

# FATHER FIGURES

2018 IMPACT REPORT



SOUTH CAROLINA CENTER  
FOR FATHERS AND FAMILIES

*A Ministry of the Sisters of Charity Health System*

## The Dad Connection

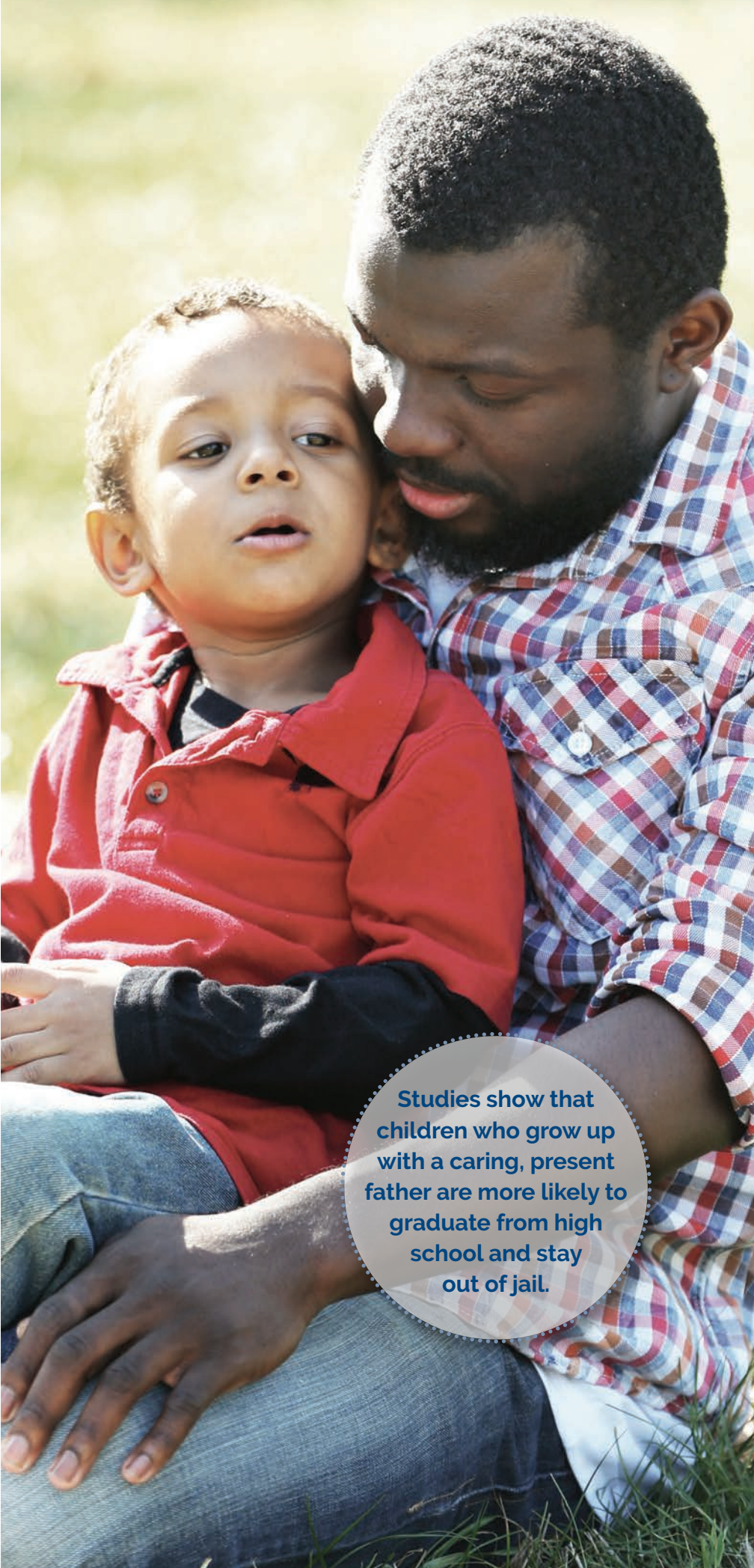
Fathers play an important role in the development of their children, providing new perspectives and teaching unique life lessons. As fathers continue to be more involved and engaged, they demonstrate self-control and encourage their children to expand their boundaries.

Children benefit from the lessons their fathers teach. Studies show that children who grow up with a caring, present father are more likely to graduate from high school and stay out of jail.

Perhaps even more importantly, children who grow up with their fathers are more likely to be there for their own children in the future, teaching those same vital lessons and inspiring future generations.

Unfortunately, many fathers are unable to be there for their children due to a lack of finances, education, housing or employment. But with the assistance of fatherhood programs across the state, fathers can overcome the obstacles keeping them from building healthy relationships with their kids.

