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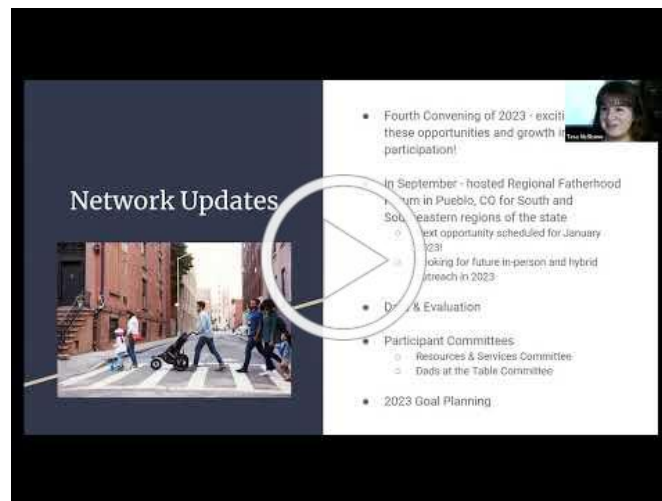


Making Connections. Strengthening Families.

Colorado Fatherhood Network News

Colorado Fatherhood Network Updates

CFN's December Convening



The Colorado Fatherhood Network convened for the FOURTH time in December for the CFN's Winter Convening. The Convening included 29 new and familiar from across Colorado who participated in networking, learned about a resource for expecting and newborn fathers, and learned about exciting updates to the CFN!

Presentation materials are available [HERE](#)

The CFN values the feedback of its participants in helping to inform and improve current and future activities. If you were able to attend the December Convening, please complete the [Attendee Evaluation HERE](#). If you were unable to attend, we still value your feedback in helping to inform the Network! Please complete the [Absentee Evaluation HERE](#). Both evaluations also explore the CFN's progress over the past year.

Complete either evaluation for a chance to win an Amazon gift card!

Keep an eye out for a calendar invite soon for the CFN 2023 Convening dates!

- March 2, 2023 10am - 12pm
- June 8, 2023 10am - 12pm
- September 7, 2023 10am - 12pm
- December 7, 2023 10am - 12pm

Interested in learning more about Boot Camp for New Dads? Or interested in referring a participant for their virtual classes?

[Use the link HERE.](#)

CFN Committees



Resources & Services Committee

This Committee can support the education, knowledge of resources, use of best practices, and evaluation for the Network to support Fatherhood and Family Services across Colorado. This Committee will support the



Dads at the Table Committee

This Committee can support the awareness, collaboration, and knowledge of resources to grow father and family involvement at local, regional, state, and systems levels. This includes supporting fathers

programming and evaluation components of the Network.

Presentation materials are available [HERE](#).

**Interested? Register
HERE!**

involvement through a whole-family approach to leadership and decision-making.

Presentation materials are available [HERE](#).

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Both Committees are open to Network participant involvement and help to support two of the Network's goal areas. These Committees are to support the practitioners, programs, organizations, and services that support fathers and families across Colorado. Interested in learning more?

Email tmcshane@cofamilycenters.org

CFN Resource Form



The Colorado Fatherhood Network is interested in learning more about the resources needed by participants in the Network. Please complete the form [HERE](#) to identify priority resources needed and suggested resource topics to help inform the work of the Network.

[Complete the brief form HERE](#)

Enter for a chance to win an Amazon gift card!

Social Work Practice with Fathers

Social Work Practice with Fathers: Engagement, Assessment, and Intervention is now published! Editors include Colorado's own Jennifer Bellamy!

This book helps to:

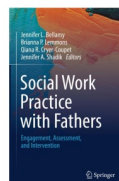
- Inform best practice on working with fathers and outlines practical guidance on how to engage with fathers
- Provide information for effective

father-appropriate assessments

- Includes father perspectives within chapters

This is a great new resource to learn about best practices in your work with fathers.

