

# Connecting Fathers Workgroup

March 2nd, 10am-11am



**Attendees:** Louis Mendoza, Ellen Nolan, Jeremiah Donier, John Bodkins, Kyle Paskewitz, Tina Burnquist, Tina Burnquist, Amanda Krotke-Crandall, Anne Stone, Dante Pollard

| Topic   | Support Documents   |
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| <p><b>Welcome and Introductions</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Anyone new to introduce?</li> <li>• See February notes attached</li> </ul>   | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Jeremiah still thinking about the Logistics, thinking of this as a quarterly publication with the first one coming out in June , the first launch could correspond with Father’s day</li> <li>• Next council meeting will discuss parlanace, links to other resources</li> <li>• Possible Newsletter sections: 1) legislative updates; 2) highlight community organizations/leaders; 3) statistical data update</li> </ul>   |
| <p><b>Fatherhood Community Café</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• FIRE grant component created exploration for this strategy.</li> <li>• What information do we want to know?</li> <li>• What is the most advantageous way to host the community café?</li> <li>• What is the best way to engage fathers across the state?</li> </ul>  | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Start by asking what types of challenges they have encountered and what solutions we can offer towards equitable solutions.</li> <li>• Men want a clear understanding of objectives and why are they coming together for the meeting/training.</li> <li>• Might be difficult to get fathers that are all at the same stage of life i.e. young children; might offer different café for different groups of dads.</li> <li>• Create short list of five topics like early childhood; Barriers to systems; and then people could self-select into different groups.</li> <li>• Other counties that have expressed interest include: Spokane, Clark and Cowlitz</li> </ul> |
| <p><b>Fathers Corps</b><br/>Alameda Fathers Corps has been a great inspiration and model that we believe should be replicated across the country. The First 5 organization considered our request to become a replication site and they have not found they have the bandwidth to do so without extra time. So we need to think about the elements of the model how we would brand it and move it forward in Washington.</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1) Father Friendly Principles – adopt a set of guidelines we want our agencies to aspire to and a way to brand that work.</li> <li>2) Build a training Corp that develops a workforce of engaged partners that gain expertise in the unique needs of fathers and families who may not live together.</li> </ol> | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Possible other names: Fatherhood Alliance, Fatherhood Association, Fatherhood Coalition, Fatherhood Brotherhood; Dad-allies; Fatherhood empowerment; Fatherhood Partnership; Fathering Allies;</li> <li>• Our goal would be to do a training each month</li> <li>• Would also like to do a once a month convening of fathers to share what is going on with one another, to identify and train trainers.</li> <li>• PUT DAD-allies and Fatherhood Allies on March agenda for the Council.</li> </ul>   |