

Washington State Interagency Fatherhood Council

November 29th 10:00 - 12:00

Family Support Services | 1201 Black Lake Blvd SW Olympia, WA 98502



Meeting Goals:

- 1.) Bring returning and new members together to form a new group
- 2.) Familiarize ourselves with the top ideas from the June 2018 Summit and clarify intent
- 3.) Gather input on a mini grant opportunity that allow us to engage fathers
- 4.) Decide on meeting structure and decision making process

Participants: Anne Stone, DSHS/ESA; Kristin Ohler, DSHS/ESA; Keoki Kauanoë, FESS; Nikolaas Hansen, Father; Joseph Jensen, Father; Davida Miller, DSHS/ESA/DCS; Ellen Nolan, DSHS/ESA; John Hlavaty; Mitch Dillard, DSHS/ESA/DCS; Dieten Jacobs, Mark Kucza, DOC; Denise Mileson, OSPI; Louis Mendoza, Fatherhood Network; John Miller, King County; Frieda Ray, DSHS/ESA/DCS; Ericka Russell, DCYF; Liza Sterbeck, DCYF; Brandy Otto, DCYF

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Welcome from Family Education and Support Services, purpose and introductions	Keoki welcomed the group to the space and shared a bit about the agency's work. http://familyess.org/ The group
Review top ideas from the summit <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Seek clarity and definition around what we might achieve 	Table groups discussed the strategies identified at the summit and narrowed it down to a top two-three things that each group wanted to work on, which brought the group to Five Strategies: <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Fatherhood Advisory Council <ol style="list-style-type: none"> a. Consists of the agencies represented on the Panel at the summit and fathers b. Credibility is important (Dads to dads, Dads voice to policy; across the collaboration) c. Discussion of structure is important d. Consider: Fatherhood committees within each agency that send a delegate to the Advisory Council e. Needs clear goals and scope 2. Convening fathers for peer mentorship <ol style="list-style-type: none"> a. How do we connect with dads? Social media? Person to person? Through program navigators? Hard to get fathers to gather. 3. Focus on Common Language <ol style="list-style-type: none"> a. Rebranding (WIC, for example) b. To remove bias 4. Trauma/ACEs training with Dads in mind <ol style="list-style-type: none"> a. Training for dads and for agency staff b. Engage with systems adding to or causing trauma 5. Resources for Fathers

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	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> a. Conversations around “every door is the right door” needs to keep dads in the conversion (all consumers in the design) b. Resources need to be father-friendly
<p>Fatherhood Practice Research Network mini grant opportunity</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Brief overview • Draft idea and engagement point with fathers <ul style="list-style-type: none"> What might we want to ask nonresidential fathers to learn what might be the best way to support them after their baby is born? What would fathers want/need to create a local gathering? Interested fathers? 	<p>Holly reviewed the grant opportunity available for mini grants and the group broke out into table conversations related to potential focus group questions that we might ask fathers as a way to inform systems and policies as well as identify opportunities for near-term, actionable wins.</p> <p>Questions are coming soon – in progress.</p>
<p>Group Structure</p> <p>Should this group meet monthly, bi-monthly, workgroups?</p> <p>In person, virtually?</p>	<p>This group agreed to meet once monthly. In-person is important, but difficult to do in the winter months. Kristin will send out a survey to poll the group about best times on Fridays (group agreed Fridays are more father-friendly) and then will set the dates. An in-person meeting will be scheduled in the spring 2019.</p> <p>Discussion regarding who is missing:</p> <p>Representation from the Health Care Authority, Dept. of Health, Tribes, immigrant and refugees, employment and workforce development, WAPA, Commerce/housing, Courts</p>
<p>Next meeting agenda</p>	<p>TBD</p>