

NYC Dads - 2013 Progress Report

NYC Department of Health & Mental Health - Nurse Family Partnership (NFP)

Progress during 2012 - 2013

| 2012 | 2013 |
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| <ul style="list-style-type: none">● NFP collected father involvement data to measure biological and/or social father involvement using some combination of these six data points:<ul style="list-style-type: none">○ How frequently the father plays with and/or cares for his child;○ How frequently the father is in contact with his child’s mother;○ The degree to which the father makes financial contributions to the child’s care;○ Whether or not the father is partnered with the mother of his child;○ Whether or not the mother’s current partner lives with her and her child; and○ Whether or not the mother is married.● Enhanced NFP nurses’ knowledge of services available to fathers and integrated the referrals of fathers to educational, child support, training and employment resources into the core services to mothers.● New York Academy of Medicine (NYAM) provided NFP with a comprehensive literature review of the most up-to-date that included information on the history of “fatherhood,” statistics on fatherhood, and initiatives that address the increasing absence of fathers in contemporary American families. Furthermore, the review included literature that discussed child development outcomes associated with high levels of father involvement, lists of programs designed to enhance father involvement, and the results of father involvement program evaluations. | <ul style="list-style-type: none">● Continued to gather father involvement data and refine the program scoring system.● Through professional development and information sharing, continued to enhance NFP nurses’ knowledge of services available to fathers and integrated the referrals of fathers to educational, child support, training and employment resources into the core services to mothers.● NFP used the information provided by NYAM to design a program augmentation to better engage fathers and families, increase client retention rates, and improve father involvement-related outcomes of NFP families (i.e. child cognitive and emotional development, maternal stress levels, etc.). |

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| SIX Contributing Factors of Father Involvement (N=2,103) | Percent of NFP Clients | | SIX Contributing Factors of Father Involvement (N=2,603) | Percent of NFP Clients | |
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| | <u>Intake Visit</u> | <u>12 month visit</u> | | <u>Intake Visit</u> | <u>12 month visit</u> |
| 1) Received financial contribution from baby's biological father | Currently unavailable | | Currently unavailable | | |
| 2) Living with their current partner | Currently unavailable | | Currently unavailable | | |
| 3) Married | 20% | 24% | 20% | 25% | |
| 4) Baby's biological father frequently plays with and/or cares for the baby (at least once a week) | 73% (data available at 6 month visit) | 73% | 74% (data available at 6 month visit) | 73% | |
| 5) In frequent contact with baby's biological father (at least once a week) | 84% | 78% | 85% | 78% | |
| 6) Partnered with biological father | Currently unavailable | | Currently unavailable | | |
| Source: NFP national data warehouse files through May 31, 2012* | | | Source: NFP national data warehouse files through June 30, 2013* | | |

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Additional Successes & Best Practices

** The above scoring system will provide a more holistic picture of father involvement in NFP. This work was slowed down by:*

- *Changes to data sets which resulted from the migration of NFP data from one national data system to another. This required adjustments to be made to the SAS programs used to do the father involvement indicator data analysis.*
- *Ongoing changes made to the national data collection tools lead a loss of some father involvement indicator data. Adjustments had to be made to the NYC only NFP data collection system so that data collection for those indicators could resume.*

NFP is unable to provide updated data on three of the above-mentioned father involvement data points because of these data issues. NFP estimates that by April 2014, these data issues will be resolved and the NYC NFP father involvement score refinement work will be finalized between September 2014 - November, 2014.

Please see the [NYC Young Men's Initiative](#) and [NYC DADS](#) websites for additional information on the progress of NYC Dads.