

# The Blueprint

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## FRPN Authored Brief Published

FRPN Co-Director Dr. Jessica Pearson and researcher Anne Byrne have authored a new brief for the National Responsible Fatherhood Clearinghouse - **Parenting Time and Child Support: Information for Fatherhood Programs and Fathers.**

Many fathers who participate in fatherhood programs do not live with all of their children. They often seek help from fatherhood programs to navigate the child support system, determine how they can spend more time with their children, or improve their coparenting relationships. Unfortunately, it can be quite complicated for programs to provide this assistance, particularly when working with unmarried fathers. This brief delves into the challenges that can arise and discusses parenting time and child support information that fatherhood programs can use to help unmarried fathers understand and navigate their circumstances and options. The brief concludes with a list of concrete action steps that fatherhood programs can take to better assist fathers and provides tips that can be shared with fathers to help them improve their coparenting relationships and be more involved in the lives of their children.

[Download the brief here.](#)



## FRPN Studies on Special Populations and Special Projects

**Understanding the Experiences and Needs of Nonresident Fathers with Children in Kinship Care** looks at the engagement of fathers whose children are in kinship care arrangements. Based on interviews with 25 fathers, 10 kinship care providers and 20 social services providers, Cryer-Coupet and her colleagues highlighted the importance of fathers and relative caregivers having successful coparenting relationships. The report notes the absence of special engagement plans or protocols for fathers in relative care arrangements and worker needs for training in these areas.

**An Evaluation of Real Dads Read** focuses on a literacy initiative conducted by Father's Incorporated that involved the establishment of little libraries in 80 barbershops in Atlanta, Georgia, to help fathers support their children's academic success by getting them interested in and engaged in reading. Surveys with 81 fathers and interviews with 21 barbers in 35 barbershops revealed that both held positive views about the program, but that there was need for more research on fathers' successes and challenges as well as how to promote stronger father engagement and use of effective book-reading strategies.

## FRPN Book Coming Soon!

Edited by FRPN Co-Directors Dr. Jay Fagan and Dr. Jessica Pearson, ***New Research on Parenting Programs for Low-Income Fathers*** presents state-of-the-art findings of research on fatherhood programs, funded by the FRPN, which advance knowledge and practice in the fathering field. Stay tuned for more information on the release and availability of this book in the April 2021 issue of *The Blueprint*.

## Upcoming Fatherhood Webinars & Conferences

March 24, 2021 - 2:30 - 4 p.m. EDT

[Webinar: Enhancing Services and Programs for Fathers: An Overview of National Responsible Fatherhood Clearinghouse Resources](#)

May 16 - 19, 2021

[Virtual and In-Person Conference: 22nd Annual Families and Fathers National Conference](#)

June 9 - 10, 2021

[Virtual Conference: National Partnership for Community Leadership - 23rd Annual International Fatherhood Conference](#)

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