

THE FATHER ABSENCE CRISIS IN AMERICA

There is a crisis in America. According to the U.S. Census Bureau, 24 million children in America—one out of three—live without their biological father in the home. Consequently, there is a “father factor” in nearly all of the societal ills facing America today.

WHEN A CHILD IS RAISED IN A FATHER-ABSENT HOME, HE OR SHE IS LIKELY TO ENCOUNTER...

POVERTY



4X GREATER RISK OF POVERTY

BEHAVIORAL PROBLEMS

MORE LIKELY To Have BEHAVIORAL PROBLEMS



MOM-CHILD HEALTH



2X GREATER RISK OF INFANT MORTALITY

INCARCERATION

MORE LIKELY TO GO TO PRISON



CRIME



MORE LIKELY TO COMMIT CRIME

TEEN PREGNANCY



7X MORE LIKELY TO BECOME PREGNANT AS TEEN

CHILD ABUSE

MORE LIKELY TO FACE ABUSE AND NEGLECT



SUBSTANCE ABUSE



MORE LIKELY TO ABUSE DRUGS AND ALCOHOL

CHILD OBESITY

2X MORE LIKELY TO SUFFER

OBESITY



EDUCATION



2X MORE LIKELY TO DROP OUT OF HIGH SCHOOL



COLLABORATIVE SERVICES

Educational workshops to help fathers maximize their role within the family

Professional development for council members

Networking opportunities for council members and professionals to assist local fathers to feel connected to a larger community

Advocacy for the role of the father

Events to celebrate fathers and their roles

Father and child activities

ANNUAL EVENTS

Fatherhood Cookout • Awards Dinner
Father & Daughter Dinner Dance • Camping Trip



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FATHERS... We Matter



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WHO ARE WE?

The Fathers Collaborative Council of Western Pennsylvania (FCCWPA) works to support the ongoing growth and stability of fatherhood programs in the region. The FCC recognizes the programs' unique strengths and maximizes their potential and resources.

WHAT DOES THE FCC DO?

Each participating agency operates individual fatherhood programs that work together to strengthen the fatherhood movement.

WHY DO FATHERS MATTER?

Studies show that a loving and nurturing father improves outcomes for his children, families and communities. Fathers who are involved in the lives of their children are more likely to have a close, enduring relationship with their children. Also, children with involved, loving fathers are significantly more likely to:

Do well in school

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Have healthy self-esteem

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Exhibit empathy and pro-social behavior

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Avoid high-risk behaviors including drug use, truancy and criminal activity

Source – The Father Factor: How Father Absence Affect Youth

ACTIVE PARTICIPATING MEMBERS

1 – Allegheny Intermediate Unit (AIU) Responsible Fatherhood Program*

Service Area: Allegheny County

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The AIU Responsible Fatherhood Program works through a variety of family centers and early childhood programs including Head Start.

The program is designed to support fathers as they overcome parental and employment challenges. By providing the fathers with different opportunities and experiences, the program equips them to become more self-sufficient and nurturing. Our program focuses on economic self-sufficiency, healthy development of children and effective parenting. www.aiu3.net

2 – Allegheny Family Network – Father Involved Now*

Service Area: Allegheny County

George J. Fleming – 412-438-6106, gfleming@alleghenyfamilynetwork.org

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The Allegheny Family Network helps empower, promote and support fathers in being positive role models for their children. www.alleghenyfamilynetwork.org



3 – Children, Youth & Families' Father Engagement Specialist*

Service Area: Allegheny County

Jerry D. Harvey, Coordinator – 412-350-2824, JerryD.Harvey@alleghenycounty.us

Father engagement specialists (FES) work one-on-one with dads involved in the child welfare system. They are a resource for dads who want to play a positive role in the lives of their children.



