

Supporting Fathers in the Community

The Administration for Children and Families (ACF) 2020 Responsible Fatherhood Cohort

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CLIENTS' CHANGE OVER TIME

- Clients showed favorable changes from the beginning to the end of the program in several areas.
- Tables show clients' characteristics at the beginning and end of the program. All changes were statistically significant.
- The data show how participants changed over time, but only an impact study can determine whether RF programs caused the changes.



Parenting

More fathers saw their youngest child, oldest child, or both in the past month	54% → 58%
More fathers engaged in caregiving and play activities with their child(ren) multiple times a week	44% → 46%



Relationships

Fathers reported a better coparenting relationship with mother(s) of their children (on a scale of 1 to 5)	3.4 → 3.5
More fathers were in a relationship	54% → 55%



Economic stability

More fathers were working	49% → 58%
Fewer fathers had difficulty paying bills	78% → 76%

BACKGROUND

- Responsible fatherhood (RF) programs are designed to support positive parenting, healthy marriage and relationships, and economic stability.
- The Office of Family Assistance in ACF funded grants to provide RF services from 2020 to 2025.
- This poster focuses on RF programs that served fathers who lived in their communities.

AT A GLANCE



53 grant recipients in 23 states



51,893 clients enrolled

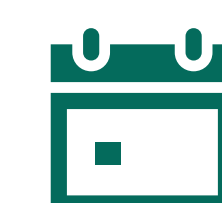


63% of enrolled clients completed the program



89% of enrolled clients who completed the exit survey rated the program as helpful

CLIENT PARTICIPATION



138 days: The mean number of days clients participated in any RF services



24 hours: The mean number of hours clients participated in workshops



8 contacts: The mean number of individual service contacts that clients received

CLIENT CHARACTERISTICS

Demographics

- » 37 years old on average
- » 90% male
- » 39% Black or African American; 25% White; 23% Hispanic or Latino

Family

- » 20% married; 26% in a steady, unmarried relationship
- » 2.2 children on average
- » 40% have a child age 5 or younger

PROGRAM OPERATIONS

Staffing (average)

- » 8 full-time, 5 part-time
- » 3 staff recruited clients full-time

Most common implementation challenges (% of grant recipients)

- » Getting clients to attend regularly (45%)
- » Getting clients to complete the program (45%)
- » Recruiting clients (40%)

DATA SOURCES

- Performance measures that grant recipients collected and reported through the Information, Family Outcomes, Reporting, and Management (nFORM) 2.0 system from April 1, 2021 to September 29, 2025
- Includes three surveys that clients completed at enrollment and first and last workshops

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