

The Blueprint

News from the Fatherhood
Research & Practice Network

Policies and Programs Affecting Fathers A State-by-State Report - New Chapters Released

Jessica Pearson, PhD, director of the FRPN and the Center for Policy Research (CPR), along with CPR research analyst and PhD candidate, Rachel Wildfeuer, have authored a 12-chapter compilation of policies and programs that support the engagement of fathers with their children in all 50 states and the District of Columbia.

This groundbreaking report covers ten areas of public life: child support, child welfare, criminal justice, early childhood, education, employment, family law, food and housing, health and mental health, and responsible fatherhood. In each area, the authors present state-by-state information on the adoption of a variety of policies and programs that have the potential to support parent-child contact and/or remove barriers to parent-child contact that low-income, nonresident fathers face. The report creates a baseline against which future change might be assessed and a guide to supportive state policy options. Eight chapters of this state-by-state report are now available for download on the FRPN website:

- [Chapter 1: Introduction](#)
- [Chapter 2: Child Support](#)
- [Chapter 3: Child Welfare](#)
- [Chapter 4: Criminal Justice](#)
- [Chapter 5: Early Childhood](#)
- [Chapter 6: Education](#)
- [Chapter 7: Employment](#) **New**
- [Chapter 8: Family Law](#) **New**

Future chapters will be introduced in the FRPN Blueprint over the next few months.



New Publication on FRPN-funded Study

A new article on the FRPN-funded **Dads Matter-HV study** was just accepted for publication. Based on a randomized clinical trial of Dads Matter-HV, an intervention designed to increase fathers' engagement in home visiting programs, the study found that home visitors who were trained in the Dads Matter-HV curriculum reported using more father-focused and more mother-focused assessment and engagement strategies compared to home visitors who were not trained in the intervention. Authored by Jennifer Bellamy and her colleagues, the article appears in the Journal of the Society for Social Work and Research.

<https://www.journals.uchicago.edu/doi/10.1086/720010>

B3 Study Toolkit Available for Fatherhood Programs

Building Bridges and Bonds (B3) evaluation has released a new toolkit, providing fatherhood practitioners with user-friendly, hands-on resources to support implementation of new program components or services within existing fatherhood programs. The resources include a set of downloadable tools along with an interactive web-based brief and a resource document to support use of the tools. **Download the toolkit**

Research Opportunity

Researchers at the Penn State College of Human Services are looking to conduct interviews about parents and finances with 10 low-income, English speaking (non-immigrant) fathers, with a first child aged 3 years old or younger. Fathers will be compensated at \$35/hour. For more information, contact ParentsAndMoney@PSU.edu or text/call 973-862-0736.

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