

NYC Dads - 2013 Progress Report

NYC Department of Youth and Community Development (DYCD)

Progress during 2012 - 2013

2012	2013
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • DYCD Fatherhood contract agencies received two rounds of training to learn how to facilitate the National Fatherhood Initiative’s (NFI) “24/7 Dads: The NYC Edition” parenting skills curriculum. Additionally, NFI staff assessed the quality of services and the father-friendliness of each program then provided follow up technical assistance to improve service delivery. • All DYCD Fatherhood contract agencies employed case managers, a life/career coach, and someone on staff with appropriate clinical expertise. • 1,060 fathers participated in regularly offered support groups. • DYCD continued to collaborate with the US Department of Health & Human Services Administration for Children and Families, NYS Office of Children & Family Services and NYS Office of Temporary Disability Assistance, as well as NYC ACS, DOE, HRA, and NYCHA to coordinate Dads Take Your Child to School Day. The event was held at over 350 sites including 150 NYC public schools and educational sites across the State. DYCD-funded programs played a role supporting 45 events across NYC. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ In September 2012, DYCD’s Commissioner joined the NYC Department of Education Chancellor, the Chairman of NYCHA and the NBA Brooklyn NETS to celebrate the sixth annual Dads Take Your Child To School Day. Over 100 fathers/father-figures and their children participated in a special assembly where 300 students were gifted with school bags and supplies, courtesy of NETS starting point guard Deron Williams’ Point of Hope Foundation. • The Department of Education’s (DOE) Division of Family and Community Engagement (FACE) conducted an annual workshop for DYCD Fatherhood contract agencies on navigating the DOE, with the goal of training case managers on how to advise non-custodial fathers. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • All DYCD Fatherhood contract agencies continued to conduct case management with participants, covering the five life domains: parenting skills development; effective co-parenting with the child’s guardian; employment/education; child support; child visitation/placement. • 1,212 fathers participated in regularly offered support groups. • DYCD continued to collaborate with Federal, State and local government entities to coordinate Dads Take Your Child to School Day. • Conducted annual workshop for DYCD Fatherhood contract agencies on navigating the DOE. • DYCD continued to collaborate with the US Department of Health & Human Services Administration for Children and Families and several community based organizations to schedule workshops and informational sessions for human service professionals on locating, engaging, and working with fathers. • DYCD continued to collaborate with the US Department of Health & Human Services Administration for Children and Families, NYS Office of Children & Family Services and NYS Office of Temporary Disability Assistance, as well as NYC ACS, DOE, HRA, and NYCHA to coordinate and celebrate the seventh annual Dads Take Your Child to School Day. In NYC, events were held at schools and community organizations throughout the five boroughs. The event was hosted at over 415 sites including over 150 NYC public schools and educational sites across the State. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ In September 2013, more than 500 young people, fathers, father figures and families joined DYCD’s Commissioner, the NYC Department of Education Chancellor and the NBA Brooklyn NETS to celebrate Dads Take Your Child to School Day.

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<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • DYCD Fatherhood and Beacon, Cornerstone, and Neighborhood Development Areas Youth programs collaborated with the Allan Houston Legacy Foundation in their “<i>Father Knows Best FISLL</i>” program: a seven-week character development and basketball drills workshop series for pairs of fathers/children and mentors/mentees. • One DYCD Fatherhood provider participated in a new pilot program of HRA’s Office of Child Support Enforcement that introduces mediation to non-custodial parents and custodial parents who mutually volunteer for such assistance. 	

Additional Successes & Best Practices

Program Outcomes	FY '12	FY '13
Enrolled	1,060	1,212
Achieved both program outcomes – increasing material/financial support <i>and</i> increasing availability, responsibility and engagement with children	411	554
Unemployed at intake	732 of 1,060	635 of 1,212
Acquired Employment	136	137
Participated in job training or obtained other job prep skills	122	95
Without a HS diploma or GED at intake	503	418
Advanced one Adult Basic Education level or obtained their GED	38	13

- In May 2012 and 2013 respectively, DYCD Cornerstone and Fatherhood programs held 11 “Mother’s Day Recognition” events, each on the day before Mother’s Day. Approximately 500 fathers and their children prepared Mother’s Day cards or gifts for the children to present to their mother or female caregiver.
- In June 2012 and July 2013 respectively, DYCD held its first and second annual Commencement Exercises, recognizing a total of 157 of the fathers who successfully completed their participation at their funded Fatherhood programs.

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