



RAPID RESPONSE
VIRTUAL HOME VISITING

Involving and Engaging Fathers through Home Visiting

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The Rapid Response-Virtual Home Visiting collaborative (RR-VHV) will provide best practice principles and strategies to support all home visiting professionals in maintaining meaningful connection with families during this time of increased anxiety and need.

Through collaboration, the RR-VHV will leverage the extensive resources and expertise that exists across home visiting organizations to support the development and distribution of cross-model, cross system approaches and guidance.

Providing immediate support for our front-line home visiting staff and the families they serve is our highest priority.

The RR-VHV is committed to creating processes to facilitate collaborative content development and shared decision making.

Resources

Frequently asked questions

Want to help?

If you would like to support our efforts, please let us know!

Contact the RR-VHV for more information

Available Webinars



Home Visiting Models and COVID 19 Response
(Friday, April 3, 2020)

If you are having difficulties accessing the webinar, click here to download the video.

Learn how HRSA and national home visiting models are responding to the COVID 19 crisis. The discussion will explore needs and priorities from the field, model guidelines, resources available to support current efforts and responses from federal, state and local levels.



Virtual Visit Readiness

Learn the basics of using different types of technology to connect with families.

Available Resources:
Readiness Reflection (pdf)
Troubleshooting Tips (pdf)

Guiding Principles

Accessible:

- All materials will be provided free of charge and made accessible to providers through the website and other platforms.
- All information and resources shared will be designed to meet the needs of all home visiting professionals.
- All materials developed as a result of this project will remain available to support future needs of the field.

Strength-based:

- Include as many provider networks as possible in content and resource development.
- All providers bring unique and important views. Expertise will be sought based on content area and specific needs.
- Every effort will be made to be as inclusive as possible. However, it is important to remember that no one individual or organization is expected to have expertise in every area. Please assess your own areas of strength and capacity to determine those areas in which you believe it is most important to be involved.

Shared Responsibility

- The RR-VHV will create a streamlined process for information gathering and sharing that is inclusive of all providers.
- It will be up to each provider network to determine the most efficient way for inclusion in rapid decision making and content review.
- To maintain a rapid response framework, we

Webinar recordings, slide decks, and supporting documents are available at:

<https://institutefsp.org/covid-19-rapid-response>



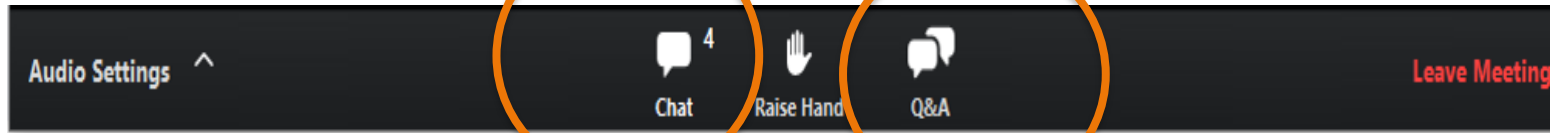
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Q&A Feature

Please use the chat box to respond to questions that we ask you!

Please use the Q&A box to submit your questions.

Thank you!



Objectives

- Reflect on how fathers are involved in their child's lives and how home visitors engage with fathers
- Explore lessons learned in father engagement
- Learn some strategies to increase father friendliness and father engagement in your program



National FSP Competencies

- Domain 3: Parent-Child Relationship
 - Dimension 12- Parent-child relationship
- Domain 4: Dynamics of Family Relationships
 - Dimension 16-Fatherhood
- Domain 7: Relationship-Based Family Partnerships
 - Dimension 25-Respect and responsiveness
 - Dimension 26-Positive communication
 - Dimension 27-Collaboration
- Domain 8: Cultural and Linguistic Responsiveness
 - Dimension 28-Cultural competency
 - Dimension 29-Cultural humility



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Fathers are...



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Definitions

- Father involvement
- Father engagement



Engagement vs. Involvement

Engagement

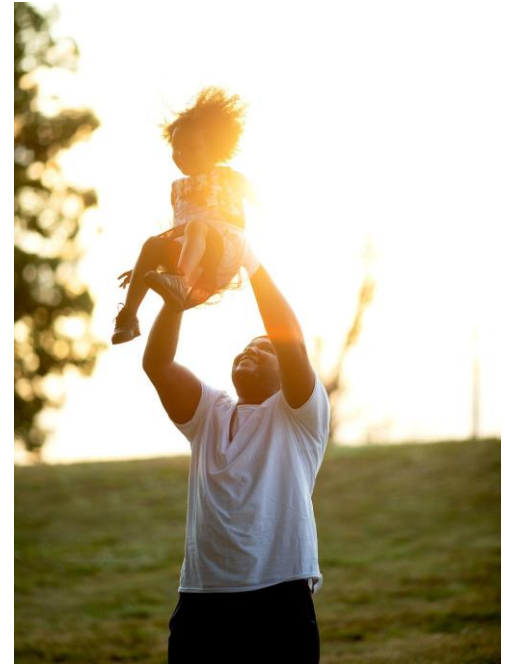
- being able to provide one on one sessions

