathers, and the needs of fathers, are included in the structure and delivery model of all family services in agencies and organizations.

PROVIDE FATHER-FRIENDLY SERVICES

Agencies and organizations are open, supportive, helpful and inclusive towards the needs of fathers and further the goal of increasing fathers' involvement in their children's lives.

PORTRAY POSITIVE FATHER IMAGES

Materials, illustrations, posters, brochures and other collateral include positive, diverse images of fathers. Facilities provide father-friendly environments consistent with the needs of men and fathers.

CREATE POSITIONS THAT SERVE FATHERS

Agencies and organizations create positions that serve fathers and actively recruit men to fill those positions in order to better address the needs of fathers.

TRAIN STAFF ON FATHERHOOD ISSUES

Agencies and organizations working with families strive to provide training for all staff on working with men and on fatherhood issues.

EXPECT FATHER PARTICIPATION

Agencies and organizations develop program policies with a clear expectation that fathers should and will participate.

DESIGN PROGRAMS FOR FATHERS

Agencies and organizations make every effort to create the image that programs are designed for fathers as well as for mothers and children.

Purpose of the IEFIC Virtual Engagement Lounge

- Currently 2nd Wednesday of every month 9 a.m. – 11 a.m.
Via ZOOM till further notice
- Learn what others are doing towards father engagement efforts
- Networking
- Share resources from your organization
- Learn about our “Nurturing Fathers Program” expansion opportunities



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IEFIC
Investment In Father Engagement
Better Investment Outcomes

IEFIC VIRTUAL ENGAGEMENT LOUNGE

Come hear about:

- Current resources for families in the community
- Trending father engagement efforts
- Tips for father engagement efforts
- Why fatherhood?

May 13 Presentations:
San Bernardino County COVID-19 Website
Axel Collin, San Bernardino County Human Services

La Ventanilla de Orientación Educativa and Servicios Consulares en tiempos de COVID-19
Mariana Lopez & Tammy Garcia, Mexican Consulate

CWS social workers, teachers, school district family engagement liaisons, clergy, family resource centers, counselors, clinicians, MFT's, peer and family advocates, parent partners, family support partners, independent living liaisons, and all other professionals are encouraged to attend.

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Second Wednesday of every month
9 - 11 a.m.

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Fathers are irreplaceable.
June is
Fatherhood
Awareness
Month.





Questions?

"The supreme test of any civilization is whether or not it can teach men to become good Fathers"

Margaret Mead