

Connecting Fathers Workgroup

Feb. 2nd, 10am-11am

Attendees: Louis Mendoza, Ellen Nolan, Micah Jackson, Kyle Paskewitz, Jeremiah Donier, Anne Stone, Amanda Krotke-Crandall, Nelson Rascon, John Bodkins

Meeting Goals:

- 1.) Exploring what an established Washington Fatherhood Corps might look like in the future.

Topic	Notes
<p>Welcome and Introductions</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Anyone new to introduce? • See December notes attached 	
<p>Fatherhood Newsletter</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • What regular sections and information would you like to see in the newsletter? • How can we generate content? • What cadence for distribution of the newsletter? 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • We have the opportunity with Jeremiah’s support to put together a newsletter. • Nelson would incorporate some of this information into his own newsletter or forward to his list. • For cadence - possibly a quarterly publication would be good, once a month maybe “Dynamic Dad” tip. • Blocks of content might include: Dad story/practioner story (Positive things being done with dads around the state), Highlight latest father/parenting research. Quarterly update on Council activities. Scan survey Link/ & link to the services map, Resource links. • Also highlight opportunities for action and improvement. • Micah proposed making contact with the person in the dad’s story and do a follow up in newsletter or blog. “Dear Abby style.” • Could provide some prompt questions, discuss them at the council and publish a response. • Next step: What platform would be best to distribute electronically? Then create a template to update the content as we go. Will reach out to Jeremiah in a few weeks
<p>Washington Fatherhood Corps</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Building off of the Fatherhood Corp Alameda County CA model. • Fatherhood friendly principles training corps and system influence. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Why don’t fathers have equal rights to their children? What happens in the legal system around co-parenting (DCS, Custody, dissolution)? • Fathers experience accessing resources –Ex. WIC and the new WA Fatherhood Tool Kit, Child Support 101. • Fathers coming out of incarceration and transitioning back to their families. • So you are going to be a father- caring for mom, what to expect when baby is born, how to care for a newborn, and what it means to be a dad. • Fatherhood Factory • Fathers involved with CPS/ Child welfare the dependency arena.
<p>Adjourn</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Next meetings: Occurs the first Tuesday of every month 10-11am PT over Zoom 	<p>Please Register for the 3rd Summit</p>

- 2.) Establish key components for a Fatherhood Newsletter