

FATHERHOOD

An Essential Presence

2017 IMPACT REPORT



SOUTH CAROLINA CENTER
FOR FATHERS AND FAMILIES

A Ministry of the Sisters of Charity Health System



FATHER LOVE

A Lifelong Relationship

Fathers play a primary role in the healthy development of their children. Love and support from both parents is crucial, but fathers uniquely contribute to the intellectual, social and emotional well-being of their children.

The sense of security and eagerness to explore is heightened in babies born to involved fathers. In early childhood, engaged fathers influence development of self-esteem, risk taking and cognitive functioning.

..... Adolescents and teens are less likely to experience trouble with substance abuse and teen pregnancy and more likely to stay in school, go to college and excel in career and economic achievements. For young adults, the father-child relationship directly links to positive life outcomes including successful marriages and positive relationships with their own children.

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..... But too many men have never known the love and support of their own father. Father absence creates a void that becomes a devastating inheritance for too many children — one in three — who grow up fatherless and fated to perpetuate the cycle.

Our fatherhood programs give men the tools they need to break that cycle and take on the role of responsible fatherhood, capable and committed to providing the time and attention children need to grow and prosper.

Fathers shape our lives. Their presence is essential. Their influence is immeasurable. Their love is irreplaceable.

IMPACT & OUTCOMES

2017

3222

PARTICIPANTS SERVED

7525

CHILDREN POSITIVELY IMPACTED BY
FATHERHOOD PROGRAMS



SOUTH CAROLINA CENTER
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Since 2002, we have helped

16,480
FATHERS

prepare to meet the
material, emotional and
spiritual needs of
their children.



789

Received JOB
READINESS TRAINING

1022

Gained EMPLOYMENT

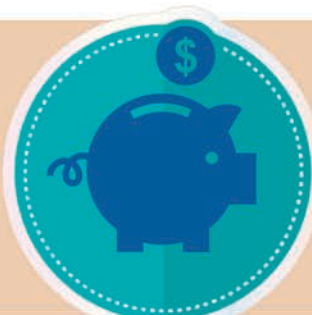
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Number of
DIRECT
HEALTH
SERVICE
CONTACTS



\$1.88 million

CHILD SUPPORT PAID
by participants



\$7.8 million

SAVED in TAXPAYER-FUNDED
INCARCERATION COSTS
through Jobs Not Jail program

COUNTIES SERVED BY YEAR

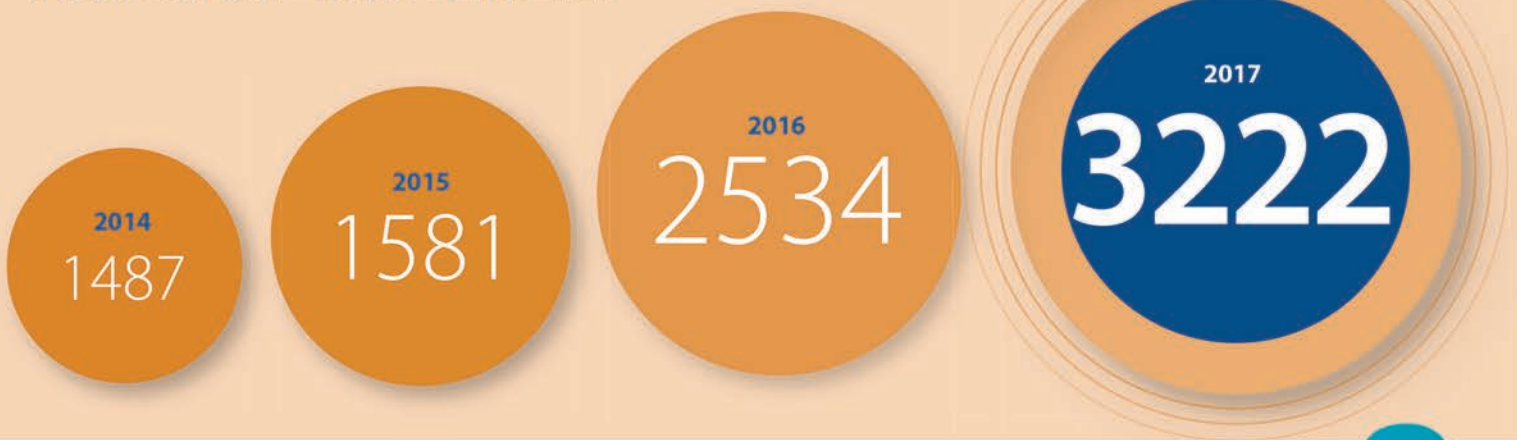


STATEWIDE EXPANSION

Through our network of 18 program centers and satellites, we serve fathers and families in every county.



