



Recommendations from August 26, 2013 Leadership Retreat

One of the questions addressed during the leadership retreat was, "What do we want the Commission Meetings to accomplish?" The following suggestions were made:

1. Identify "action items" from commission meetings
2. Prior to the commission meetings email commissioners asking them to report on what is happening at the entity they represent on the commission that impacts fatherhood. Ask commissioners to provide a written response via email.
3. At every commission meeting ask commissioners to provide "1 minute snapshot" of what is happening at their organization through a "fatherhood lens."
4. Ask every organization represented on the commission to develop a strategic plan on fatherhood
5. Feature an organization represented on the commission during each meeting
6. Select an issue of interest related to fatherhood and have a high-level systemic discussion of how the commission and organizations represented on the commission can address this issue. Some suggested issues include:
 - Teen Fathers
 - Divorced Fathers
 - Incarcerated Fathers
 - Premature Fatherhood Prevention
7. Track legislative issues that are on-going
8. Hear success stories at commission meetings
9. Bring in people with a national perspective on the issue (e.g. Dr. Phil spoke to DRC)
10. Provide reading materials before the commission meetings