

“The greatest mark of a father is how he treats his children when no one is looking.”

– Dan Pearce





Community Action Commission
of Erie, Huron & Richland Counties, Inc.



FATHERS
MATTER

Program Overview

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History of Program

- ▶ CACEHR/Richland County started the Father's Matter program in 2011 through the allocation of CSBG funding. An identified need for fatherhood programming for the target population of fathers returning to the community from prison or jail initiated the establishing of the program. Many fathers were court ordered to take a parenting class which did not exist in the community at the time. The lack of programming available for men encouraged CACEHR/Richland County to research programming for fathers. Such efforts led to the NFI (National Fatherhood Initiative).



Program Mission

- ▶ CACEHR's Fathers Matter program fosters increased involvement with children, provides parenting skills, and helps fathers to look within themselves to find ways of meeting their personal and financial goals. The program helps increase fathering skills, aids in healthy interaction with mothers, and helps men to become self-sufficient.



Target Demographic

- ▶ We serve three different unique populations of fathers in this program. We serve those fathers that are currently incarcerated in our local lower security prison, men that are in our local jail/treatment facility, men from our community that are willing participants in the class, and those that are court ordered by any of our numerous specialty courts.



Referrals

Referrals are a big part in making a program successful. Not only do we work with the prison and court systems we also work with several local agencies including but not limited to:

- Children Services
- Jobs and Family Services
- The Volunteers of America



Curriculum

- ▶ The Father's Matter program utilizes several curriculum. 24/7 Dad P.M. and the Inside Out Dad curriculums serve as the foundation for our current programming. We also offer an Employment Academy curriculum created by CACEHR with support material for financial literacy provided by Richland Bank.



Program Services

- Legal Referrals / Legal Aide
- Child Support Modification
- Transportation Assistance
- Emergency Work Uniforms
- Job Placement
- Rent Assistance
- Essentials / Hygiene
- Education
- Group facilitation
- One on One's



Curriculum Focus Points Overview

- 24/7 Dad
- Inside Out Dad
- Employment Academy



24/7 Dad Focus Points

“24/7 Dad® is run as 12, 2-hour sessions in a group setting or in a one-on-one home-based program, teaching men the characteristics they need to be good fathers 24 hours a day, 7 days a week.”

- Boyhood to Manhood
 - Dealing with Anger
 - Knowing Myself
 - Family Ties
 - Sex, Love, and Relationships
 - Power and Control
 - Competition and Fathering
 - Fun with the Kids
 - Stress , Alcohol, and work
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Inside Out Dad Focus Points

“InsideOut Dad® helps reduce recidivism rates by reconnecting incarcerated fathers to their families, providing the motivation to get out and stay out.”

- What it means to be a Man
- Showing and Handling feelings
- Men’s Health
- Communication
- The Father’s Role
- Children’s Growth
- Discipline
- Working with Mom and Co Parenting
- Fathering from the Inside



Employment Academy Focus Points

- Basic Computer Skills
- Employment Applications
- Resumes
- Cover Letters
- Interviewing Techniques
- Financial Literacy
- Soft Skills Development



Success Story

- The program helped a father gain custody of his 13 & 15 year old daughters while still being incarcerated as well as obtain employment before being released.
- Another father obtained custody for his daughter who was being abused. The child was suspected to have mental delays because of the abuse. Since being in her father's care, she has been able to achieve things the doctors thought she wouldn't be able to.