Involvement

- “Parenting with a purpose”
- Impact of the pandemic on women

Strategies

- Be father friendly
- Believe in their truth
- Be direct but be respectful



**AS THE FATHER
SEES**



**AS THE CHILD
SEES**



**AS THE MOTHER
SEES**



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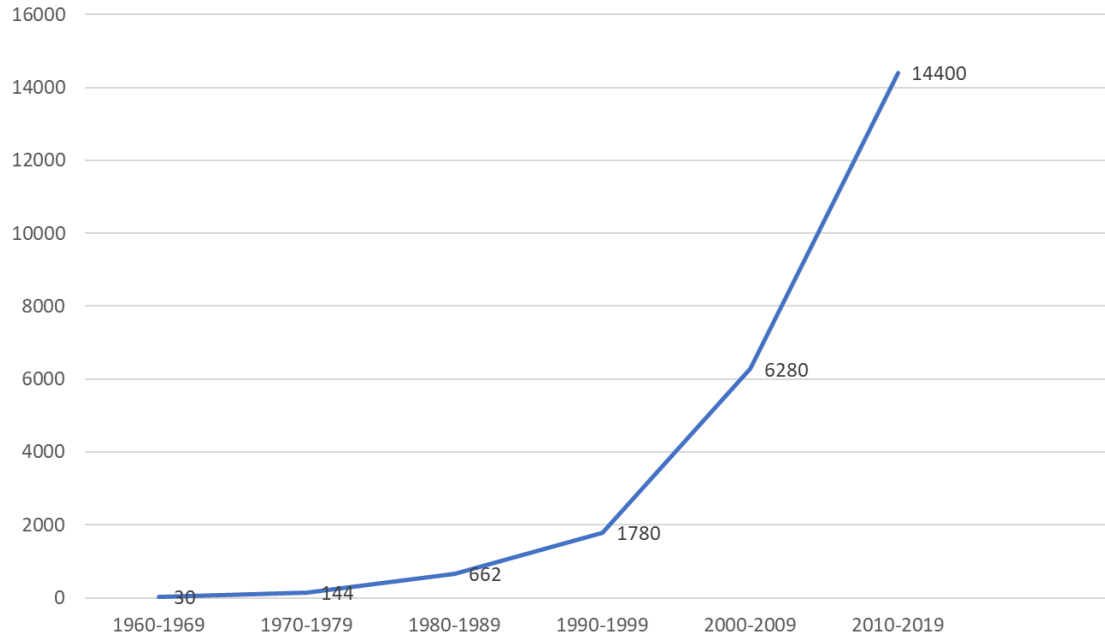


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Strategies: Knowledge

Social Sector: early 1900's - present

Peer reviewed journal articles including the phrase “father involvement”



Strategies: Knowledge

Fathers care:

- Teaching vs Helping
 - Higher frustration tolerance
 - Unpredictable style
- Nurturing: stimulation vs comforting
- Discipline: real world vs relationships
- Play is vital to care delivery

Strategies: Knowledge

Effects of Involved Fathering

Physical Health

- Decrease likeliness of obesity
- Lower risk of infant mortality
- Increased rate of breastfeeding
- **Decreased likeliness of teen pregnancy (7x!)**
- **Decreased use of illegal substances**
- Delayed sexual intercourse for teens

Social Health

- Decreased behavioral problems in school
- **Increased empathy and greater self control**
- Decreased likeliness of bullying others
- Increased resilient behaviors

Mental Health

- Improved stress management in school
- **Higher self esteem in teens (especially girls)**
- Decreased likeliness of experiencing depression
- Increased likeliness for pro-social behaviors
- **Lower likeliness of suicidal ideation**

Educational Achievement

- **Stronger verbal skills in preschoolers**
- Increased IQs in children
- **Stronger math skills in girls**
- **Better grades in boys**
- Decreased likeliness of repeating a grade

Resources

[Resource library at Fatherhood.gov \(recorded webinars, research briefs, father friendliness toolkits\)](#)

[Webinars at Fatherhood Research and Practitioners Network FRPN.org](#)

[Father involvement webinars at Institute for Research on Poverty](#)

[Father Friendliness Self Assessment and Planning Tool](#) from National Fatherhood Initiative



Questions



Credits

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