



Children Need Their Fathers and Fathers Need Their Children

Presented by Howard Winkler, Fatherhood Instructor

Presented to:
Thurston County Board of Health
June 13, 2017



Father Engagement Program

The Father Engagement program at Family Education & Support Services strives to improve the lives of children by promoting healthy father-child relationships and increasing positive male involvement.

Our Evidence Based Approaches Include:

- Award winning “Nurturing Father”
- Nationally recognized “Bringing Back the Dads” curriculum
- Parents Anonymous Support Group model

Our services exemplify the honor, integrity and value of the role of fatherhood. Fathers are role models, heroes, counselors, guides, truth tellers, providers of principles, morals, and values. And when fathers are not there for their children the outcomes can be disastrous.

Father Engagement Program

Effects of growing up in a Fatherless Home:

- 63% of youth suicides
- 90% of all homeless and runaway youths
- 85% of children who exhibit behavioral disorders
- 71% of high school dropouts
- 70% of youths in State institutions
- 75% of adolescent patients in substance abuse centers

- Facts compiled by the Dept. of Justice



**Family Education
& Support Services**

Supporting Families...Strengthening Communities

Father Engagement Program

Facts regarding the phenomenon of Fatherlessness

- Children score lower than the norm in reading and math tests
- Children are twice as likely to drop out of school than their classmates who live with two parents
- Children are eleven times more likely to exhibit violent behavior
- 72% of all teenage murderers grew up without fathers
- 70% of the kids now incarcerated in juvenile corrections
- 80% of adolescents in psychiatric hospitals
- 53% are more likely to marry as teenagers
- 92% of girls are more likely to dissolve their own marriages

- Facts compiled by the National Fatherhood Initiative



**Family Education
& Support Services**

Supporting Families...Strengthening Communities

Father Engagement Program

Translated: Children from fatherless homes are:

- 5 times more likely to commit suicide
- 9 times more likely to drop out of school
- 9 times more likely to end up in a state operated institution
- 10 times more likely to abuse chemical substances
- 14 times more likely to commit rape
- 20 times more likely to have behavioral disorders
- 20 times more likely to end up in prison
- 32 times more likely to run away



**Family Education
& Support Services**

Supporting Families...Strengthening Communities

Father Engagement Program

Children raised with INVOLVED FATHERS

- Are more likely to enjoy, do well and have positive attitudes about school
- Participate in extracurricular activities
- Achieve higher standards of economic, academic and career success
- More likely to develop a greater focus, superior problem solving and stress management skills
- Be more resilient and be more likely to have overall life satisfaction and contentment



**Family Education
& Support Services**

Supporting Families...Strengthening Communities

Father Engagement Program

A few comments shared about program:

“Doing my job in the military out there, is so different from being a dad back here at home and this class has helped me to transition from the battle field of men to the ball field with my kids”

“I came here angry and upset. I didn’t want to be here, I didn’t need to be here. But watching you coming here, doing the work, talking to each other, working it out. I wanted to stay and I learned so much. Now, not only do I know how to be a good dad, but I actually get along with my ex. I didn’t just learn about being a good dad, but how to be a good person.”

“I know this class made me a better dad. I see it in the way my children respect me!”



**Family Education
& Support Services**

Supporting Families...Strengthening Communities

Father Engagement Program

10 Ways to be a Better Dad!

- Respect Your Children's Mother
- Spend Time With your Children
- Listen First, Talk Second
- Discipline don't Punish
- Be A Role Model
- Be A Teacher
- Eat Together As A Family
- Read to your Children
- Show Affection
- Realize A Father's Job is Never Done

- by the National Fatherhood Initiative



**Family Education
& Support Services**

Supporting Families...Strengthening Communities



Father Engagement Program

To learn more about the value of father engagement, support,
training or family strengthening activities available in the
community contact us at...

Family Education & Support Services
(360)754-7629
WWW.FAMILYESS.ORG

