

## **CBCAP Grantee Meeting**

# **Moving Beyond the Box: Creative Approaches to CBCAP Funding**

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# F.I.R.S.T. CLINIC

FAMILY INTERVENTION RESPONSE TO STOP TRAUMA

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# Medical-Legal Partnerships: The **F.I.R.S.T** Legal Clinic



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# THE INEQUITY WE SAW

Years of private practice and public defense work exposed dramatically different outcomes for families with wealth and privilege versus families of a lower socioeconomic backgrounds.



# PREVENTION FOCUS

**FIRST Clinic Mission:** To prevent the unnecessary separation and infliction of trauma on newborns and their families through CPS removal by providing compassionate and effective legal representation and to connection to community supports.

- Working upstream
- Avoiding removal and/or court intervention

Long term goal – Sustainability and Replication  
Statewide



# PARTNERING WITH MEDICAL PROVIDERS

## How?

- Utilizing existing relationships and connections within the community.
- Finding partners with shared vision and shared goals.

## Changing Relationships:

- Higher level of prenatal engagement prior to delivery.
- Better understanding from medical community of CPS involvement
- Increased participation and advocacy for families from medical team

## Building a multidisciplinary team:

- Attorney/Parent Ally/Social Worker/Nurse/Housing Navigator/Drug and Alcohol Provider



# HOW DOES THIS WORK?

- Early intervention
- Legal advice, advocacy and guidance in navigating child welfare investigation process
- Access to community supports and partners
- Educating all parties
- Connection to Parent Ally

## **Outcomes:**

- Stop the trauma of separation
- Less State involvement
- Empowerment for families
- Community Connections
- Equity
- Cost Savings







- Provide lived experience
- Connection and navigation to resources and services
- Encourage involvement and engagement in services
- Ongoing emotional support and trust
- Advocate for parent and family
- Empower parent
- Access to concrete goods and needs



## THE KEY ROLE OF A PARENT ALLY





LOVED AND SUPPORTED

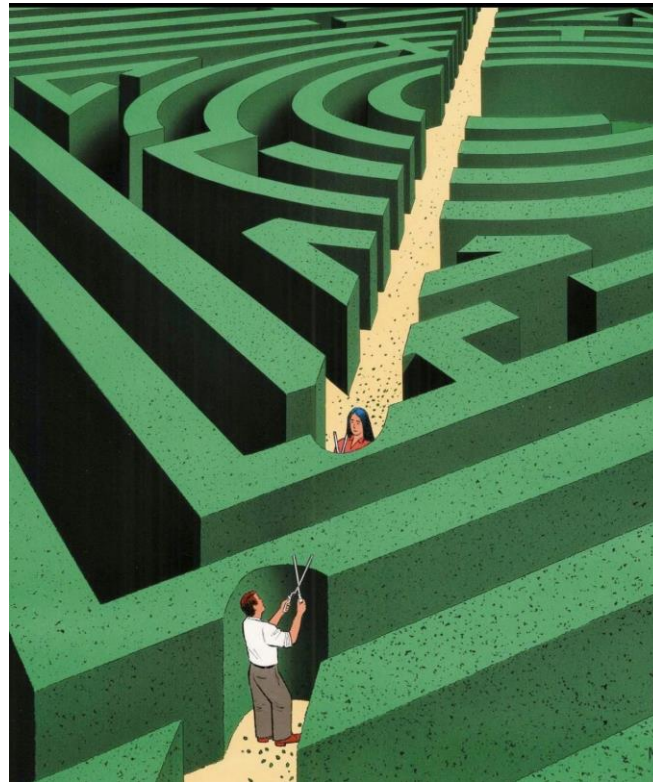
A dark, moody photograph of a courtroom. On the left, a man in a judge's black robe and white wig looks towards the center. In the middle, a baby wearing a white wig sits on a wooden bench behind a judge's desk, holding a gavel. On the right, a man in a dark suit sits at the desk, looking towards the judge. The background features a large window with a decorative crest above it.

