



FATHER PROJECT – HF610/SF300

Goodwill-Easter Seals Minnesota and Greater Minnesota Partners

Kids need dads!

Too many Minnesota children grow up without a positive, involved father. Kids raised in households without a father are five times more likely to experience poverty than children in two-parent households.

There is a powerful solution.

Since 1999, the FATHER Project has helped dads become an essential part of raising healthy, happy and secure children. Increased economic stability, stronger parenting skills, and successfully meeting child support and other legal obligations help their children thrive.

Driving measurable benefits across all facets of fatherhood

Outcomes

- Increased involvement of fathers in lives of children pays dividends for generations
- Improved employment, wages, and economic stability
- Increased parenting engagement and parenting skill attainment
- Healthier relationships and co-parenting with spouse/partner/mother
- Improved security and outcomes for children
- Transformation of participants into mentors & community leaders

\$3.41

Actual ROI (job placement, increased wages and hours, job retention, educational achievement, and child support payments)

\$6.03

Prospective ROI (future child support payments, reduction in future criminal convictions, and increased father involvement)

37%

Average hourly wage increase over 3-year period after exiting the program (2015 - 2018, \$13.29 to \$18.19)

179

Dads completed intensive 12-week parenting class (2019)

97%

of fathers self-reported increased commitment to financially supporting their family

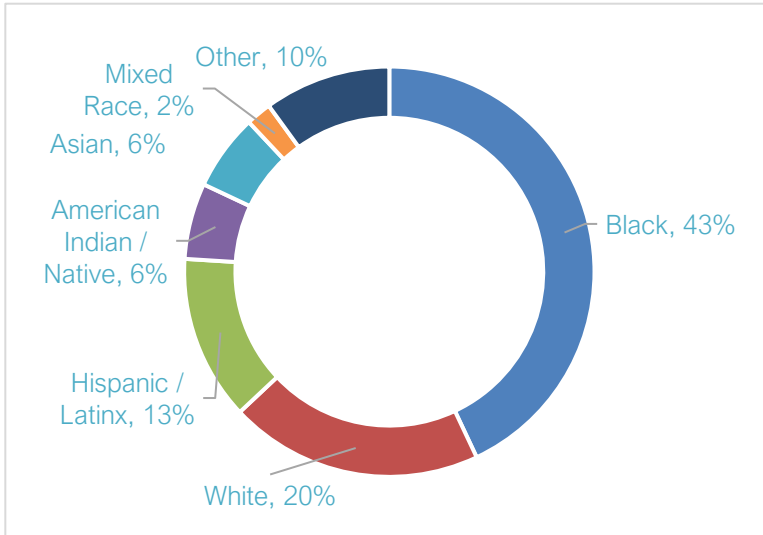
300+

Number of volunteer hours alumni Citizen Father mentors and leaders contributed in 2019

Who we serve

The mission of the FATHER Project is to assist fathers in overcoming barriers that prevent them from supporting their children economically and emotionally. We Serve dads who face barriers to supporting their children, such as:

◆Low income ◆Criminal background ◆Housing instability ◆Lacking GED or high school



Ramone's drive and hard work led to his success, with support from the Father Project.



While parents enjoy time with their children, the time that Ramone has is extra special. Just a few years ago, he had no contact with his children and that low point led him to reach out to Father Project, a program that helps non-custodial dads support their children economically and emotionally. After losing his job and apartment, Ramone and his kids lived in his 2002 Chevy Trailblazer for several weeks. He went from making \$25/hour, to applying for government assistance within five months after a court mandated child support that was well beyond his means. Father Project helped Ramone with parenting classes, career support and he met a group of dads who were struggling with similar issues. Ramone used the NextDoor app to find people looking for help with odd jobs. His first landscaping job was so well done that neighbors noticed, and word of mouth grew his business. "Now, I'm a rock star on Next Door - I have over 300 recommendations!" Ramone got so busy that he needed to hire staff and he paid it forward to dads enrolled in Father Project. "I hire these guys without judgement and pay them between \$15-\$30/hour. It was important for me to help because a lot of them are struggling to pay child support and I've been there. Now, a lot of them are able to go get special things for their kids."