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PLEASE REMEMBER YOU DO NOT HAVE TO BE A DAD TO BE INVOLVED... GRANDPAS, UNCLES, BIG BROTHERS, STEP-DADS, COUSINS....ANY IMPORTANT MALE IN A CHILD'S LIFE....WE WANT YOU TO COME BE INVOLVED IN OUR PROGRAM!



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Educators would like to help fathers (or any male figure) regain the joys of raising children and being involved in their education. Due to the increased understanding and knowledge of the importance of fathers' roles in their children's lives, there is currently more research than ever before to back up what educators have known all along. (Morrison, 390) Help us help you get involved today!

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How to become involved

IDEAS FOR HOME AND SCHOOL INVOLVEMENT

- Become a mentor at the school (Call school for more information about program)
- Come share hobby or occupation in classroom
- Attend parent/teacher conferences
- Read to your child
- Involve your child in your favorite hobby
- Help with homework
- Conversation about daily activities
- Turn off the electronics and have “daddy and Me” time daily
- Volunteer in the classroom
- Go on class field trips
- Participate in PTO, Parent Advisory Committee meetings
- Become volunteer sports coach at school or summer recreation leagues
- Help with program needs
- ASK HOW YOU CAN BE INVOLVED
- Attend playgroups

Collaboration between father-figures and Schools

There is emerging evidence proving that parental involvement, particularly that of fathers, in early childhood programs have positive influences on their child’s academic success especially when the schools offer training opportunities for parents to learn how to be involved with their students education both at school and at home. (Green, 4) Children, no matter the age, who have involved fathers have healthier self-esteem, show empathy more and have better prosocial behavior compared to the children that do not have involved fathers. (Morrison, 390)

Learning at home is such as, if not more important, than learning at school. By partnering with parents, children can have the best of both worlds. If schools and parents develop a positive approach to learning together through a partnership, students will have the opportunity to flourish academically and emotionally.



How Teachers Can Encourage

All discussions about father-figures becoming involved in early childhood needs to begin with positive ideas and the idea that all fathers want what is best for their children. (Parlakian and Rovaris, 64) Many times fathers want to participate but very often do not know how. Fathers need more encouragement to participate and be involved than mothers do, but this does not mean they care less.

In a survey, most fathers shared that they are more apt to participate in events/meetings that are not “men-only” events.(men support groups, men information nights, etc) They participate more during whole family or where both parents are invited. (Turbiville and Marquis, 229)

Ideas for involving Fathers: I

- Invite dads into class to share occupation or special hobbies
- Simple surveys just for dads (email or social media might work best)
- Provide special fatherhood or parenting classes/workshops
- Have involved fathers invite other fathers, invite dads on field trips.
- MOST OF ALL:ASK FATHERS HOW THEY WANT TO BE INVOLVED!