

# Implementing Fatherhood with Compassion



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## ***Since 2006:***

- ***Promoting responsible parenting***
- ***Promoting healthy marriage/ relationships***
- ***Fostering economic stability***

When one of your absolute favorite memes has a baby



**[Raw Happiness]**



# Helping Partners Connect



Children with engaged fathers have:



**BETTER SOCIAL SKILLS**



**FEWER RISKY BEHAVIORS**



**FEWER DELINQUENT BEHAVIORS**

Families with engaged fathers have:



**CLOSER FAMILY TIES**

# Parent-Child Partnerships Matter

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# Compassion

**NEED** → **INTERVENTION** → **OBJECTIVE**

**More Family  
Engagement**

**HMRF\*  
Services**

**Stronger  
Families**

**\*Healthy Marriage and  
Responsible Fatherhood**



## Healthy Relationship and Marriage Education (HMRE)

- Authorized since 2006
- \$75M/annum in grants and contracts
- 8 legislatively allowed activities to promote healthy marriage/relationships
- Two current programs: Family, Relationship, and Marriage Education Works (FRAMEWorks); and Relationships, Education, Advancement, and Development for Youth for Life (READY4Life)

## Responsible Fatherhood (RF)

- Authorized since 2006
- \$75M/annum in grants and contracts
- 3 legislatively required service areas:
  - Responsible parenting
  - Healthy marriage and relationships
  - Economic stability
- Current program: Fatherhood Family-focused, Interconnected, Resilient, and Essential (Fatherhood FIRE)

## *Demonstration Projects*

# Responsible Fatherhood Programming in Action



# Far-reaching Services to Fathers



Cohorts of RF Grants	# Grants
2006-2011	100
2011-2015	60
2015-2020	41
2020-2025	57
<b>Total</b>	<b>258</b>

# Far-reaching Services to Fathers

## Cohorts of RF Grants

2006-2011

2011-2015

2015-2020

2020-2025

Enrollees

64,585

Exit Surveys

39,619



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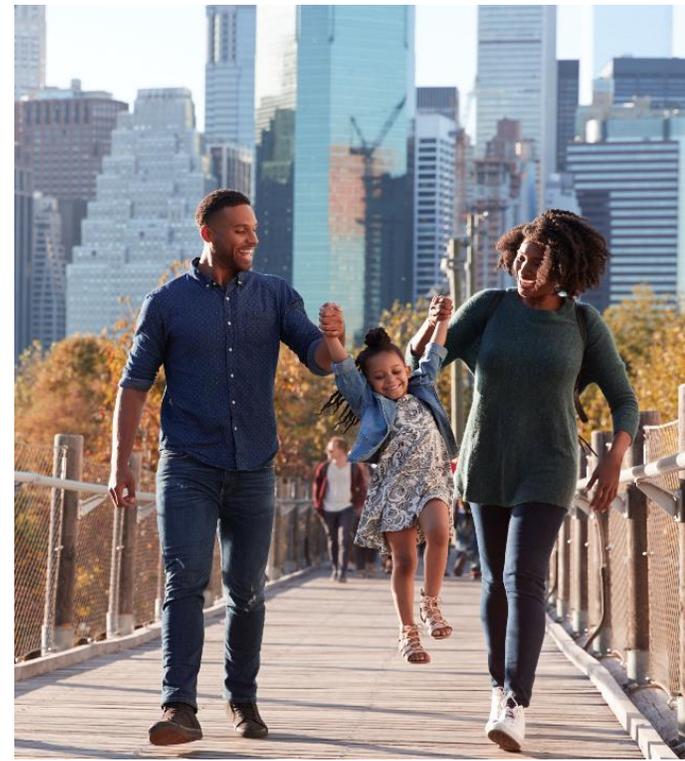
2020-2025

Enrollees

23,272

Completers

13,506



# How much programming do fathers receive?

Workshop sessions average **26** hours over **8** sessions.

## Community Fathers

**85%**

attend at least one session.

On average, these fathers complete

**24** hours over **6** sessions.

## Re-entering Fathers

**94%**

attend at least one session.

