

Dads Making A Difference at Children's Friend

"This program
gave me a better
understanding of how
to raise my child, and
made me more of a
family man."

- participating father

Mission

The mission of Children's Friend is to promote the well-being and healthy development of Rhode Island's most vulnerable children by providing flexible, effective and culturally relevant services that support and strengthen families and communities.



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What is Dads Making A Difference?

The mission of Dads Making A Difference is to provide resources to help ensure that fathers and significant men involved in the life of a child are having a positive impact on that child's life.

What services do dads receive?

- Networking opportunities with other fathers at our support group
- Help enhancing parenting, educational, nurturing, and work skills
- Visits during daytime and evening hours

What are the program goals and objectives?

- Help fathers provide nurturing parenting for their children.
- Help fathers improve, develop, and maintain healthy relationships with adults involved in their children's lives.
- Help fathers support their children to the fullest extent of their abilities.

Tips For being a great dad:

- Educate yourself and learn techniques to better understand and raise your child
- Set some time aside and engage in an activity with your child without being interrupted
- School is a huge part of your child's life so lend a hand and help with their school work

Children's Friend supports families and helps them find the strength to overcome their hurdles. We help create a safe and nourishing environment for children during the crucial early years, and help parents gain access to the resources, education and support needed. We work to give children the foundation to help them live healthy and productive lives.

Why is it important for males to be involved in the lives of children?

- Women and men tend to have different styles of parenting. Children benefit from both styles.
- Children are more likely to have healthy relationships with other males as adults.
- Children develop enhanced self esteem, feel more secure, and develop skills that lead to independence.
- Children are more likely to have positive educational outcomes.
- Children are less likely to be involved in the juvenile justice system.

To become involved with ***Dads Making a Difference***, please contact Cheryl Lancellotta at 401-752-7685.

These services are available to all eligible persons regardless of race, gender, age, disability or religion.