

The Blueprint

News from the Fatherhood
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Key Learnings from Recently Published FRPN Book

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. Based on the 13 studies that FRPN sponsored and featured, the book distills a set of learnings about fatherhood programs and practice. The distillation aims to build the evidence base on fatherhood programs and promote the use of evidence-informed practice.

Key Learnings on Elements of Effective Fatherhood Programs

- **They Produce Significant Outcomes** (Holmes et al.)
- **Program Dosage Matters** (Kim et al.)
- **Curriculum Makes a Difference** (Bright Sarfo & Vernon Wallace)
- **Training Staff to Engage Fathers Works** (Bellamy et al.)

Key Learnings on Mother Engagement and Co-Parenting

- **Barriers to Engaging Mothers: Relationship Pain, Lack of Parental Contact, Distrust of the Fatherhood Program, Staff Inexperience & Effort** (Kim Sperber & Sarah Whitton)
- **Engaging Mothers in Coparenting Is Challenging But Effective** (Jay Fagan et al.)
- **Engaging Mothers Improves Perceptions of the Coparenting Relationship** (Armon Perry et al.)
- **Domestic Violence Needs to be Addressed in a Comprehensive Way** (Kristie Thomas & Fernando Mederos)

To learn more about these insights, **purchase *New Research on Parenting Programs for Low-Income Fathers*** today! Enjoy 20 percent off your purchase by entering FLR40 at checkout.



FRPN Research Featured in New *Child Maltreatment* Paper

Kobulsky, J. M., Wildfeuer, R., Yoon, S., & Cage, J. (2020). Distinguishing characteristics and disparities in Child Protective Services-investigated maltreatment by fathers. *Child Maltreatment*. 16 (2): 182-194. <https://doi.org/10.1177/1077559520950828>

The sex of the perpetrator makes a difference in how Child Protective Services (CPS) handles reports of abuse and neglect. An analysis of a sample of 2,017 children reported to CPS found that cases in which the father was the sole perpetrator resulted in less out-of-home placement but more criminal investigations and charges with the greatest risk for criminal charges occurring when a Black father co-perpetrated maltreatment with the mother. The findings imply needs for anti-bias training, specialized services for fathers, and coordinated diversion between child welfare and criminal justice systems.

Data Snapshot from the Fatherhood and Marriage Local Evaluation & Cross-Site Project

This snapshot uses survey data collected by the 2015 cohort of responsible fatherhood grantees to describe changes in key outcomes for responsible fatherhood clients from the time they entered program services until their last workshop session. Outcomes include clients' self-reported perceptions, attitudes, and behaviors. [Download the snapshot.](#)

ACF Funding Opportunity

The Office of Planning, Research, and Evaluation within the Administration for Children and Families anticipates soliciting applications for the Family Self-Sufficiency Demonstration Development Projects to support planning for and execution of evaluation-related activities by eligible entities that serve low-income families with children. These cooperative agreements are intended for entities looking to strengthen and evaluate coordinated, client-centered approaches to improving family self-sufficiency.

Important Dates:

- Letters of Intent Due: June 2, 2021
- Applications Due: July 2, 2021

[Review the full funding announcement.](#)

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