A link to purchase the eBook is available [HERE!](#)



Social Work Practice with Fathers
Engagement, Assessment, and Intervention

- Infuses best practice on working with fathers and outlines practical guidance on how to engage with fathers.
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- Includes father perspectives within chapters

Social workers need to work with fathers across many service systems, but lack guidance on how to do so, and most engagement, assessment, and intervention work for family-serving systems is mother- and child-focused. Father-inclusive readings and resources are also limited. Drawing on the expertise of well-regarded research and practice experts in the field, this comprehensive book provides guidance to social work practitioners and researchers on how to engage, assess, and serve fathers. Instructors can use the text to include fathers in courses on the human behavior and social environment, family systems, clinical practice, diversity, or service systems. Social service systems, unfortunately, have often struggled to positively engage men as parents. Recent demographic trends indicate that fathers are providing more direct care to children and single-father households are one of the most rapidly growing demographic groups in the United States. Barriers to their successful engagement include biases and assumptions about men and fathers, a lack of father-friendly policies and practices in the field, limited training on how to work with fathers, and relatively limited father-inclusive social work research and theory. This book addresses these barriers. It is a guide to social workers in their efforts to better serve men as parents, and does so from an ecological and systems perspective. Multiple case examples and practical tools are provided, as well as specific content on major social service systems. Topics explored include: • Father Engagement • Organizational Father-Friendly Adaptations • Interventions with Fathers • Setting the Course for Future Theory, Research, and Practice with Fathers • Social Work Practice with Fathers: Engagement, Assessment, and Intervention is a book that could be folded into foundation courses in social work or used by practitioners in the field. It is an essential text for graduate students in social work, practice, sociology, child development, allied health, and similar disciplines and professions, and a go-to resource for helping professionals/practitioners such as social workers, psychologists, and licensed professional counselors. Advanced undergraduate students in these disciplines and professions also will find the text useful in their studies and work.

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Upcoming Conferences



**2023 ROCKY MOUNTAIN
EARLY CHILDHOOD CONFERENCE**
A Program of Denver's Early Childhood Council

MARCH 10-11, 2023
COLORADO CONVENTION CENTER - DENVER, CO



Register to learn, share, and connect at the region's largest and leading conference focused on promoting and advancing early childhood education!

Join us as we embark on our journey, sharing new ideas, innovations, and collaboration as we climb together, one step at a time!

March 10 & 11 2023
Colorado Convention Center
Denver, CO

Register
HERE



PARENT POSSIBLE

[The Parent Possible Home Visiting Conference](#) brings together home visiting professional for two days of informative and engaging workshops specifically created for those in the field of early childhood home visiting. More information is available [HERE](#).

Workshop topics include:

- Parenting & Child Development
- Health & Well-Being for Providers
- Innovative Program Strategies
- Health, Safety & Resources for Families

April 26 & 27, 2023

Hyatt Regency Aurora-Denver Conference Center

[Register TODAY!](#)

Interested in sharing your experience and knowledge with others in the home visiting field? Submit a workshop proposal [HERE!](#)

Program Resources

Below are several resources to support engaging fathers in programming and services!



[Approaches for Engaging Fathers in Child Support Programs Fact Sheet](#)

Expanding Inclusion of Fathers in Perinatal and Early Childhood Programs

[Webinar Recording](#)
[Presentation Slides](#)

[National Fatherhood Initiative Presentation at the Together for Families Conference](#)

Can advance to the 26:30 mark for view on case studies

[Strengths of Fathers Presence graphics](#)

Available in English and Spanish!

Dad Jokes

Who was the snowman's favorite aunt?

Aunt Artica!

What does a baby computer call his father? *Data!*

Where do pirates get their hooks?

Second hand stores!

How many clickbait articles does it take to change a lightbulb? *The answer will shock you!*

What do you call a snowman who vacations in the tropics? *A puddle!*

Source: <https://www.menshealth.com/trending-news/a34437277/best-dad-jokes/>



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Fatherhood Reflection

“Affirming words from moms and dads are like light switches. Speak a word of affirmation at the right moment in a child’s life and it’s like lighting up a whole roomful of possibilities”

- Gary Smalley

Source: <https://www.momtastic.com/parenting/541137-40-amazing-quotes-parenthood/>

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