

# BE BOLD

## FOR THE NEEDS OF DADS

Being a dad is a core part of many fathers' identities. Here's some tips for how to work with dads and make them feel engaged and supported in their child welfare cases

### 1 EMPATHY

Be understanding of their circumstances and supportive of their efforts



### 2 CONNECTIONS

Connect them with other fathers through opportunities like Father Alumni programs, Fatherhood Support Groups, Virtual Barber Shops, and Dad Shows

### 3 TRANSPARENCY

Be clear and direct with your expectations of fathers and how they can accomplish their tasks and goals

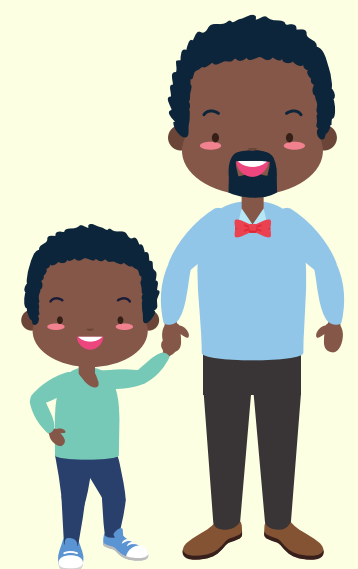


### 4 EXTENDED FAMILY

Identify and connect with paternal relatives through tactics like Genograms, and invite them to support the father in case planning and programming

### 5 RELEVANCE

Many fathers feel that services and programs are catered towards mothers and desire discussions that are more relevant to them



### 6 FEEDBACK

Provide fathers with opportunities to provide their feedback on their experiences with caseworkers and programs through interviews, conversations, and surveys



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