



Fatherhood
Program

F.A.N. Club
(Fathers As Nurturers)

Mission Statement

Our mission is to strengthen the family unit by providing training, resources and support to fathers and father figures to help positively impact the lives of children in the community. We will engage and empower fathers to be meaningfully involved in and committed to their child's well-being.

West Ohio CAP's Fatherhood Program

- Approved through Ohio Commission on Fatherhood
- Two full-time Mentor Coaches to assist with one-on-one case management when needed
- Certified trainer for Nurturing Father's Program and Nurturing Parenting Program

Children with Involved Fathers:

- Are more successful in school
- Higher self esteem and less depression
- Higher levels of empathy and pro-social behavior
- Less likely to drop out of school
- Fewer problems with the judicial system

Children in father-absent homes:

- Five times more likely to live in poverty
- Two times more likely to abuse drugs
- Two times more likely to be abused and neglected
- Three times more likely to commit suicide

The F.A.N. Club

(Fathers As Nurturers)

- Support Group for fathers
- Socialize with other dads
- Learn skills to better communicate with mother
- Tips to become a better father
- Monthly fatherhood event
- Activities to engage fathers and children

Nurturing Fathers Curriculum

- The Roots of Fathering
- Self-Nurturing Skills and our unmet needs
- Self-Nurturing Skills – power to meet my needs
- The World of Feeling and Male Nurturance
- Fathering without Violence or Fear
- Overcoming Barriers to Nurturing Fathering

Nurturing Fathers Curriculum

- Discipline and Fun and Games
- Relationships: Fathering Sons & Daughters
- Relationships: Teamwork with spouse/co-parent
- Time and Place for Fathering
- Healing the Father Wound
- GRADUATION!

The F.A.N. Club Groups

- F.A.N. Club meets twice a week for 6 weeks
- Fathers have a chance to talk about their issues and receive referrals and/or assistance if needed
- Fathers meet with other men to share their experiences and give and receive advice
- Graduation ceremony and certificate for each father who completes program

Case Management

- Help with life barriers (employment, education, transportation, finances, etc)
- Child Support Assistance
- Custody / Visitation (Parenting Time)
- Connection to Community Services
- Driver's License Assistance

Time with Dad

- Monthly events encouraging fathers to spend time with their children
- Fun event to engage participants
- Educational information
- Free!

Fatherhood Events

Cooking with Dad



Basketball with Dad



Bowling with Dad

F.A.N. Team

Fatherhood Advisory Network

- Fathers who have completed NF Classes
- Meet quarterly
- Input on classes, schedules and events
- Sense of ownership to the program
- Committed to helping other fathers

Collaborations

- West Ohio CAP Head Start/Early Head Start
- FACT Program (Fathers Accountable for Children's Tomorrows)
- WORTH Center (Western Ohio Regional Treatment and Habilitation Center)
- Steps To Success Program – Auglaize County

Re-Entry Program Allen Correctional Institute

- Men being released within next 90 days
- Discuss Child Support Issues
- Employment Skills
- Resume Writing
- Mock Interviews
- Assistance with applying for benefits
- License Reinstatement information
- Resource Packet and referrals for local fatherhood program

Partnerships

- Children Services Board
- Child Support Enforcement Agency
- Department of Job & Family Services
- Allen County Health Department
- Lima Rescue Mission
- Allen County Juvenile Court
- CASA Program
- And more to come.....

Summary

The overall goal of this program located at LACCA is to assist fathers to enhance their parenting skills through participation in a series of educational life skills workshops and group support activities. The program provides fathers with father/child activities that encourage fathers to be a healthy role model. Groups for fathers are offered to promote effective parenting and to help relationships with the child's mother.

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