

Baltimore Responsible Fatherhood Project:

A Snapshot of common fatherhood
practice



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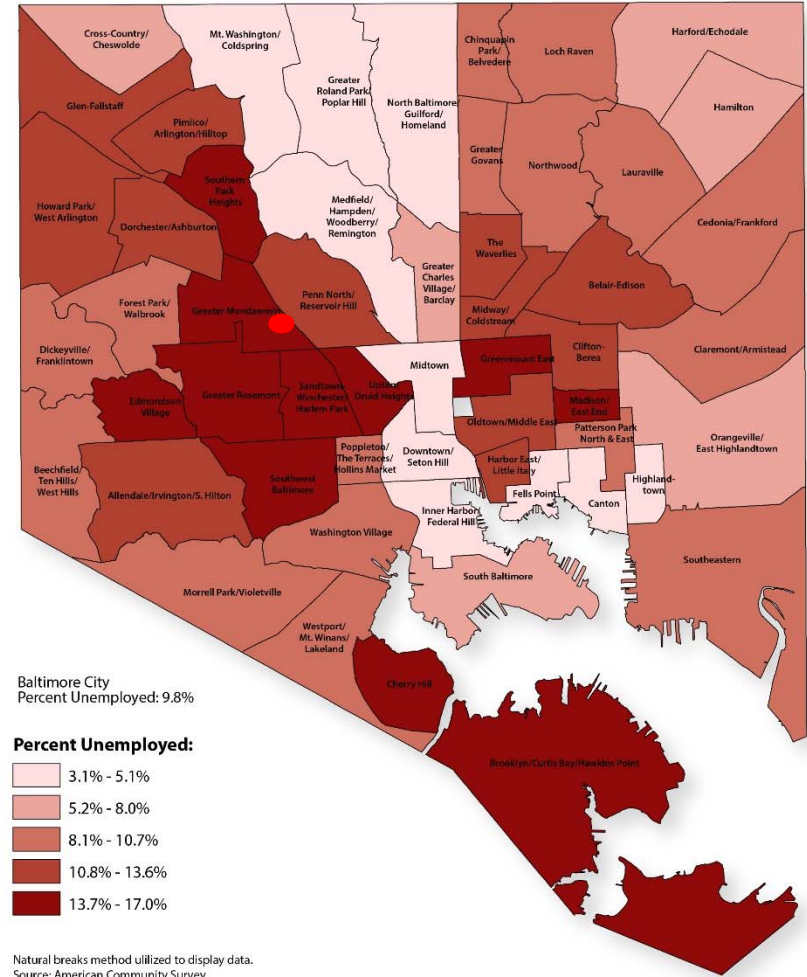
Overview



- Background
- Center for Urban Families
- Baltimore Responsible Fatherhood Program Model Description
- Remaining Questions



Percent of the Population Aged 16-64 that is Unemployed By Community Statistical Area, 2008-2012



