

October 20, 2026



Family Resource Center Association



Welcome to Colorado Fatherhood Network (CFN)'s October newsletter. Through this communication, the CFN is excited to bring you news and resources to connect to other statewide providers and learn the latest best practices in fatherhood work. Please let us know if you have celebrations or resources to share with others by emailing us at aschaffer@cofamilycenters.org.

Network Updates



**COLORADO
FATHERHOOD
NETWORK**



JOIN US!

THE COLORADO FATHERHOOD NETWORK'S

PEER LEARNING SESSION

**EXPANDING FATHER ENGAGEMENT BEYOND A
CURRICULUM**



**Thursday,
October 29**



**1:00pm -
12:00pm MT**



Zoom

Register Here

Upcoming Peer Learning Session

Join the Colorado Fatherhood Network for time for peer networking and discussions about engaging dads beyond a curriculum. Though many of primarily support dads through a curriculum, many dads engage due to the support their get outside these formal programs. We will discuss ways to engage dads before, during, and after their participation in programs.

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THE COLORADO FATHERHOOD NETWORK'S NOVEMBER 2026 WEBINAR

UPCOMING WEBINAR:

- **Date: Wednesday, November 4th**
- **Time: 10:00am - 11:30am MT**
- **Topic: Beyond the Numbers: Using Data and Father Voice to Improve Programs and Outcomes**



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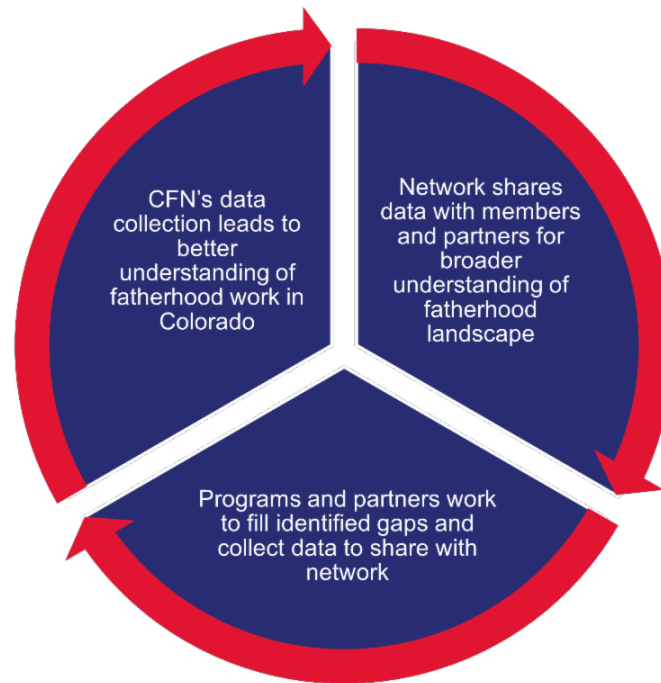
Upcoming Webinar

You collect the data. You hear from fathers. But how do you turn what you're learning into stronger programs and better outcomes?

This interactive webinar explores practical ways to bring together the numbers and the voices behind them to learn what's working and where there are opportunities to grow. Participants will explore how feedback loops, open communication, collaborative teams,

and simple improvement cycles can turn quantitative data and the experiences of fathers, families, and staff into action. Come away with practical strategies for using what you're already learning to strengthen services and improve outcomes for fathers, children, and families.

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Building The Colorado Fatherhood Network's Next Chapter

The CFN's Data and Evaluation Committee is hard at work developing a Network Data and Evaluation plan to bring the CFN into its next chapter. By collecting simple, program-level data from network members around the state, the network will better understand what supports dads currently have around the state, and where there are gaps. This information will be shared with network members and community partners which can then lead to program design and partnerships aimed at filling any identified gaps.

We are now collecting our first round of data! We are asking all Colorado Fatherhood Network Participants, including YOU, to **complete [this form](#) by COB Friday, October 23rd**. The data will be used to create a report on fatherhood services around the state.

If you have any questions or feedback regarding this project, please reach out to [Alexa](#).



FATHERHOOD ADVOCATE 101

Join us to learn how to better engage fathers.
Anyone who works with families is welcome!

MODULES INCLUDE:

- Introduction to Father Involvement & Engagement
- Role of Father Advocate
- Communication & Relationship-Building
- Promoting Father Voices & Unique Perspectives
- Whole-Family, Strengths-Based Approach
- Collaborating with Systems to Support Fathers



November
18 & 19



8:30am -
12:00pm



Zoom

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HERE:



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NEWSLETTER FOR
INFORMATION ON FUTURE
TRAINING OPPORTUNITIES:



This training is free to join and open to the first 20 registrants

Announcing the Fatherhood Advocate 101 Training

Join the Colorado Fatherhood Network for an introductory training for father engagement. All family support practitioners are welcome, whether you are new to your role or you have been around for a while but want improve how you are engaging fathers.

