

The Blueprint

News from the Fatherhood
Research & Practice Network

FRPN Studies Focused on Achieving Father Inclusion at the System Level

Check out these two FRPN-funded studies addressing how to achieve father inclusion at the system level.

Karen Eyrich-Garg & Karen Hudson. **"Exploring systems change: Adoption, implementation, and consequences of the inclusion of fathers with their families in homeless shelters."**

Using interviews with staff at the city agency that oversees homeless shelters and focus groups with shelter staff and mothers and fathers who reside in 10 Philadelphia emergency shelters, this study shows how a government mandate coupled with strong communication, support and resources by the oversight agency and peer shelters were effective in achieving father inclusion.

Richard Chase. **"Potential monetary value of Responsible Fatherhood Program outcomes for fathers and families."**

This study makes the financial case for fatherhood programs by estimating the short and longer-term gains that participants exhibit as well as the public costs that are avoided. It also suggests how to document the long-term financial benefits and avoided costs for children of program participants as a result of the improved quality of parenting that their fathers acquire.



Recently Released Research Briefs

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The following briefs include an analysis of the impact of three federally funded demonstration projects, a literature review and economic analysis of the success sequence, and an overview of the most recent cohort of 85 healthy marriage and responsible fatherhood grantees.

Elaine Sorensen (2021). **[“Recent Impact Findings from Demonstrations Serving Noncustodial Parents.”](#)**

Mathematica (2020). **[“Success Sequence: A Synthesis of the Literature.”](#)**

Mathematica (2020). **[“The 2015 Cohort of Healthy Marriage and Responsible Fatherhood Grantees: Interim Report on Grantee Programs and Clients.”](#)**

FRPN Website Features One-of-a-Kind Database on Fatherhood Research

The FRPN website hosts the only database devoted entirely to published research conducted to evaluate fatherhood programs, interventions, curricula, and services. The materials posted are from reliable sources including hundreds of journal articles, federal reports, and websites. The database is organized by topic, publish date, and type of study. Learn more about the different types of **[evaluation research studies](#)** and **[view the database](#)**.

Child & Family Research Partnership Launches

Fatherhood Resource Hub

The State of Texas has partnered with the Child & Family Research Partnership at the University of Texas at Austin, LBJ School of Public Affairs to create the **Fatherhood Resource Hub**.

Designed for organizations in Texas and beyond, the Fatherhood Resource Hub provides research-driven resources to support efforts that serve fathers and families – from organizations that solely serve fathers to parenting-focused organizations and programs that provide services to the whole family.

Founder of the Child & Family Research Partnership, [Dr. Cynthia Osborne](#) serves on the FRPN Steering Committee.

[Explore the new Fatherhood Resource Hub.](#)

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