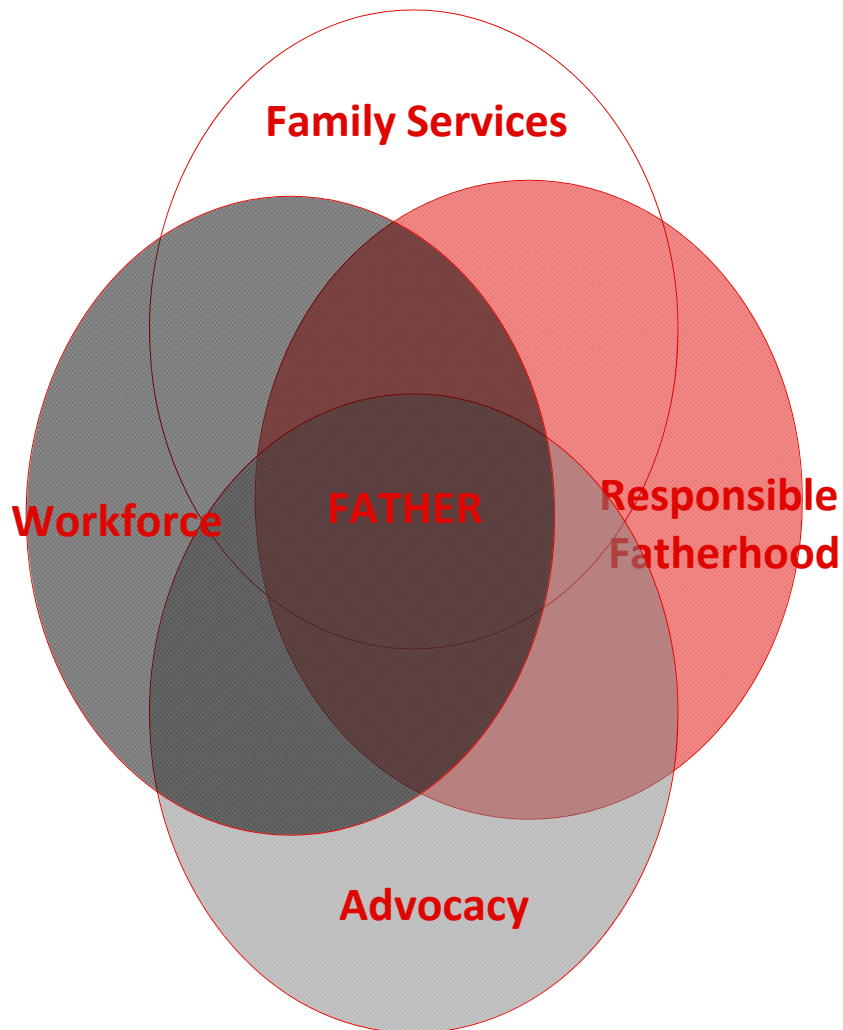
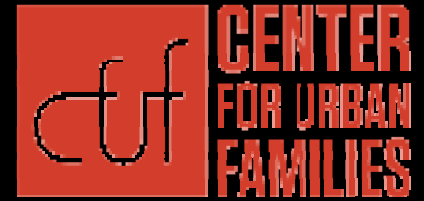


Since 1999 has served over 27,000 vulnerable residents of Baltimore
Currently serves 1500 adults a year.

Comprehensive programs focusing on:

- Employment
- Family Stability

Service Delivery Model



BRFP GOALS

- ↑ Fathers' knowledge base of the Child Support system.
- ↑ Demonstration of parenting skills and parent involvement.
- ↑ Co-parenting Cooperation and communication skills
- ↑ Client job readiness and employability.

Responsible Fatherhood Intervention

Baltimore Responsible Fatherhood Project

1. The Curriculum Sessions (D.A.D M.A.P.)
2. The Skills Workshops
3. The Case Management



THE CENTER FOR URBAN FAMILIES PRESENTS

THE D.A.D. M.A.P

Developing All Dads For Manhood And Parenting

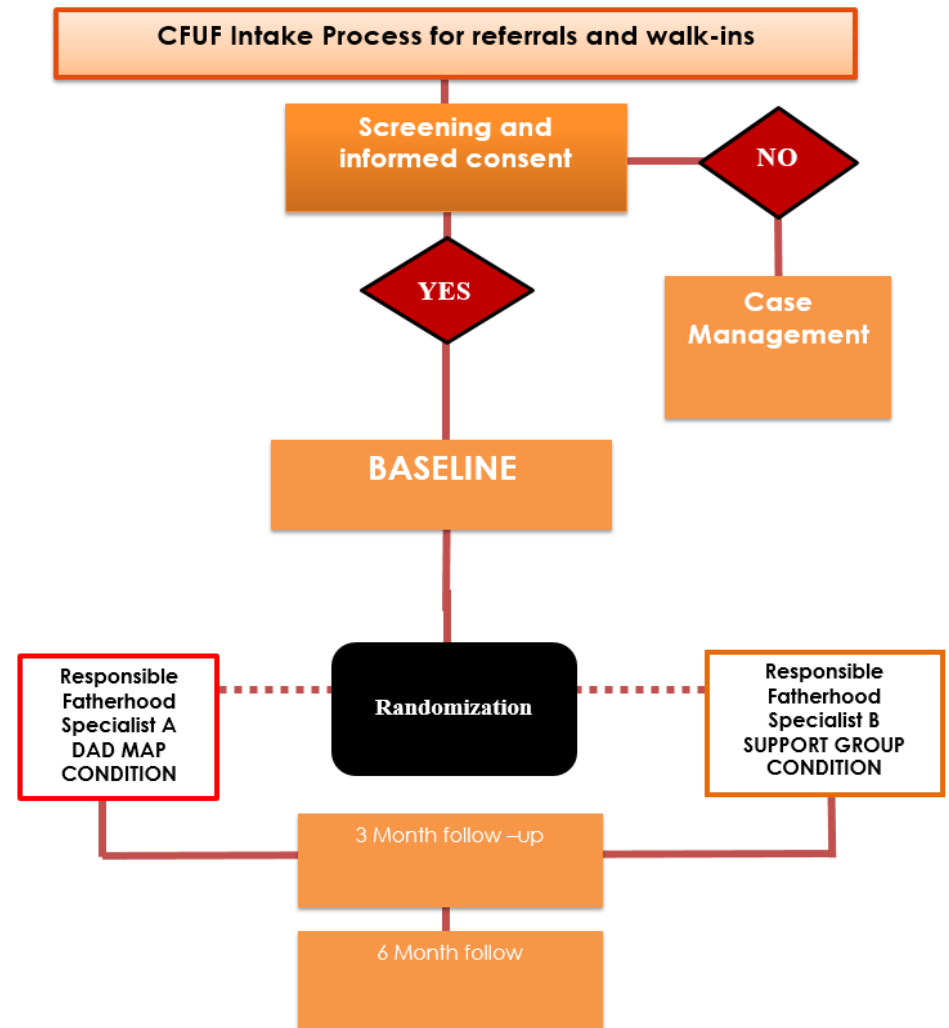
A Guide to Helping Fathers and Families Work

