



Fatherhood Launch: Introduction of the Tennessee Fatherhood Initiative

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Grant Program Goals & Objectives

TDHS seeks to establish a grant program to mobilize public, private, and non-profit organizations to promote fatherhood and provide the necessary support to empower fathers in Tennessee.

Desired Outcomes

- The individuals, communities, and institutions in our state **understand the critical role fathers play** in the wellbeing of their families, communities, and society.
- Fathers are able to navigate barriers to fully **engage with their children and embrace their role** in the family.
- TDHS is able to **tap into cutting-edge research and technology** to best support fathers.

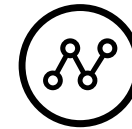
Three-tiered Fatherhood Grant Program



Tier 1:
Fatherhood Program Grants




Tier 2:
Messaging Campaign Grant




Tier 3:
Research & Innovation Grants

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BACKGROUND

The United States has reached an all-time high in the number of children born to single parents. 1 in 4 children, or nearly 18.5 million, live without a biological, step, or adoptive father in their home (U.S. Census Bureau, 2022). The crisis of fathers' absence in the lives of children has caused a significant negative impact on families, communities, and society at large. Research shows that children who grow up without the active involvement of their fathers face greater challenges in many aspects of life.

To address this, the Tennessee Department of Human Services seeks to mobilize stakeholders including community partners, policymakers, and experts to promote fatherhood and provide the necessary support to empower fathers.

What Would You Like to Do?

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