



FATHER-FRIENDLY PRINCIPLES

For Agencies & Organizations Serving Families

INCLUDE NEEDS OF FATHERS

Fathers, and the needs of fathers, are included in the structure and delivery model of all family services in agencies and organizations.

PROVIDE FATHER-FRIENDLY SERVICES

Agencies and organizations are open, supportive, helpful and inclusive towards the needs of fathers and further the goal of increasing fathers' involvement in their children's lives.

PORTRAY POSITIVE FATHER IMAGES

Materials, illustrations, posters, brochures and other collateral include positive, diverse images of fathers. Facilities provide father-friendly environments consistent with the needs of men and fathers.

CREATE POSITIONS THAT SERVE FATHERS

Agencies and organizations create positions that serve fathers and actively recruit men to fill those positions in order to better address the needs of fathers.

TRAIN STAFF ON FATHERHOOD ISSUES

Agencies and organizations working with families strive to provide training for all staff on working with men and on fatherhood issues.

EXPECT FATHER PARTICIPATION

Agencies and organizations develop program policies with a clear expectation that fathers should and will participate.

DESIGN PROGRAMS FOR FATHERS

Agencies and organizations make every effort to create the image that programs are designed for fathers as well as for mothers and children.