Our fatherhood programs work to engage fathers and inspire them to be active participants in their children's lives. By helping them gain the necessary tools to provide for their families and be positive role models, the South Carolina Center for Fathers and Families hopes to ensure that no child grows up without the love of a father.



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## Achieving Our Mission

Our mission is to provide the means for fathers to become great dads. We achieve this through our network of six regional fatherhood organizations across South Carolina. These organizations provide access to education, guidance and support for fathers and families in every county of our state.

We advocate for father-friendly policies and serve as a voice for fathers and the importance of fatherhood programs regionally and nationally.

As a ministry of the Sisters of Charity Health System, we rely on vital support from public and private partnerships to support our work and our charge to continuously improve outcomes for fathers and their children.

## Shaping Our Future

In August 2018, the Center began the development of a new strategic plan (2019-2024).

We developed this plan through interviews, surveys, focus groups and facilitated conversations with stakeholders, board members, partners and staff. The completion of the plan yielded three priorities that will guide our work for fathers and families through the next five years.

1

### **Strengthen, Grow, and Empower Our Network**

We work to provide high-quality training and capacity building, fidelity monitoring, research and evaluation, partnership development, and sustainable resources to our network of fatherhood programs and partners across the state.

2

### **Cultivate and Invest Resources**

Our approach to sustainability focuses on securing the resources necessary to continue to grow a statewide service delivery network and create a legacy of change and impact.

3

### **Position the Center for Success and Continued Growth**

We aim to be recognized in our state, the Southeast and the nation as a resource and respected voice about fatherhood and family formation.

# IMPACT & OUTCOMES

## 2018

3245

PARTICIPANTS  
SERVED

7374

CHILDREN

POSITIVELY IMPACTED  
BY FATHERHOOD  
PROGRAMS

34%

REPORTED AN  
IMPROVED RELATIONSHIP  
WITH THEIR CHILDREN

1369

PARTICIPATED IN  
PARENT/CHILD  
ACTIVITY

2831

NUMBER OF DIRECT HEALTH SERVICE CONTACTS

## Job Readiness Training

752

ENROLLED IN  
JOB READINESS TRAINING

684

COMPLETED JOB READINESS  
TRAINING

70%

GAINED EMPLOYMENT  
UPON COMPLETION

**\$1.86 million**

CHILD SUPPORT PAID BY PARTICIPANTS

**\$9.65 million**

SAVED IN TAXPAYER-FUNDED  
INCARCERATION COSTS THROUGH  
JOBS NOT JAIL PROGRAM

## Participant Profile at Intake

33

AVERAGE AGE

\$759

AVERAGE MONTHLY  
INCOME

2630

NON-CUSTODIAL  
PARENT



Since 2002,  
we have helped

**18,438**  
**FATHERS**

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

## Education of Participants

32%

NO HIGH SCHOOL  
DIPLOMA OR  
GED

58%

HIGH SCHOOL  
DIPLOMA OR  
GED

4%

4-YEAR DEGREE

5%

2-YEAR DEGREE



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# Father Profile

**Ron Pyett | Man 2 Man | Florence, SC**

When Ron Pyett first enrolled at Man 2 Man Fatherhood Initiative in Florence, SC, he was hesitant.

A father of three, Ron was struggling to find a job and falling behind on child support payments. He had trouble communicating with his eldest child's mother and resented her being the gatekeeper of his relationship with his son. Due to the responsibilities of fatherhood, compounded by the lack of a positive social circle and no clear path to better employment, Ron felt stuck and unable to see past the world he knew.

"I always felt like I was looking for somebody to blame but I had nobody to blame," Pyett said.

A family court case worker suggested he consider the fatherhood programs at Man 2 Man.

At first, Ron didn't think Man 2 Man could help him. But after talking with staff and listening in on several group sessions with other fathers in the program, he started to open up about his struggles.

He began to realize his potential to rise above his circumstances and take responsibility for his life and the lives of his kids.

Ron enrolled in Employability Boot Camp to position himself for better job opportunities. Man 2 Man staff saw his determination and selected him for a career training program in partnership with Florence-Darlington Technical College.

Completing the program as a certified welder, Ron found a new outlook on life as well as employment with Florence Concrete.

"Everything that I learned from Man 2 Man put me in a position where now, when I go to work, I look at my job as a career," he said. "They taught me about job stability and financial responsibility. They helped me become a better father to my kids. They molded me into who I am now."

*Ron with his sons  
Kaden and Jaden.*



## Fathers Matter

*Working to strengthen fathers and families ensures a better future for all of us. Children thrive, families prosper and communities flourish when responsible, engaged fathers are present.*

*Be a part of our mission. Donate online today.*



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