4 – Children's Hospital of Pittsburgh – Family Care Connection

Service Area: Braddock, Hilltop (Mt. Oliver), Lawrenceville, Rankin, Turtle Creek

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Encourages men to become better fathers and husbands by having a positive impact on the health and wellness of the entire family. Develop opportunities for parent/child and family engagement; with a focus on home visiting, parent education and life skills



5 – Family Resources – Hill District Center for Nurturing Families

Service Area: Hill District, Uptown, Oakland

Kenneth Strother – 412-726-0388, kstrother@familyresourcesofpa.org

This program is designed to help fathers who have children ages birth to five manage stress, improve communication and co-parenting skills, increase awareness of different parenting styles, while strengthening peer support among fathers.

www.familyresourcesofpa.org



6 – Franklin Center of Beaver County

Service Area: Beaver County

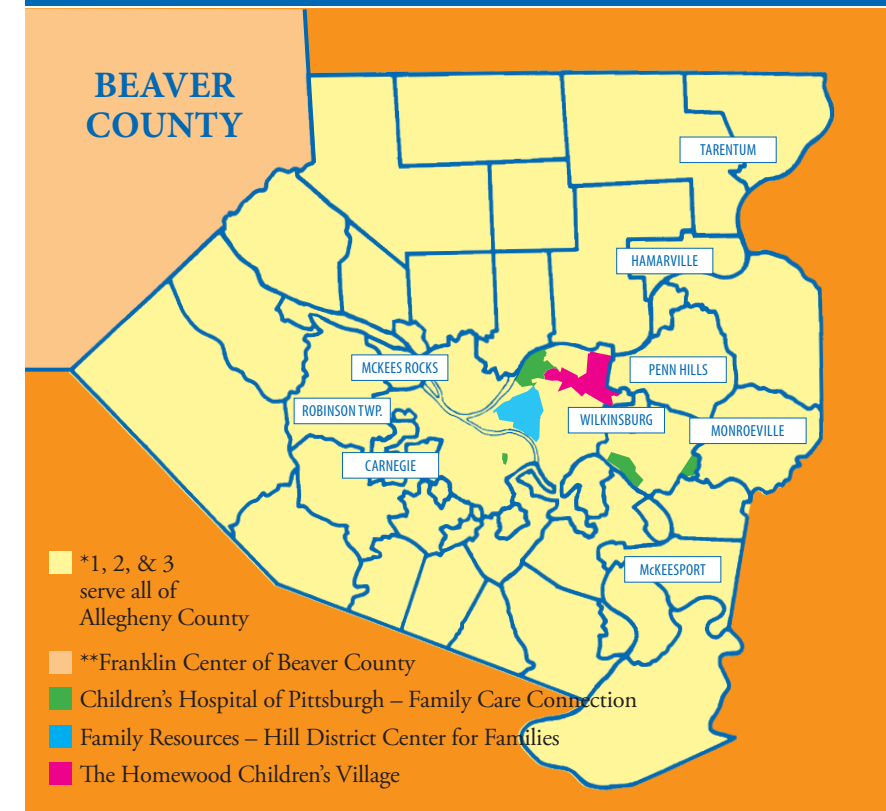
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Fatherhood Initiative of Beaver County will strengthen the institution of fatherhood and empower fathers to become responsible, accountable, committed, and loving role models to their children by providing training and opportunities that will allow them to be actively engaged in the lives of their children.

www.franklincenter.org

FCC SERVICE AREAS



7 – The Homewood Children's Village

Service Area: Highland Park, East Liberty, Garfield, Lincoln-Larimer

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The Homewood Children's Village is a nonprofit that works to break down barriers to success that children and families in Homewood face. Initiatives include early childhood parenting classes, academic tutoring and case management, after school and summer time programming, college guidance, adult learning opportunities, and community advocacy. www.hcvpgh.org



8 – State Government – Representative Ed Gainey

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Our office is committed to serving men, young men and their families through educational and community outreach services. We also support and advocate the presence of fathers and men in the lives of children. www.pahouse.com/gainey

For a complete list of active and supportive agencies, go to <http://www.aiu3.net/Level3.aspx?id=1074>