



HSU Course Outline

Father Involvement

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6 weeks

Description

This in-depth six weeks online course is to support Head Start programs in their efforts to promote father involvement. It provides up-to-date strategies on the essential role that fathers play in the healthy development of their children. It is important that Head Start staff and parents understand the importance of the parenting partnership and why fathers are essential to children's well-being. This course gives staff the knowledge that will help them to better meet the needs of families and children

Prerequisites

- none

Who Should Take This Course?

This course is intended for staff working with families particularly those staff required to provide training or event on father involvement.

Objectives

- ✓ Understand how father involvement improves child well-being
- ✓ Understand the problem of fatherlessness
- ✓ Difference in Father-love
- ✓ How to develop plans of an effective father involvement program

Outline

Father Involvement

- Father involvement improves child well-being
- Fatherlessness
- Father-love
- Developing plans

Principles in Father Involvement

- Overlooking the Dad
- Principles of Father Involvement
- Understanding Head Start Fathers
- Father Involvement in Child Development
- Breaking Down barriers

Father Friendly Head Start Programs

- 6 steps for a father friendly program
- What make your fatherhood program successful
- Assessing father friendly
- Identifying funding sources
- Identifying and training staff
- Identifying and involving community

Developing plans for father involvement

- Failing to plan
- Assessing the needs
- Identifying goals and measurable outcomes
- Planning to get fathers involved
- Getting community partners involved

Getting Staff involved in Father involvement

- Things to remember
- Father/Mother Involvement
- Cultural Competence and Openness
- Conducting Successful Peer/Discussion Groups
- Age appropriate father/child activities