On average, these fathers complete

**24** hours over **8** sessions.

# Equity Matters



**RF (and Healthy Marriage) Programs  
Promote EQUITY of access to  
opportunity to thrive in a strong family**



# Let's Connect!



# National Responsible Fatherhood Clearinghouse



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[fatherhood.gov](http://fatherhood.gov)

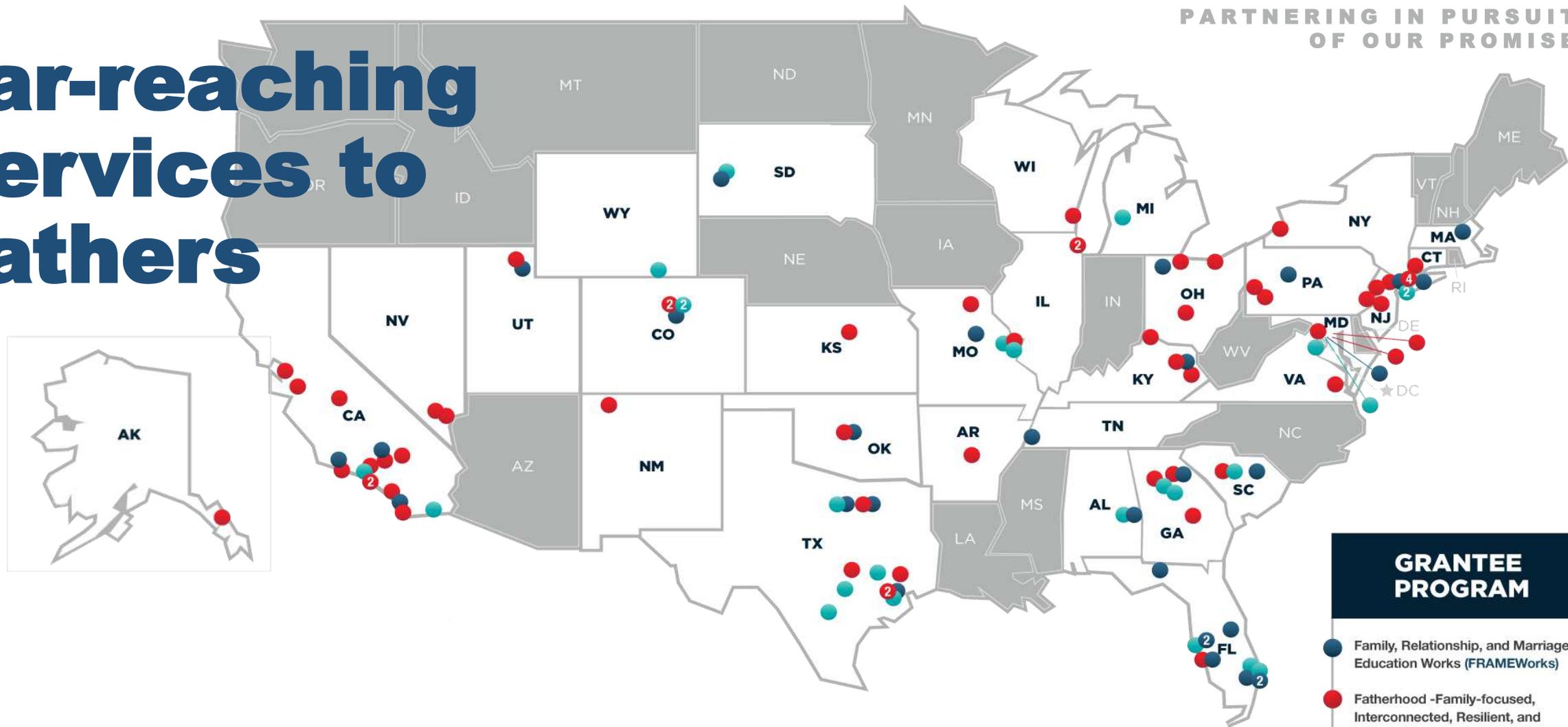
HOME FOR DADS FOR PROGRAMS

**Dadication**  
Check out DADication, a subject-matter documentary exploring the Dadication PSAs!  
[WATCH THE VIDEOS](#)

**TAKING ONE FOR THE TEAM**

**BEING A DAD IS GREAT!**  
FunnyBeing.com

# Far-reaching Services to Fathers



Find information on all of our HMRF projects:  
[www.acf.hhs.gov](http://www.acf.hhs.gov)



# ELEVATING TO SUPPORT FATHERS WITH COMPASSION



# Onwards and Upwards!

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# RESOURCES