

The Blueprint

News from the Fatherhood
Research & Practice Network

Policies and Programs Affecting Fathers A State-by-State Report - New Chapter 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. Four 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](#) **New**

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



Register for the Next FRPN Webinar: Tracking State Policies on Fathers to Improve Policy Development and Equity

This webinar will introduce **Policies and Programs Affecting Fathers: A State-by-State Report**. Father policies and programs in areas of child support, child welfare, and criminal justice will be presented. Register now to hear from policymakers and stakeholders on the status of state policy on fathers in these areas and how practitioners can use state-by-state information to better serve fathers and improve state legislation, programs, and policy.

Webinar participants include:

- Jessica Pearson, Director, Center for Policy Research and Director, Fatherhood Research & Practice Network
- Shaneen Moore, Deputy Assistant Commissioner and Director, Children and Family Services, Child Support Division, Minnesota Department of Human Services
- Derrick "David" Bryant, Youth and Family Program Specialist, Prevention and Early Intervention, Texas Department of Family and Protective Services
- Christopher A. Brown, President, National Fatherhood Initiative

Date: Thursday, February 24, 2022; 12:00-1:00 p.m. EST.

Register for the webinar [here](#).

Supporting Fatherhood: Final Report on the 2015 Cohort of Responsible Fatherhood Grantees

This report describes the 40 Responsible Fatherhood (RF) grantees that were funded by the Office of Planning, Research and Evaluation in 2015. The report covers recruitment activities, characteristics of enrolled clients, services provided, implementation challenges, and

changes that clients experienced from the beginning to the end of the program. Fathers who participated in the programs reported improvements in parenting, how they and their partner handle conflicts, having less difficulty paying their bills, and positive feelings about the program.

Download the report [here](#).

2022 Fathers & Families Coalition of America Conference

Love: The Last Word 23rd Annual Fathers & Families Conference - Hybrid & In Person

- March 8 - 11, 2022
- Hilton Los Angeles Airport
- [Register for the conference](#)

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