

CLARK COUNTY COMMUNITY FATHERHOOD POLICY

We believe in these healthy fathering ideals:

A father* engaged in healthy fathering...

- plans to have a baby at the best time for his family
- attends prenatal health care appointments
- participates in the birth of his child and is present at the hospital discharge
- arranges for his child's safety seat and assures it's appropriate usage
- supports his child's mother in breastfeeding when breastfeeding is an option
- changes diapers and teaches his child good hygiene practices
- makes sure his child is put safely to sleep
- plays with his child in age-appropriate ways
- reads to his child and is actively involved in his child's education
- nurtures and financially supports his child
- eats well, exercises and teaches his child nutrition and healthy activities
- talks to his child about healthy sexuality, appropriate touch and healthy relationships
- promotes and role models nonviolence and respect for others
- knows his child's friends and activities, and listens to his child
- cooperatively parents with his child's mother and other caregivers
- actively seeks resources and attends appointments to address any personal, medical, or financial issues
- nurtures his own spiritual health and supports his child's search for spiritual guidance and meaning

* We embrace fathers and father figures of all types - biological, foster, adoptive and step fathers along with male relatives and adult male mentors.

Therefore, the Fatherhood Commission of Clark County has adopted a revised community fatherhood policy to...

1. Generate an ever-increasing number of referrals to direct-service fatherhood programs that help fathers develop healthy fathering skills
2. Strongly promote holistic support for healthy fathering in Clark County by all entities that serve families and children
3. Remind citizens and community leaders that fathers and father-figures matter greatly in the lives of children
4. Celebrate dads that excel at healthy fathering
5. Move the entire community toward becoming more father-friendly through the removal of barriers, being welcoming, supportive, proactive, and innovative respecting the full-participation of fathers in the healthy parenting of their children
6. Encourage fatherhood programs and family-serving entities to utilize promising and best practices in their work with fathers and families
7. Put in place a system of accountability to all of the above

Community Fatherhood Policy Adoption Certification

The undersigned entity hereby adopts the

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To improve outcomes of Clark County children...

- **We join Fatherhood Commission of Clark County, social and human services, job services, nonprofit, educational, faith-based, and all other entities, programs, and services which impact families and children in Clark County in committing to the development and implementation of coordinated, effective, proactive outreach to fathers within our programs utilizing best practices and/or by developing secure referral relationships with local father-focused direct service program providers**
- **We will make referrals to fatherhood agencies when appropriate, and will report on our referral activity**
- **We will encourage top leadership in all sectors of the community to work in a coordinated way to promote and celebrate healthy fathering, to remove barriers to father involvement, to build skills and to reduce the unemployment of fathers of minor children, and to educate all citizens and community leaders about the importance of cooperation and coordination between parents and organizations for the benefit of children**
- **We will do everything we can to make long term sustainability of local fatherhood programming a priority**

*Revised 5/15/15

Adopted by _____ on _____
(Organization or Company Name) Date Adopted

Signed by _____ Date _____
(Name & Title)