

WHO WE ARE

The John S. Martinez Fatherhood Initiative of Connecticut serves to empower fathers to **teach, love** and inspire their children through positive parental involvement and interaction.

More specifically, our services:

- Promote public education concerning the financial and emotional responsibilities of fatherhood
- Assist men in preparation for the legal, financial and emotional responsibilities of fatherhood
- Promote the establishment of paternity at childbirth
- Encourage fathers, regardless of marital status, to foster their emotional connection to and financial support of their children
- Establish support mechanisms for fathers in their relationship with their children, regardless of their marital and financial status and
- Integrate state and local services available for families.

Reach Out to Us

1.866.6.CTDADS (1.866.628.3237) or
Dial 211 (Infoline)
www.fatherhoodinitiative.state.ct.us.

Department of Social Services
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Hartford, CT 06106-5003



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Promoting
Responsible Fatherhood

Teach

Responsible parenting services educate fathers about the key role they play in their children's lives. When parents give emotional, financial, social and educational support, their children are more likely to do well in school, have healthy self-esteem and delay sexual activity.

Love

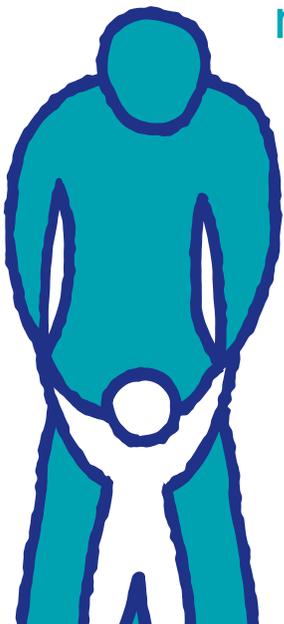
Healthy relationship services cover topics that couples deal with in their everyday lives. If couples have children, or plan to have children in the future, they will be able to model what they have learned, helping their children understand the importance of commitment, effective communication, successful conflict management and other factors that make up a loving, healthy relationship.

Inspire

Economic stability services help parents improve their economic situation by providing access to financial workshops, job search assistance and training, and by connecting them to educational opportunities. These services help parents better provide for themselves and their children, as well as serve to inspire their children to succeed.

Contact a State-Certified Fatherhood Program in Your Area

The Fatherhood Initiative works to identify and provide programs and services that effectively **promote responsible parenting**, **encourage healthy relationships** and **support economic stability**. To the right, you will find contact information for state-certified programs available in your area for the promoting Responsible Fatherhood Project.



Career Resources, Inc.
350 Fairfield Avenue
Bridgeport, CT 06604
Contact: Heriberto Cajigas
Tel: 203.334.5627

Madonna Place, Inc.
240 Main Street
Norwich, CT 06360
Contact: Gabriel Fonseca
Tel: 860.886.6600

Families in Crisis
This program works specifically with incarcerated fathers and their families
60 Popieluszko Court
2nd Floor
Hartford, CT 06106
Contact: Joyce Betts
Tel: 860.236.3593

New Haven Family Alliance, Inc.
370 James Street
2nd Floor
New Haven, CT 06513
Contact: Blannie Bostic
Tel: 203.786.5970

Family Strides, Inc.
350 Main Street
Suite D
Torrington, CT 06790
Contact: Daniel Edison
Tel: 860.482.3236

New Opportunities, Inc.
232 North Elm Street
Waterbury, CT 06702
Contact: Anthony Rucker
Tel: 203.575.9799