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TIPS TO MAKE YOUR PROGRAM FATHER- FRIENDLY

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Establish peer-to-peer connections by recruiting fathers to greet other fathers at events/activities

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Gather contact information for fathers or the nurturing males in child's life during intake

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Host an orientation event for fathers & nurturing males to share specific child development activities they can do at home

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Create a welcoming environment that is interesting and comfortable for men and multiple generations

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Meet fathers in an environment they are comfortable in

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Solicit ideas on how fathers want to participate, barriers to participation, and how they can be supported to participate.

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Assure at least one staff member knows each parent and can identify opportunities to engage them

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Ensure your program is accessible to a variety of families with interpretation services, physically accessible spaces, and staff trained on unique challenges

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Encourage fathers to provide direct feedback through suggestion boxes, surveys, focus groups, and specific interviews

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Celebrate culture and family strengths by involving parents in events

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Open your center or school space for fatherhood group activities

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Develop a buddy system that pairs more experienced fathers with new fathers

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Specifically and intentionally invite fathers to participate in parent advisory committees

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Establish how fathers can develop as group leaders within your agency, organization, or school.



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