- Open group format
- Ease of adaptation
- Culturally tailored to unique realities of low income fathers.

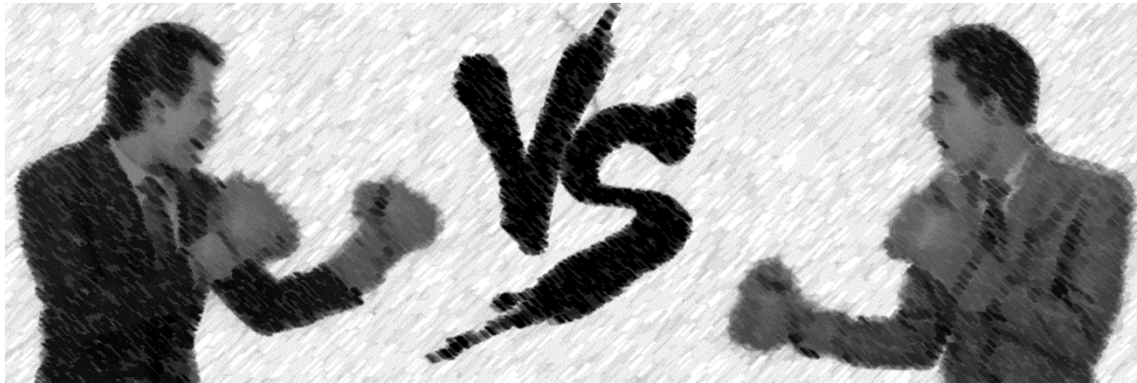
Current Evaluation

RCT of the DAD MAP Impact on:

- Fatherhood Involvement
- Child Well being
- Co-Parenting Relationships
- Employment Readiness



Competing Practitioner/Researcher interests



RESEARCHERS

Aim for high internal validity

To discover new implications for populations

To Inform the Field

PRACTITIONERS

Prioritize effective strategies to counter client challenges

To act in the best interests of the client

Improve efforts to engage and educate the community

Collaborative Strengths



RESEARCHERS

*Trained in research
implementation*

*Can access and interpret
empirical/conceptual
literature*

*Can explain complex
concepts to various
populations*

PRACTITIONERS

*Trained/experienced in the
challenges/realities of their
client population*

*Have direct knowledge on how
policy impacts their client
population*

*Understands the political
institutional environment and how
it impacts practice*

Work Remains

- Co-Parenting among non-intact couples
- Fatherhood Programs that Engage Children & Families
- Expansion in Child Support Debt Forgiveness Programs

Recipe for Collaborative Success in Fatherhood Research

- Discuss until mutually satisfactory solutions are met.
- Identify the shared vision
- Clarify goals
- Involve staff in planning
- Provide tools/material to make collaboration simple and meaningful





Questions?