

Fathers Forward

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Because Fathers Matter

Research tells us that children with active dads receive benefits that kids without involved fathers don't get.

Children with Active Dads have

- Good grades.
- Positive problem solving skills.
- Better health.
- Close friendships.
- Empathy and compassion.

Kids who have involved fathers become adults with

- Higher sense of satisfaction with life.
- More education.
- More job stability.

- Stronger and longer marriages.

Involved Dads

- Provide physical care such as feeding, bathing, clothing, and general care.
- Take children to doctor appointments, school conferences, child care, etc.
- Play and interact in ways that show love and limits to their children.
- Know their child's likes, dislikes, and routines.
- Know who plays a role in their child's life like teachers, friends, and coaches.
- Connect with their children on an emotional and spiritual level.
- Reconnect with their children after an absence.

Children without active fathers

- Are significantly more at risk for incarceration.
- Are more at-risk for being a victim of child abuse.
- Are 68% more likely to use drugs
- Are more at-risk for becoming obese.

Fathers Forward

All children deserve a loving father who is actively engaged in their life. Unfortunately, many children do not have such fathers who are engaged in their life daily. The Fathers Forward project is dedicated to assisting Elmore County Fathers assume legal, financial, and emotional responsibility for their children.

Fathers Forward provides many services free to Elmore County Dads to assist them in becoming meaningfully involved in their children's lives. We offer individual case management services, job placement, and job skills training, assistance with education, money and financial planning training, and parenting

classes designed for fathers. Additionally, we offer volunteer mentor support to fathers to assist them in attaining their fatherhood goals.

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Information for Fathers

www.beafanofyourkid.org

Be a Fan of Your Kid provides dads and father figures with tips, suggestions, and resources on positive fathering and how to be a better role model for their kids.

www.acf.dhhs.gov/ACFPrograms/CSE/index.html

Provides general information about a wide range of subjects related to child support.

www.alabamaparentcenter.com

Provides a variety of information on parenting, involvement in education, and general information useful for parents.

www.fatherhood.org

National Fatherhood Initiative provides information for fathers, including resources, tips, statistics, and links to many national organizations working with fathers.



Dad Development Opportunities September 2007

Dad Development Session

Where: 10520 U.S. Highway 231 Wetumpka, AL 36092

When: 9/18/07 - 9/20/07 9:00 am to 4:00 pm

Cost: Free Pre-registration required 334-567-2252

24/7 Dad Parenting Sessions

Where: St. James Family Worship 1005 Nobles Rd. Wetumpka AL

When: 9/4/07 6:00 pm to 9:00 pm

Cost: Free Pre-registration required 334-567-2252

Fathers Forward Mentor Training

Where: 10520 U.S. Highway 231 Wetumpka, AL 36092

When: 9/10/07 6:00 pm

Cost: Free Pre-registration required 334-567-2252

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