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THE COLORADO FATHERHOOD NETWORK'S
**NORTHWEST COLORADO
REGIONAL FATHERHOOD FORUM**

FORUM DETAILS:

- IN-PERSON EVENT!
- TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 10, 2026
9:00 AM - 11:30 AM MT
- ROUTT COUNTY PUBLIC HEALTH
COMMUNITY ROOM
135 6TH STREET
STEAMBOAT SPRINGS, CO 80487

RSVP HERE



PURPOSE OF THE FORUM:

- Join the Colorado Fatherhood Network's Northwest Colorado Fatherhood Forum to connect, share, and learn with other practitioners in your community
- Network with other practitioners, programs, and stakeholders to share successes and barriers in supporting father involvement in programs
- Learn more about the Colorado Fatherhood Network and how it can support regional efforts

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Join the Colorado Fatherhood Network In-Person in Steamboat!

At this event, you'll have the chance to network with a diverse group of peers, practitioners, and stakeholders in the region to strengthen collaborations and partnerships. Participants will learn the developmental stages of fatherhood and how such stages can support your work with engaging dads. Participants will receive important updates on the Colorado Fatherhood Network, keeping you informed of new initiatives, resources, and opportunities that can benefit your work and community.

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In Case You Missed It...

Watch the recording of the CFN's September convening to hear about Colorado Fatherhood Network updates, including updates about the network's data and evaluation committee's work. Then, a special presentation highlights how you can support coparents in their relationship to lead to the best outcomes for children.



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THE COLORADO FATHERHOOD NETWORK'S
SEPTEMBER 2026 CONVENING

UPCOMING CONVENING:

- **Date:** Tuesday, September 22
- **Time:** 1:30pm - 3:00pm MT
- **Topic:** A New Outlook on Coparenting
- **Join for connection and conversation on how we can support coparenting relationships.**

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Program Resources

SafeCare® Colorado Can Make Parenting Easier and More Enjoyable!

Parents and caregivers with children ages five and under can learn new skills for free.

Areas of Support Include...

Parent-Child Interaction



Home Safety



Child Health



"The SafeCare® program has helped build my confidence as a mom. The information I get from the program is very helpful. I like the support that I get every week. I was very happy to get supplies to childproof my home before my baby is crawling!"

Visit SafeCare.CO4Kids.org to learn more, refer a parent or caregiver, or sign up for free parenting support near you.



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Resource Highlight: SafeCare

Are you familiar with your local SafeCare provider? If not, be sure to look in to this program that may be a great resource for families you work with! Information in Spanish can be found [here](#).

More Information

Upcoming FREE Training Opportunities

Check out some great upcoming training opportunities, available for FREE!

Narcan Overdose Response Training, by the [Denver Department of Public Health and Environment \(DDPHE\)](#):

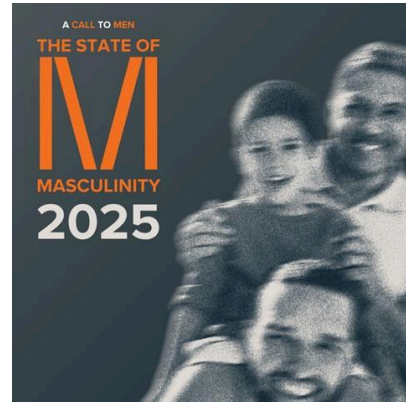
Tuesday, December 8th, 2:00-3:00 pm, in-person or remote.

[Register here.](#)

Research and News

State of Masculinity 2025 Report

[A Call to Men](#) released their [State of Masculinity 2025](#) report. The report reflects hundreds of interviews conducted with men across the United States regarding their views of masculinity. Be sure to check it out!



Submissions for this monthly newsletter are always welcome and appreciated. Please send any resources, research or news relevant to fathers in Colorado and those who work with them [here](#) any time!

ABOUT THE NETWORK: The Colorado Fatherhood Network is a father-focused, statewide, systems-level professional network for practitioners and programs working with fathers and families. The CFN provides connections, resources, education, evaluation, and advocacy to advance the field of Fatherhood and Family Services.



Dad Joke of the Month:

What is a ghost's favorite dessert? I-scream!

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