

# The Blueprint

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## *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. Six 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](#) *\*New\**
- [Chapter 6: Education](#) *\*New\**

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



## FRPN Webinar Recording: Tracking State Policies on Fathers to Improve Policy Development and Equity

This webinar introduces the new FRPN compilation, ***Policies and Programs Affecting Fathers: A State-by-State Report***. Jessica Pearson provides an overview of the status of state policy on fathers in the areas of child support, child welfare and criminal justice. Policymakers and stakeholders in the fatherhood area react to the new report and discuss how practitioners can use state-by-state information to better serve fathers and improve state legislation, programs, and policy. [Watch the webinar or download the presenter slides.](#)

## Upcoming Fatherhood Conference

Save the date for the National Partnership for Community Leadership's 24th Annual International Fatherhood Conference - **Celebrating the Legacy and Contributions of Women in Fatherhood: Research, Policy, and Practice**. Held virtually June 8-9, 2022, top-notch speakers and fatherhood leaders in policy, research, and practice will inspire and encourage conference attendees to reach higher heights in our work with fathers and families. The 2022 conference will shine the spotlight on women in leadership roles working with fathers and families. Register for the conference [here](#).

## Lessons Learned from the COVID-19 Pandemic for Supporting Fathers' Relationships in Fatherhood Programs

This new Child Trends brief (February 2022) provides insight on how to support fathers' healthy romantic and coparenting relationships during the COVID-19 pandemic. It is based

on interviews with fathers, coparents and program staff in fatherhood programs as part of the CHaRMED study funded by the Office of Family Assistance. Strategies that fatherhood programs are urged to consider include delivering relationship education along with employment services, using virtual platforms along with live interaction, and supplementing programming with one-on-one support. [Download the brief](#).

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