# HOW DOES THIS RELATE TO COURTS?

Our model goal is to avoid any court interaction.

- Farther upstream.
- Our service ends if a petition is filed.





## Creating Systemic Change

Collaborating across disciplines

Making connections

Education and Destigmatizations

- Elevate voices of lived experience
- Trauma informed approach
- Being aware of the language we use

Policy and Legislation

# F.I.R.S.T. CLINIC COMMUNITY BUILDING

# FIRST CLINIC DATA HIGHLIGHTS



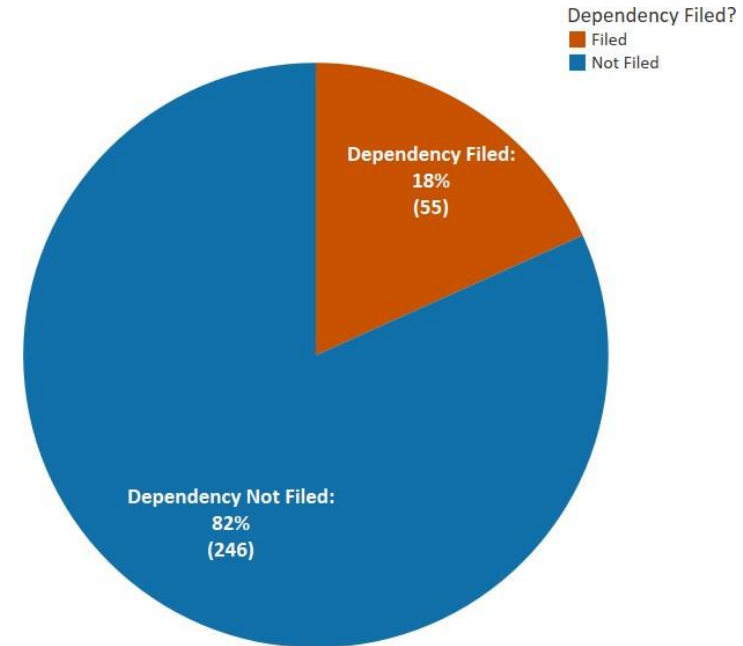
# FIRST CLINIC GROWTH: CLIENTS SERVED

Increase in clients by fiscal year:

	FY 2020	FY 2021	FY 2022
# of Clients	30	72	211
Year Over Year % change		140%	193%

# FIRST CLINIC CASE OUTCOMES: DEPENDENCY FILINGS

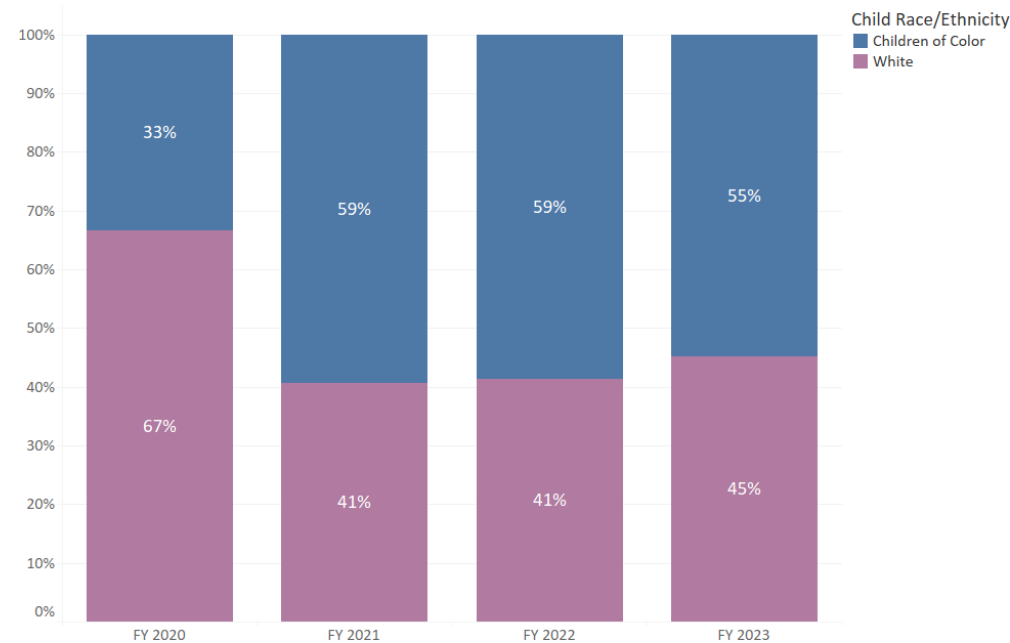
What percent of eligible FIRST cases, with a known filing status, had dependencies filed?



