

## NYC Dads - 2013 Progress Report

## NYC Department of Probation (DOP)

### Progress during 2012 - 2013

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<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• The Department of Probation (DOP) continued to educate Probation Officers about the need to remove the barriers between fathers on probation and their children. 271 Probation Officers received the Fatherhood curriculum training.</li><li>• DOP and the Department of Youth and Community Development's Fatherhood Initiative met to discuss increasing the number of referrals from DOP and to strengthen case coordination once referrals are made. DOP also presented at DYCD Fatherhood provider meetings.</li><li>• The Office of Child Support Enforcement (OCSE) and the New York City DOP Web-based Application Project gives DOP officers in the Bronx access to current child support data for their probationers. This project enables DOP Officers to give custodial and non-custodial parents involved with the criminal justice system better access to on-site child support information, individual consultations, and resources for jobs, with the goal of reducing recidivism rates and improving outcomes for children and families.</li></ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• DOP continued to educate Probation Officers about the need to remove the barriers between fathers on probation and their children. As of December 2013, 344 Probation Officers received the training. While conducting initial trainings with Probation Officers, instructors brainstormed with participants to pinpoint other barriers that fathers may encounter. The training unit will incorporate the issues raised in these discussions to further enhance the training curriculum.</li><li>• The Web-based Application Pilot Project was expanded city-wide in November, continuing to give DOP Officers access to current child support data for their probationers. Probationers are also referred to OCSE's Customer Services Walk-in Center to access OCSE services. If a probationer meets with OCSE Customer Service staff, both DOP and OCSE will monitor the probationer's progress, and DOP will take the probationer's compliance with child support into consideration when determining whether s/he may report to a kiosk, as well as consider early discharge if progress is being made with OCSE and DOP obligations.</li></ul>

### Additional Successes & Best Practices

- The DOP continued to engage in citywide discussions with other city agencies and CBOs to promote and implement policies that positively impact fathers on probation.

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