**Sample checklist for programs seeking to engage fathers**

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| **Be Strategic:** |
| * We ask fathers about their needs and interests (survey, focus groups, etc.).
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| * We ask mothers about their needs and interests (survey, focus groups, etc.).
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| * We know who our priority population is.
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| * We have a name for our Dads’ program that resonates with fathers.
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| * We have a list of potential community partners.
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| * We have contacted potential partners.
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| **Be Methodical:** |
| * Staff members have attended training about involving fathers.
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| * We have resources, articles, etc. for staff to read and stay current on the role of fathers.
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| * Female staff members are aware of their role and influence in fathering programs.
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| * We provide Dads-only programs or activities.
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| * We work to better integrate fathers into existing programs.
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| * We have at least 2 ways fathers can connect into our programs.
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| * We offer activities for fathers and children to share together.
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| **Be Welcoming:** |
| * We have assessed the father-friendliness of our environment.
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| * We have avenues to stay in touch with the men.
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| * We can provide food (meals or snacks).
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| * We can provide transportation for the men.
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| **Be Relevant:** |
| * We have resources and information that speak to fathers, grandfathers, and other men.
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| * Our resources cover a broad spectrum of developmental stages, from preconception to early childhood.
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| * Our planned programs and resources are practical and hands-on.
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| * We access referrals to services men may be looking for.
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| * We have a male facilitator/point person who gives leadership.
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| * We give men opportunities to provide leadership to the program.
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