



Fathering is for Life.

COMMONLY ASKED QUESTIONS

WHAT IS THE MISSION OF THE CENTER ON FATHERING?

The mission of the Center on Fathering is to strengthen, encourage and support fathers to be actively and positively involved in the care and development of their children.

HOW IS THE CENTER FUNDED?

The Center receives the majority of its funding from moneys allocated to El Paso County Department of Human Services. The remainder comes from private foundations, state and federal grants, or individuals.

WHAT PROGRAMS/SERVICES DOES THE CENTER OFFER?

- The Center has information and services for all fathers, regardless of their situation.
- The Center currently offers an ongoing **Support Group for Fathers**, which meets weekly.
- Fathers can also participate in a 15-week **"Fathering"** course that helps them better understand the importance of their role in the development of their children.
- The Center is also a hub for resources on fathering. Fathers can access an extensive **library** of books, articles, videos and computer resources on topics of interest.
- The Center has an innovative 10-week program called **"Conflict Resolution For Dads"**.
- The Center on Fathering has created a class for dads who are unemployed or under-employed called **"Fathers as Providers"**. This is an 8-week curriculum that helps dads break the cycle of poverty and at the same time understand the importance of their role in their children's lives.
- The **"Nurturing Father's Curriculum"** is a 13-week group-based program for developing attitudes and skills for male nurturance. This is a parenting curriculum for fathers who have had past or current histories of domestic violence.
- The Center provides services for incarcerated fathers. **"Inside Out Dad"** is a program for incarcerated fathers that provides practical and innovative ways to help overcome the physical and psychological challenges that incarcerated fathers face **Inside** (while incarcerated) and **Out** (after release).
- The Center works with the Teen Self-Sufficiency Program to offer services to young fathers. The Center is particularly proud of its **"Father to Father"** mentoring program.

WHAT IS THE "FATHER TO FATHER" MENTORING PROGRAM?

This is a volunteer program, which matches mentor fathers who have had positive fathering experiences with fathers who are seeking one-on-one guidance. The mentors are dads who are interested in sharing their knowledge with other fathers. They are interviewed, screened, and go through a training program, which helps them learn how to be more effective once they are matched with a participating father. The mentor relationship helps give support and encouragement to dads who might otherwise disengage from their children's lives.

WHO CAN USE THE CENTER ON FATHERING?

The Center is available for all fathers. The Center encourages mothers and daughters, who might have questions about fathering, to utilize the Center on Fathering. There is a sliding-scale cost for some of the services provided at the Center on Fathering.

WHAT DOES THE CENTER ON FATHERING NEED FROM ME?

Children thrive when they have the active, loving involvement of both parents. Our children and our community benefit from the active participation of both parents. The Center on Fathering is a community-based program and your tax-deductible donations of time and money are extremely welcome.

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