Real Talk
Responding to Challenging Issues in Father Engagement
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Discussion Topics

• Building relationships with fathers
• Strategies for effectively recruiting and retaining fathers
• Dealing with anti-father bias among staff and partners
• Working with fathers with substance use issues
• Addressing histories of conflict—and in some cases violence—between parents
• Addressing gatekeeping by mothers
• Trauma and healing
Relationships Matter
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Paternal Substance Use

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Trauma and Healing
Resources

- Integrating Approaches that Prioritize and Enhance Father Engagement (ACF Information Memorandum)

- Breaking the Cycle: Fathering After Violence, Curriculum Guidelines and Tools for Batterer Intervention Programs (Futures Without Violence)

- Working with Fathers to Identify and Resolve Substance Abuse Problems (National Responsible Fatherhood Clearinghouse)
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Resources continued

From the National Fatherhood Initiative:

• Recruitment and Retention Webpage of National Fatherhood Initiative: [https://www.fatherhood.org/keeping-fathers-interested-in-fatherhood-program](https://www.fatherhood.org/keeping-fathers-interested-in-fatherhood-program)

• The Father Friendly Check-Up™: [https://www.fatherhood.org/ffcu](https://www.fatherhood.org/ffcu)

• How to Train Female Staff to Effectively Engage Fathers (Ebook): [https://www.fatherhood.org/how-female-staff-can-engage-fathers?](https://www.fatherhood.org/how-female-staff-can-engage-fathers?)
Building Community, Building Hope Resources:

- *Dads Rock!* film and discussion guide
- Engaging Dads: Seeing Their Strengths
- Dads Rock: Getting Real with Fathers
- Dads Rock: Xavier’s Story

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