

The Blueprint

News from the Fatherhood
Research & Practice Network

Fatherhood and COVID-19: A Conversation About Practice, Research and Policy — Register Today!

Tuesday, October 20, 2020

12-1:30 p.m. EDT

Presenters:

- Armon Perry, 4 Your Child and University of Louisville, Kentucky
- Cheri Tillis, Fathers and Families Support Center, St. Louis, Missouri
- Richard Tolman, University of Michigan, School of Social Work
- Amy Lindholm, State Court Administrative Office, Michigan
- Laurie Friedman, Temple University, School of Social Work
- Erin P. Frisch, Director, Michigan Office of Child Support

How is the COVID-19 pandemic affecting fatherhood programs? Hear about adaptations, experiences, outcomes, lessons learned and research needed to more effectively serve fathers during this time. Discussion topics will highlight:

- New challenges being a father
- New programming formats
- Technology and staff training
- Virtual fatherhood summits
- Fatherhood policy
- Research on virtual formats
- Emerging research questions

Register for the webinar [here](#).



Reports of FRPN Funded Studies

FRPN funded many new studies of programs for fathers. The final reports of these studies are available on our website. Here is a listing of some of the studies:

New Research on Elements of Effective Fatherhood Programs

- Young-Il Kim and Sung Joon Jang. ["A randomized controlled trial of the effectiveness of a responsible fatherhood program: The Case of TYRO Dads."](#)
- Bright Sarfo and Vernon Wallace. ["The DAD MAP Evaluation: A Randomized Controlled Trial of a Culturally Tailored Parenting and Responsible Fatherhood Program."](#)
- Jennifer Bellamy. ["The Engagement of Fathers in Home Visiting Services: Learning from the Dads Matter-HV Study."](#)
- Paul Lanier. ["Enhancing social support for low-income fathers."](#)

New Article on FRPN Grantee Research Published

Dr. Julia Kobulsky and Rachel Wildfeuer (Temple University) have authored a new article published in *Child Maltreatment*, along with Susan Yoon (Ohio State University) and Jamie Cage (Virginia Commonwealth University). This study built on previous research funded by a [grant from the FRPN](#). The study shows that investigations by Child Protective Services (CPS) are more likely to result in criminal investigation and criminal charge in cases that involve father-alone perpetration as compared to mother-alone-perpetration. The greatest risk for criminal charges being filed was when a Black father co-perpetrated maltreatment with the mother. Findings imply the need for prevention and intervention services that engage fathers and anti-bias training for professionals involved in maltreatment investigations.

[View the article](#)

Deadline Extended for SIRF Project Nominations

MDRC will select up to 10 responsible fatherhood programs to participate in [The Strengthening the Implementation of Responsible Fatherhood Programs](#) (SIRF) project, which is studying ways to help programs overcome common implementation challenges and test possible, real-world solutions. Practitioners in selected programs will collaborate with researchers to identify challenges, devise solutions, implement them, examine their effect on participants, adjust the solution based on research feedback, and repeat the process again or multiple times. Funded by the Administration for Children and Families' Office of Family Assistance, selected programs will receive payment for the costs associated with their participation in the project. The deadline for submitting program nominations has been extended to this **Friday - October 16**.

[Nominate a responsible fatherhood program to participate](#)

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