

2024 Fatherhood Summit
Table Group Discussion Consolidated Notes

Health Care

Barriers –

- Medical providers are not treating fathers like they are part of the family during the birthing/pregnancy process
- Providers should have more focus on the father-infant relationship
- Enrollment in birthing classes are not always inclusive of father as participants
 - They are called support person instead of dad
- Referral process should include the entire family, not just the mom – for in-home visiting program or programs deal with parental relationships
- Dads not getting guidance from doctor visits but they are sharing care

What Can We do Better -

- Government agencies – we have to be the ones to step up and lead the way!
- Gather qualitative and quantitative data about fathers in healthcare
- More resources for fathers prenatal/post partum and well child
- Ask the hospitals what is going on with Dad
- What are hospitals doing to help out?

Rewards -

- Personal
- County commissioner buy in
- Programs – WIC, high risk pregnancy

Goals -

- No limits – the sky is the limit
- Reduction of single parent households
- Decrease in teen pregnancy rates
- Decrease divorce rates
- Parenting classes
 - in high schools
 - Adult education
- Talk about real life