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Happy Father's Day

In the U.S., we specifically honor fathers on this special national holiday in June. The idea first came about in the early 1900s, but it wasn't an official U.S. holiday until 1972. Originally, it was created to honor single fathers, but today we celebrate Father's Day to honor the positive influence that men can bring to families and communities everywhere. We know that men play an important role in children's lives, but they don't necessarily have to be fathers: they can be uncles, adult friends, and grandfathers. In a world as diverse and changing as ours, it's still important to find those adult male role models for the children in our communities. Father's Day is a day to celebrate and honor the men in our lives who provide a positive influence and a paternal bond in families and communities. Who are these special men in your life?



Implementing Effective Child Abuse Prevention Programs

July 9-11, 2012 at Mall of America

This national conference, from the National Child Protection Training Center, is designed for child abuse prosecutors, investigators, and other child protection professionals. The three-day course will assist professionals in recognizing the factors in their communities contributing to child abuse, and expose them to numerous evidence-based prevention programs that can be implemented in their communities.

Karina A. Forrest-Perkins, PCAMN's Executive Director, will be presenting on **Trauma, Substance Abuse and the Developing Brain**. Becky Dale, PCAMN's Senior Director of Prevention Initiatives, will be presenting on **The Science of Prevention: Brain Research, Protective Factors, and Emotional Intelligence**.

To learn more about the other great topics and presenters, go [HERE](#).

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Kid's Korner

Make a special card for your dad or favorite father figure. Find a sheet of colored construction paper, and then write your words on a plain white sheet of typing paper. You can then glue the white sheet, centered onto the construction paper. You can also add a picture or drawing, to the paper. You can even make a nice frame around the edges of the construction paper with items, like glitter, buttons, macaroni noodles, or whatever you may have in your house.

Upcoming Events

Black Men Healing Conference

June 21 & 22, 2012

Metro State University

Join The Family Partnership, the BeMore Campaign, and Sam Simmons at the 2012 4th Annual Black Men Healing Conference. This year's conference provides an opportunity for meaningful community engagement and access to national and local educators, community practitioners and experts to

ParentPower: Keeping Our Youth Safe on the Internet

Almost 93% of kids, ages 12-17, are online, and most exhibit a level of digital proficiency bewildering to those of us who want to protect them. Kids are feeling pressured to post provocative pictures, videos, and blog about their deepest personal experiences in a very public forum. Without guidance from parents and educators, few are thinking through the implications of their online actions. To make matters worse, many of the legal measures we use to protect kids on our virtual streets are unenforced or outdated, and law enforcement and prosecutorial efforts are often underfunded. You can get more information about Internet dangers and safety at www.internetsafety101.org.

*Upcoming Class on Internet Safety
September 14, 2012
1:00 to 3:00 p.m.
Falcon Heights*

The purpose of this class from the Youth Intervention Programs Association, is to teach parents and youth intervention professionals the most current best practices of Internet safety. By attending this training, you will learn about the strategies of sexual predators, how to help kids deal with cyber bullying, and also about various strategies for monitoring computer activities. This includes learning more about filtering software and how to implement it in the home, schools, and out of school time program. For more information and to register, visit www.mnyipa.org.

A Petition to Eliminate Child Poverty in the United States

America has more than 16 million children living in poverty, one of the highest child poverty rates in the developed world. In 2009, the U.S. rate was 21.7%, much higher than Canada (13.6%) and the United Kingdom (16.2%).

Some 2,660 children are born into poverty every day, severely decreasing their chances of success and robbing us of future productive citizens. In 2010, 25.9% of U.S. children under age 5 lived in poverty: about 1 in 2 Black; 1 in 3 Hispanic and Native American; 1 in 6 Asian; and 1 in 7 White.

Child poverty has persisted even in times of economic growth, thus we cannot attribute poverty solely to individuals or our present economy. Therefore, we call on the President and Congress to adopt rigorous policies and system reforms that make child poverty a national priority.

The **National Alliance of Children's Trust and Prevention Funds** and the **National Association for the Education of Homeless Children and Youth**, has initiated the above petition to "Eliminate Child Poverty in the United States" on the White House "We the People" website. There are close linkages between child neglect and poverty, with the challenges that presents for families. This petition is one strategy that can

discuss and introduce practical trauma informed, and outcome driven methods and services. Register and learn more by clicking [here](#).

Chapter News

Within our [Circle of Parents Chapters](#), we encourage men in a parenting or grand-parenting role to participate in our support groups. We also offer several male-only groups to men who are in jail, focusing on the difficulty of being an incarcerated parent. You can find out more by calling 1-800-CHILDREN.

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help spread the word about the issue of child poverty and engage citizens from across the country in calling on the federal government to give attention to ending this serious national problem. We have less than one month to secure 25,000 electronic signatures if this petition is to be given any meaningful attention by the current Administration. One minute of your time is all that is needed to click [HERE](#), register as a petitioner, verify your registration via an email that will be sent to you, and go back on to the site to officially sign the petition.

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