PROGRAM ENROLLMENT



PARTICIPANT PROFILE at intake

32

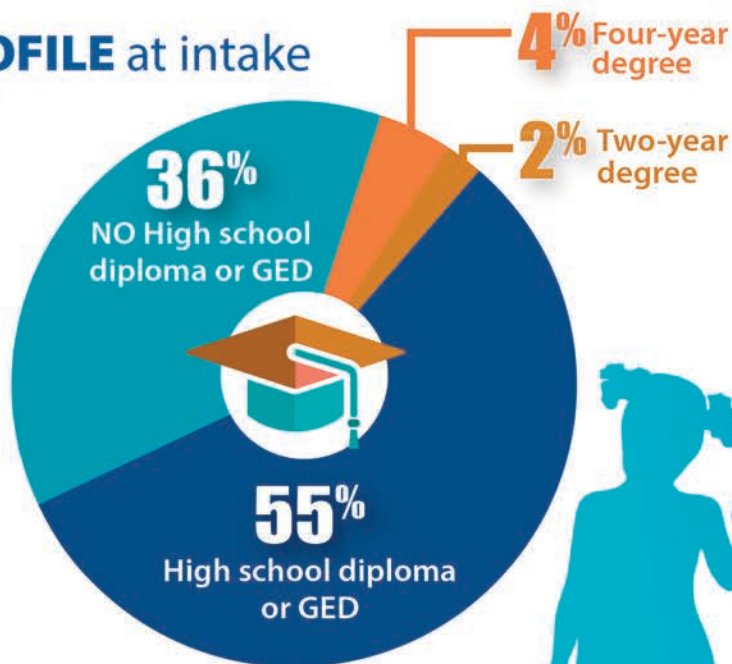
Average age

58%

Enter the program unemployed

\$602

Average monthly income



57%

Fathers dissatisfied with amount of time they spend with their children



Strengthening Fathers and Families



In 2002, the South Carolina Center for Fathers and Families, a ministry of the Sisters of Charity Health System, was created to reduce child poverty through father engagement. With the mission of providing the means for fathers to become great dads, the Center began as a connecting point for independent fatherhood programs across the state. Today it is the hub of a unique statewide network of program centers and satellite offices serving fathers and families in every county of the state.

As the longest running father-focused organization in South Carolina, the Center has developed an informed and effective curriculum. Areas of focus include parenting and co-parenting, healthy relationships, job readiness, economic stability and men's health. Educational content, personal goal-setting and peer support combine to create a holistic approach to service delivery that addresses the needs of mind, body and spirit.

Through public and private partnerships and generous community support, the Center continues to expand service delivery and access to programs that are positively impacting fathers and families throughout South Carolina.

Compassionate Communities

The mission is enhanced by generous support from compassionate individuals and service-minded organizations in the communities we serve. Their contributions extend the reach of our programs and amplify the vital link between strong families and successful communities. In 2017, community support included:

- Major funding from Greenville Health System supporting men's health initiatives for program participants in the Upstate over the next three years
- Expanded employment opportunities through local businesses including BMW in Greenville, Mohawk Industries in Bennettsville and Michelin Corporation in Lexington
- Sponsorship of family-focused activities and events by Junior League of Columbia, Kiwanis Club of Pawley's Island, City of North Charleston and Publix

Powerful Partnerships

Partnerships are **essential** to the sustainability of the Center and the programs and services that are changing lives for fathers and families in our state. The year's mission-advancing partnerships included:

- Collaboration with SC Department of Social Services providing new program offices in Berkeley, Colleton, Greenwood, Marion and York counties
- Support from Campaign to Prevent Teen Pregnancy and Children's Trust of SC focusing on programs and services for young fathers in Conway, Darlington, Richland and Spartanburg counties
- A shared initiative with SC Department of Corrections Division of Young Offender Parole and Reentry Services to develop a process for referring young fathers to local fatherhood programs
- An alliance with Appleseed Legal Justice Center and Charleston Pro Bono for the presentation of an educational program on legal issues affecting low-income fathers

STRENGTH



David with his daughter Lila Ann

A Father's Success Story

David King, A Father's Place, Georgetown SC

David was living in Seattle, WA when his estranged wife became pregnant and moved back to her hometown of Georgetown, SC. Wanting to remain a part of his child's life, he also moved to the area and began looking for a job. That search was difficult with no family or local network of friends for support. Matters worsened when he and his wife decided to permanently separate.

While looking for work, David discovered the father-focused mission of A Father's Place. After learning about their programs on parenting, employment and economic stability, he enrolled.

Employability Boot Camp and staff support helped David land a job with a local information technology service. Program content on co-parenting and communication helped him reach an amicable divorce with shared custody of his daughter. As their relationship improved, the couple agreed to increase visitation beyond the established court order.

Commitment to his daughter and support from A Father's Place keeps David focused on his journey to become a great dad. He graduated from the program in December 2017.

JOIN US

Our fatherhood programs are changing lives for fathers and families. Learn more about us and ways to support our mission at scfathersandfamilies.com



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