

# 2019 WA State Fatherhood Summit Notes

## Including Fathers in Transforming Maternal Child Health Systems

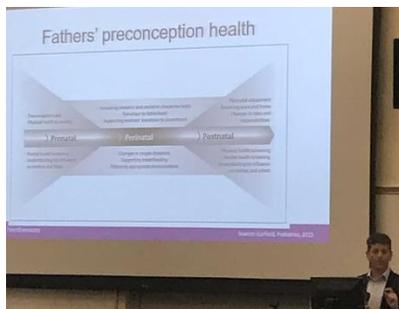
**Welcome!** 80 participants checked in to attend the 2<sup>nd</sup> annual Washington State Fatherhood Summit. Participants came together from across the state representing state agencies, medical providers, community service providers, advocacy groups, and dads with lived experiences.

**Summit Kick Off:** Nichole Ross, Deputy Assistant Secretary of the Department of Health and Human Services Economic Services Administration kicked off our day with a welcome to all participants.

**Opening Remarks:** Anne Stone, Frontiers of Innovation Project Director, started the summit off with a table group activity “What’s on Your Radar” to help people think about what was top of mind for them around the issue of fatherhood. Sticky-notes were used to brainstorm what concerns each attendee was bringing with them.



**Keynote address: *Fathers in Families: Three Questions and Search for Answers*** by Dr. Craig Garfield, M.D., was introduced to by Dr. James Polo. Dr. Garfield is a Professor of Pediatrics and of Medical Social Sciences at Northwestern University’s Feinberg School of Medicine. He is co-author of both American Academy of Pediatric’s clinical reports on Fathers and Pediatrics. Dr. Garfield has familiarity with fathers in a medical setting and shared his own lived experiences about being a father. Dr. Garfield is working with federal government to make sure dads are included in data such as the PRAMS data. Dr. Garfield pointed out how advertising is now even taking note of the importance fathers play in their families.



**Survey Findings Report:** Dr. Holly Schindler of the University of Washington school of Education and Fellow at the Harvard University’s Center on the Developing Child presented “Transforming Systems through Father’s Voices”. Dr. Schindler examined the fatherhood survey that she polled across the state. Dr. Schindler found the greatest challenges fathers reported to face were Custody and parenting time agreements, No services available for fathers, social Stigmas about fatherhood, Issues related to child support, and financial insecurity.



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**Let’s get focused:** Anne Stone lead the attendees through exercises using the information and ideas generated during the morning “What’s on your radar” activity. Each table was

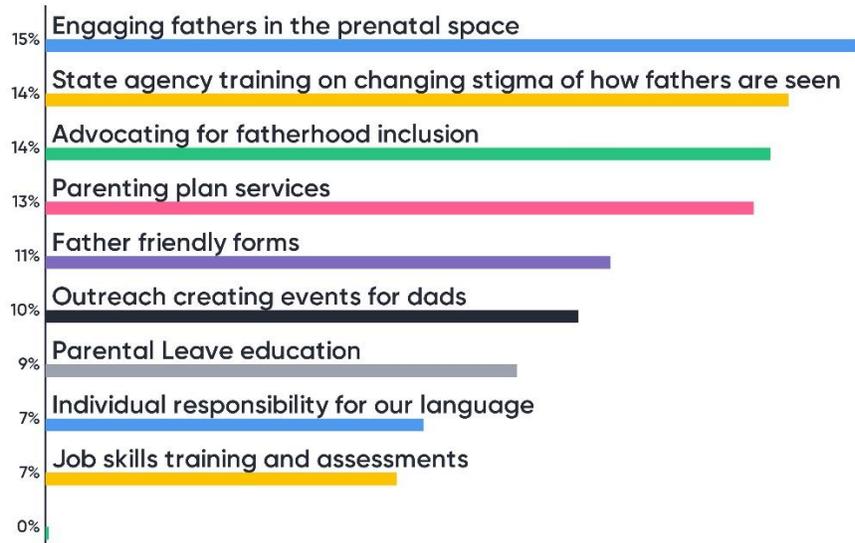
asked to place a few of their ideas onto an impact/effort matrix to rank the ideas in terms of the impact they will have and the amount of effort that it will take to launch. Each group brought their Just do it's, Quick Wins, and Strategic Long term goals to enter into the Mentimeter software so that participants were able to vote using their cell phones in the room. See below for pictures from Mentimeter.



**Inspiration! A Father's Success Story:** John Miller from King County spoke with Dante Pollard about the struggles Mr. Pollard has overcome to be single father to his two girls. Mr. Pollard has experience with various systems and has struggled to find support and resources through his journey.

## What are your top Just Do it ideas?

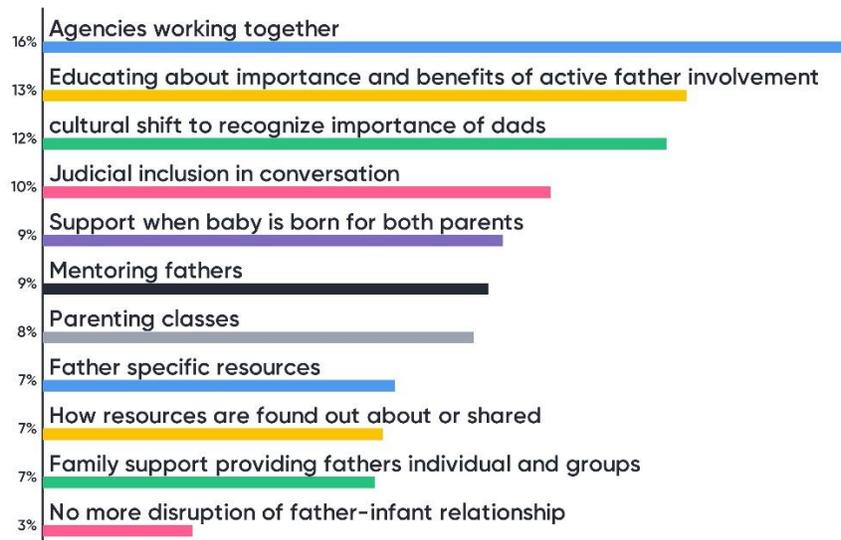
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# What are your top Quick Wins Strategies?

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# What are your top Long Term Strategies?

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# How productive was our day together?

