



Chicago Department of Public Health
Promoting Responsible Fatherhood (PRF) Program
Memorandum of Agreement

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The Promoting Responsible Fatherhood (PRF) Program, a male responsibility program, is a collaborative between the City of Chicago's Department of Public Health (CDPH) – lead agency and Children and Youth Services (CYS). The Program seeks to promote responsible parenting and economic stability among Head Start and other fathers that will enhance their parenting roles. Partner organizations share a client-centered philosophy and respect the unique needs, values, differences, and strengths of all fathers.

As a full partner of Promoting Responsible Fatherhood, CDPH commits to the following:

1. Accepting, enrolling and providing appropriate services to the fathers/guardians that are referred to it by the participating Head Start/Early Head Start Agencies.
2. Providing group classes at agency sites as requested by the agency.
3. Notifying the agencies of activities and events sponsored by the CDPH agency.
4. Including agency staff in educational opportunities offered by CDPH.
5. Notifying the agencies of resources and events via e-mail website and meetings.
6. Participating in co-sponsoring events and activities that serve eligible participants enrolled in the program.
7. Organizing and managing meetings for the Stakeholder group.
8. Overseeing the collection and management of data for the evaluation of the program.

As a full partner of Promoting Responsible Fatherhood, CYS commits to the following:

1. Providing outreach to Head Start Programs and Early Head Start Programs in the Uptown and Englewood Communities.
2. Supporting facilitation of parent-run groups using "The Nurturing Father's Program" Curriculum.
3. Participating in the regularly scheduled meetings of the stakeholder's group (consortium) to provide feedback on program development, implementation and evaluation.
4. Collaborating in coordination of focus groups to encourage greater participation of fathers from culturally diverse backgrounds.



5. Marketing and promoting the PRF program and services.
6. Sharing data on the effects and outcomes of the PRF interventions and the successes of the collaboration.
7. Supporting efforts to promote the goals of the PRF program at local and national events.
8. When appropriate and to the extent possible, sharing resources to avoid duplication of services.
9. Providing continuity in meeting family goals as outlined in the Head Start Family Partnership Agreement (FPA) and/or as identified by the PRF Program.
10. Maintaining fiscal and legal responsibility for its own portion of PRF programming and services.

The CDPH and CYS will both adhere to the following Confidentiality and Non-Liability Statements:

With regards to any information or data provided in connection with this Memorandum of Agreement and designated by each agency as confidential, both CDPH and CYS agrees to protect confidential information in a reasonable and appropriate manner, and to use the confidential information only to perform its obligations under this Agreement and for no other purposes.

No officer, member, official, partner, employee or agent of the partnership including the City of Chicago its officers, members, agents, directors, employees shall be individually or personally liable in connection with this Agreement.

Signature of Authorized Representative: _____

Tony Mason

Printed Name of Authorized Representative: _____

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Date: _____

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