

2024 Fatherhood Summit

Table Group Discussion Consolidated Notes

Substance Abuse Disorder and Behavior Health

Barriers –

- Longstanding traditions and stigmas against dads
- Belief systems that don't value Dads role
- Lack of diversity in providers – gender matters
- Lack of legal support
- No space or support for fathers to work through trauma
- Dads are overlooked and can't room in with their children if they get Tx
- Costs and perceived costs are prohibitive
- Language and pictures doesn't include dad in service provider outreach

Let's Do Better -

- Education on emotional literacy
- Need more peer Support
- Allocate funding that is for father's unique needs
- Re-purpose current funding
- Need transparency around funding/resources so we can see how we are doing meeting the needs.
- Language should be gender neutral
- Community understanding of trauma could be better
- Connection to immediate services

Hoping to See -

- Equity for fathers
- Solution focused work
- Clear path forward