

## NYC Dads - 2013 Fatherhood Initiative Progress Report

## NYC Administration for Children's Services

### Next Steps for 2014

#### Division of Child Protection (DCP)

- Invite Provider agencies to present at ACS Forums.
- Continue to track father attendance at Child Safety Conferences.
- Hold various events to engage father and community stakeholders.
- Monitor the Family Team Conference (FTC) data on a quarterly basis and provide feedback to borough leadership on this performance measurement.
- Revise Child Protective Guide in 2014 to include father focus guidelines on engagement and service planning with fathers.
- DCP will continue working to improve the number of fathers attending city-wide CSCs.

#### Division of Early Care and Education

- Early Learn Sites are being urged to partner with their local libraries for not only DTYCTS, but throughout the year.
- The Brooklyn Public Library has been especially willing to provide opportunities for serving the Early Learn NYC (ELNYC) programs. Many of the programs have ongoing relationships with their libraries doing story times and checking out books for classrooms. The push is to get all parents to obtain library cards and take their children to the library since the libraries have a wealth of resources, not only books, that families can access and enhance their lives.
- An intensive outreach is occurring to ensure that ELNYC programs register and provide some type of activities to engage dads on Dads take Your Child to School Day 2014.
- Staff from ACS division of Early Childhood Education (ECE) will continue to visit sites and thus will be available to participate in whatever programming that occurs. They are there to promote father engagement which is critical to the full implementation of Parent Engagement which is an integral part of ELNYC.
- ECE will be developing new Father Engagement training in collaboration with New York State Child Welfare Training Institute (NYSCW).

#### Division of Family Support Services

- Continue to engage fathers in Family Team Conferences.
- Continue to coordinate agency-wide father engagement efforts.

#### Division of Policy Planning and Measurement-Diligent Search Unit

- Develop/secure a metric in order to measure the number of father or father figures with identified contact information available, and evaluate the impact of diligent searches on reducing the time needed to achieve permanency.

#### Division of Youth and Family Justice

- Work with training unit to develop a curriculum for staff surrounding fatherhood/parenthood, and to train staff members.
- Work with facility staff to develop a regular special visit schedule for young fathers.
- Continue to collaborate with community agencies and develop programming to educate young people.