



Focusing on Fatherhood

**Real Dads.
Real Talk.**

- ✓ Are you a new father who wants advice on being the best dad you can be?
- ✓ Do you want to strengthen your bond with your child?
- ✓ Does communication with the mother of your child or significant other affect your relationship with your child?
- ✓ Do you want to learn about resources for fathers?

If you answered “yes” to any of these questions, then the Focusing on Fatherhood program is for you!



Focusing on Fatherhood is a free, monthly support group that:

- Empowers fathers on topics such as finances, the parent-child bond, co-parenting and relationships.
- Offers mentoring and referrals.

Participating fathers will:

- Get connected with parenting, legal and career resources.
- Talk with experienced fathers about fatherhood’s challenges.
- Gain skills to become their best selves and end the generational cycle of fatherlessness.



Open to DeKalb County fathers ages 18 and older with at least one child under the age of 18.

For more information or to register, please call 404-508-7847 or email dekalb.ocdp@dph.ga.gov.

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Fatherhood Facts



19.7 million children,
more than 1 in 4, live in a home without a dad.¹

A father's (biological parent, stepfather, father heading a single-parent family) involvement in school is associated with the higher likelihood of a student getting mostly A's. Students living in father-absent homes are twice as likely to repeat a grade in school.²



Daughters are less likely to engage in risky sexual behaviors when they have consistent contact or a sense of closeness with their dads.³



Adolescent boys with absent fathers are more likely to engage in delinquency than those whose fathers are present.⁴



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