

Family-Centered Care Innovation Expo

Fatherhood

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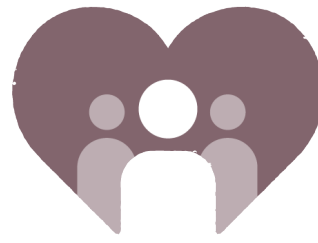


About Our Agency



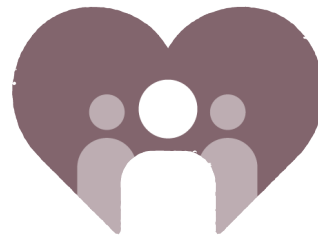
- Started by Father Robert Mize an Episcopal priest in 1945
- Who is served: Children, families, vulnerable adults
- Services: Child Welfare Services, Behavioral Health, IDD Services
- Funding: Nonprofit
- Family-Centered Care provides the care and support needed to understand people, regardless of cultural differences

Identified Need



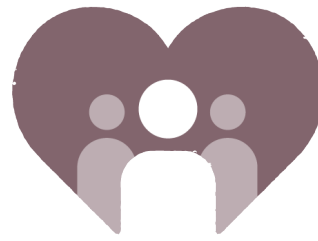
- Fatherhood and Substance Use
 - Need for developing an understanding of staff beliefs
 - Engaging fathers who are using substances
 - System of care father friendly?
 - Relationships

Project Description



- What Do We Know about Men as Partners and Parents?
 - Survey Monkey was emailed to all employees
 - Child Welfare, Behavioral Health Programs/Community Programs, and Support Staff
 - Keeping children in home with families
 - Pregnant Women Using Substances and their partners
 - Reintegration of children with their families
 - Engaging fathers into substance use treatment
- Wanted to have a better understanding of staff belief and client needs

Progress Update



- Beginning stages of interpreting data
 - 318 people responded to the survey.
 - 85% were women
- Most respondents believe system of care more effectively engage women than men
- 67% of respondents believe fathers with SUD problems have not made much effort to parent their children
- Overall staff believe that fathers need to be involved with their children

Next Steps



- Staff want to see outcome data shared internally
- When sharing the information with staff will include “The Effects of Father Involvement: An Updated Research Summary of the Evidence” by Allen & Daly, 2008
- Bring forth the data to the Client Service Leadership Team
 - Is there a need to develop a team to complete the “Action Plan for Becoming More Father Friendly” from Easier Together/Participants Manual