

The Blueprint

News from the Fatherhood
Research & Practice Network

New Brief on FRPN State Planning Grant Initiative Published

This brief highlights the results of a second round of interviews conducted during the summer of 2020 with planning teams in 11 states that were awarded FRPN planning grants in 2019 to promote father inclusion in state-level programs and policies. Despite some slow-downs in legislative enabling and funding initiatives due to COVID-19, father engagement activity continues in virtually all planning sites with promising accomplishments in several.

This includes: obtaining bi-partisan support for legislation to create a fatherhood commission, the award of federal FIRE grants to support fatherhood services and some fatherhood coordination activities, the use of TANF funds to create NCP employment programs, plans to pursue OCSE Section 1115 funds for NCP Employment Programs, the use of regular child support funds for a new outreach position to coordinate with fatherhood programs, and the creation of parent advisory boards in child support programs.

[Download the new brief.](#)



Reports of FRPN Funded Studies

FRPN funded many new studies of programs for fathers. The final reports of these macro-studies are available on our website, including:

Lenna Nepomnyaschy, Allison Dwyer Emory, & Alexandra Haralampoudis. Rutgers University, NJ. [***State Policies and Employment Outcomes among Fathers with Criminal Records***](#)

Do “**Ban the Box**” laws and other policies to limit employer access to criminal records improve the economic opportunities available to fathers with criminal records? The findings from this study suggest that they do not. In fact they may even lead to broader discrimination against Black fathers regardless of their criminal history.

Kristie Thomas & Fernando Mederos, Simmons College, MA. [***Responsible Fatherhood Groups and Domestic Violence Education: An Exploratory Study of Current Practices, Barriers, and Opportunities***](#)

How is domestic violence (DV) addressed in fatherhood program curricula? What do fatherhood program leaders and facilitators and DV advocates say about effective ways to engage fathers and address DV issues in program sessions? This qualitative study explores these issues and comes up with a set of recommendations for practitioners in the Responsible Fatherhood and DV fields as well as tip sheets for [**facilitators**](#) and [**program directors**](#).

Responsible Fatherhood & Healthy Marriage Grantees Announced

The Office of Family Assistance has announced the FY 2020 Healthy Marriage and Responsible Fatherhood (HMRP) grants. Fifty-eight organizations have been selected to receive funding through the Fatherhood - Family-focused, Interconnected, Resilient, and

Happy Holidays!

Seasons greetings! During these challenging times, we send you warm wishes for health, safety and happiness in the coming year. Thank you for your continued support of the FRPN.

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