

About Children's Bureau, Inc.

Children's Bureau is a social service organization that provides services in the areas of family preservation, independent living, supervised visitations, shelter care, adoption and foster care recruitment and training.

Founded in 1851, Children's Bureau, Inc. is a private, non-profit 501(c)3 child and family services agency licensed by the State of Indiana.

Our Mission

Preserving families and protecting the future of Indiana's children.

Our Vision

To develop a healthy family for every child.

Accreditations

Council on Accreditation of Services for Families & Children (COA)

Licensed

FSSA: Indiana Department of Child Services

Affiliations

- United Way of Central Indiana (Charter Member)
- United Way of Johnson County
- United Way of Madison County
- Indiana Youth Services Association
- IARCCA: An Association of Children & Family Services

Children's Bureau, Inc. meets the Better Business Bureau's Charity Wise Standards for Accountability.



Father Engagement Region 11

Serving Hamilton, Hancock, Madison and Tipton counties

Our Father Engagement program provides a case manager who works closely with family case managers to discuss referrals and services for the father and family.

Service is based on a complete assessment, goal setting and on-going collaboration with the father and/or referral source. Monthly reports reflect the work being done.

Our staff regularly communicates with the referring family case manager to collaborate on the DCS case plan, advocate for the father in Child and Family Team Meetings and attend court when requested.

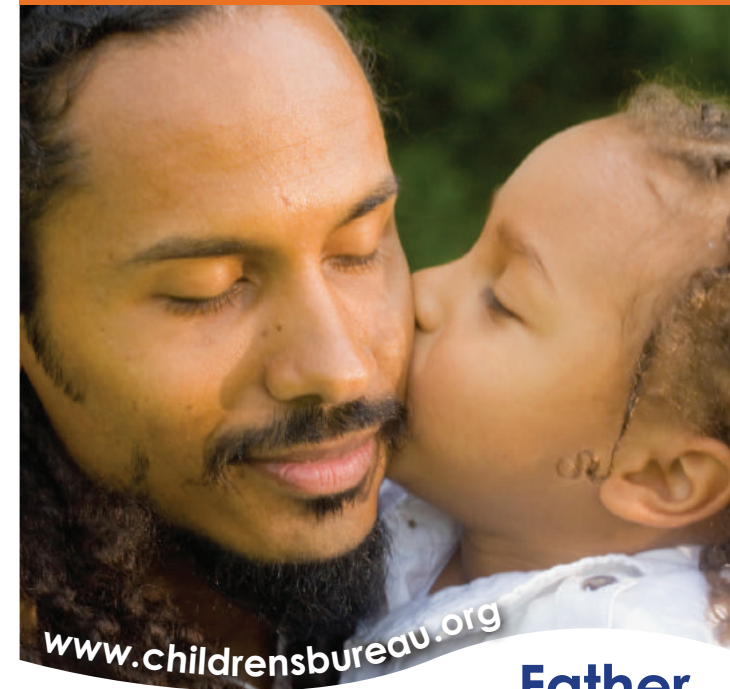
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Father Engagement

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Advocate • Educate • Empower



About Father Engagement

Our Father Engagement program works closely with the Department of Child Services (DCS), serving fathers referred to us. We help fathers:

- 1) understand their involvement in the DCS case plans.
- 2) increase meaningful contact with their children.
- 3) get connected to community resources to strengthen the entire family.

What We Do

- Individual case management
- Group educational sessions
- Education about the DCS process, legal rights and how to navigate the child welfare system
- Assist with supervised visits between the father and child
- Support fathers in family team meetings
- Connect dads to vital community resources
- Serve as an advocate for the father

Why Fatherhood Engagement?

Our "Bringing Back the Dads" curriculum helps fathers become:

- part of the solution.
- a planner.
- a healthy parent.
- a community member.
- a cultural guide for his children.
- a parent.
- part of the children's placement.
- part of the juvenile court process.
- a provider.
- a team player.
- a worker.

Who's Eligible?

- Fathers of children that have an IA (Informal Adjustment) or the children have the status of CHINS (Child in Need of Services) or JD/JS

Children without an involved father are:

- 32 times as likely to be runaway or homeless.
- nine times more likely to drop out of school.
- twenty times more likely to develop behavioral problems.
- ten times more likely to abuse drugs.
- twenty times more likely to go to prison.
- five times more likely to commit suicide.

We support dads, even when ...

- they don't have custody or the children don't live in their home.
- they have not visited their children recently.
- they don't feel welcome or needed.
- they are currently involved but need help with fathering skills, employment, housing and overall community support.

