



Background

The active involvement and presence of fathers in the daily lives of children makes an immeasurable and positive impact on the well being of children, families and communities of Connecticut. The Department of Children and Families has created a Fatherhood Initiative to increase the involvement of fathers and their relatives in the child welfare process in order to promote positive outcomes for the children and families of Connecticut.

The Department is actively partnering with families as well as community and state agencies to support fathers and families. Each of the 6 DCF Regions has established a Fatherhood Engagement Leadership Team (F.E.L.T.) to create positive relationships and connections with fathers and organizations in their communities.

The Region 5 F.E.L.T. team has organized "The 1st Annual Dads Matter Too! Awareness Day" as a community event featuring a 5K road race, one mile walk and a Fun Run for children to be held September 22, 2013 in the City of Waterbury.

Listed below you will find the rules for the Inaugural "Dads Matter Too! Fatherhood Awareness Day" "5K Dads Dash" and "1 Mile Walk" taking place on September 22, 2013!

Rules for the DCF Team Challenges for the Dads Matter Too! "Dads Dash" 5K are as follows:

- The winner of the first challenge will be the team/office with the **Most Members** who participate in the 5K Race. The winners will maintain temporary possession of the rotating trophy which will travel from winner to winner from year to year! Times do not matter only team size counts. Team members can include you, other family members, and friends. When you arrive on Race Day, please notify the attendants at the registration table what team you are on. The Office with the most participation will receive an office Pizza Party sponsored by the race proceeds.
- The winner of the second challenge will be the Office with **best overall time!** You can have as many runners from your office on your team (with a minimum of 5 runners) and the average of top the five fastest times per team will determine which office wins!
- The winner of the third challenge will be awarded to the overall 1st place male and 1st place female. This is for DCF **Staff Only!**
- All DCF staff who registers before Friday, September 6th will receive reduced entry fee of \$15. This will also be applicable for immediate family members who register and run on your team.

To register for the 5K race please go to: <http://www.jbsports.com>.

Rules for the Dads Matter Too! 1 Mile Walk

The objective of this walk is creating an opportunity for people to participate in a walk that will acknowledge the impact fathers and significant father figures have on children's lives. This walk is not solely dedicated to fathers and you can participate in many ways:

- Walk with your adult Father if he has the willingness and physical ability to do so.
- Walk with your sons and daughters together as a group.
- Walk in memory or in honor of a significant male figure in you life (past or present).
- Walk for the children across the State who unfortunately does not have a father or significant father figure in their lives.

Free parking is available at the Field St and Scovill St parking garages. For further inquiries about how to register for any of the team challenges please contact: anthony.gay@ct.gov or marcus.stallworth@ct.gov.

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