

# Washington State Interagency Fatherhood Council

Oct. 11, 10-11:30 AM

In person and WebEx - call in information in the appointment and email



## Meeting Goals:

- 1.) Welcome and Introductions
- 2.) DCS Child Support Workgroup final report
- 3.) Update from the Fatherhood Co-Champions and Connecting Fathers Workgroup

Attendees: Dieter Jacobs, DSHS/ESA/DCS; Louis Mendoza, Father/Kinderring; Steve Grilli, DCYF; Amanda Krotke-Crandall, DSHS/ESA/OAS; Ellen Nolan DSHS/ESA/OAS; Mitch Dillard, DSHS/ESA/DCS; Nikolaas Hanson, Father; John King, King Co. Kyle Paskewitz, Father/ Parentalink and Family Court Reform USA; Dante Pollard, Father & Poverty Reduction Work Group; Brandy Otto, DCYF, Anne Stone, DSHS/ESA; Vanessa Allen, DCYF; Dr. James Rodriguez (visiting)

Topic	Lead
<p><b>Welcome and Introductions</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Review and approve Sep. meeting notes</li> <li>• Review Agenda</li> <li>• Welcome Nelson Rascon to the council</li> <li>• Welcome to Connecting Fathers Workgroup Nick Kosovac &amp; Micah Jackson</li> </ul>	<p>Anne Stone</p>
<p><b>Division of Child Support</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• The Child Support Schedule Workgroup, that is defined by statute in <u>RCW 26.19.025</u> – the workgroup develops this report and their recommendations and submits it to the legislature for their consideration by October 1<sup>st</sup> (at least every four years).</li> </ul>	<p>DCS rep Nancy</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Ellen reported that the legislator in the last session passed the work group recs from 2011. We love the recommendations because it's easier to get the legislator to act when there is consensus</li> <li>• Nancy: We can't convince the Legislator of anything! The 2011 workgroup had a lot of consensus but they only adopted two in 2019. There is a number called a deviation that causes the payment to go up or down. The feds want fewer deviations. 2019 workgroup was filed at the end of Sep. There is an executive summary. We need to get the legislator to recognize that full time employment isn't 40 hours a week. Three more issues about the adjustment of where the kids are living. Every workgroup since 2007 has talked about how to deal with this. Because the old economic table is based on the every other weekend model. It is too big of an issues so now it was written for the Legislator to establish a plan.</li> <li>• Almost every state has a self-support reserve. When child support is determined you can't take below around 1,200. The self-support reserve is increasing as minimum wage is going up. There is a legislative proposal about the abatement for incarcerated parent payment.</li> </ul>

<p><b>Where are we going as a council?</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Using the Statewide survey to guide our work <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Fathers spending more time with their children</li> <li>Making services known and available for Fathers</li> <li><del>Issues related to child support</del></li> <li>Counteracting stigma around fatherhood</li> </ul> </li> </ul> <p><b>ENDED WITH</b></p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Promote the strengths and skills of fathers</li> <li>Making services known to fathers and those who serve families</li> <li>Building capacity of systems for a holistic approach to support families</li> </ol>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Desire to get both structure and content defined</li> <li>The first is great cross cutting</li> <li>The second one we have is enhancing the services that are known around fathers. In a whole family way.</li> <li>John King wants to expand how we want fathers to show up in these spaces.</li> <li>Ellen wants to see more fatherhood inclusion and not just spending time with children.</li> <li>Nick would like to see the bullets rearranged would like to see the Stigma addressed first. Mentorship is extremely important</li> <li>Mitch also wants to address stigma first and that will be reflected in everything else</li> <li>Kyle: Children are born with two parents and its important to recognize that both fathers and mothers are parents, there is common ground between those two roles. We don't want to take away from moms want in enhance what children are getting. Services are available for custodial parents but much less available to noncustodial parents</li> <li>When we write up this work plan those values will preface this: whole family, both parents,</li> <li>Luis wants to add to and known for services; the third bullet "capacity of fathers" isn't clear. Not sure what should be put in.</li> <li>James Rodriguez wants to break apart capacity and inclusion. Promote strengths of fathers; Strengths will break down barriers. Social campaigning could be done on the cheap. Building the capacity of people that are working with fathers. You cannot externally build capacity of others.</li> <li>John it's both and we need to build capacity for fathers and agencies. We need to build up our fathers and the agencies. Building up OSPI.</li> <li>Kyle would like to change the last bullet to building capacity for systems to work with whole families</li> <li>Nancy a more holistic approach rather than whole family</li> <li>Going to hang tight with this and will bring it back at the next meeting</li> </ul>
<p><b>What's the Workgroup working on?</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Establishing a Speakers Bureau</li> <li>Video of Dads from Summit</li> <li>VROOM Grant</li> </ul>	<p>Anne Stone &amp; Connecting Fathers Workgroup</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Working on editing videos from the fatherhood conference</li> <li>Did the a Bezos VROOM grant taking brain science and bringing it to dads</li> <li>Going to start working on the Speakers Bureau</li> </ul>