# FIRST CLINIC: RACE/ETHNICITY DEMOGRAPHICS OF CHILDREN IN ELIGIBLE CASES, BY YEAR

WA race/ethnicity demographics of children in dependency cases were 49% white children in 2020 and 47% white children in 2021.

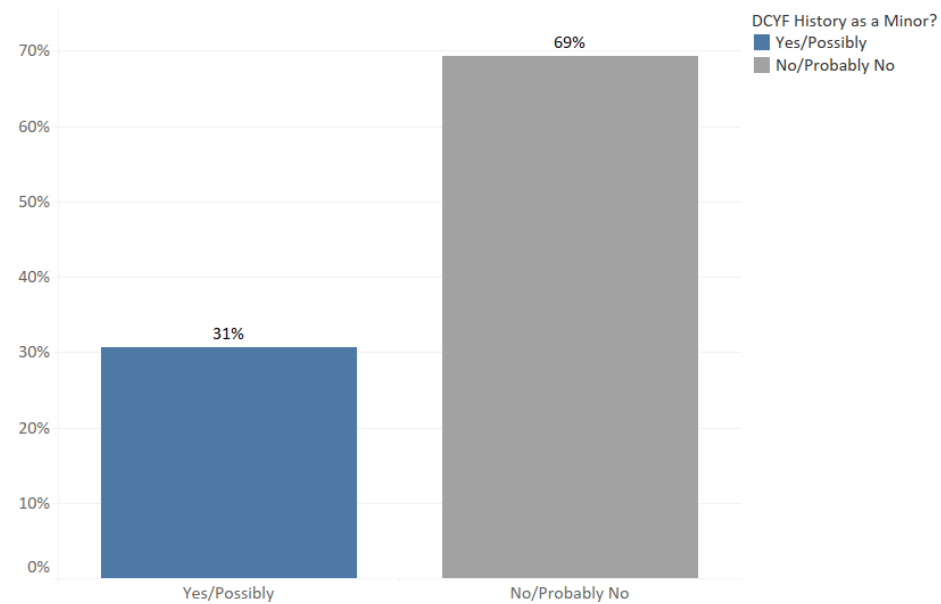
Source: WSCCR Dependent Children in Washington State: Case Timeliness and Outcomes, Annual Report 2021, Appendix B.





# FIRST CLINIC: MOTHERS WITH DCYF HISTORY AS MINORS

What percent of mothers had prior DCYF history, in FIRST Clinic eligible cases where prior DCYF history for mothers is known?



# FIRST CLINIC: AVERAGE TIME TO CASE CLOSURE

DCYF Case?	FY 2020		FY 2021		FY 2022		FY 2023		Grand Total	
	Average # Days	# of Clients	Average # Days	# of Clients	Average # Days	# of Clients	Average # Days	# of Clients	Average # Days	# of Clients
No	101	29	56	55	86	94	52	21	76	201
Yes			81	14	123	114	48	22	108	150
Grand Total	101	29	61	69	106	208	50	43	89	351

For dependent children in WA on 12/31/2021, the median LOS was 678 days.

Source: WSCCR Dependent Children in Washington State: Case Timeliness and Outcomes, Annual Report 2021, Appendix C.

# Q & A



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**iDADS**



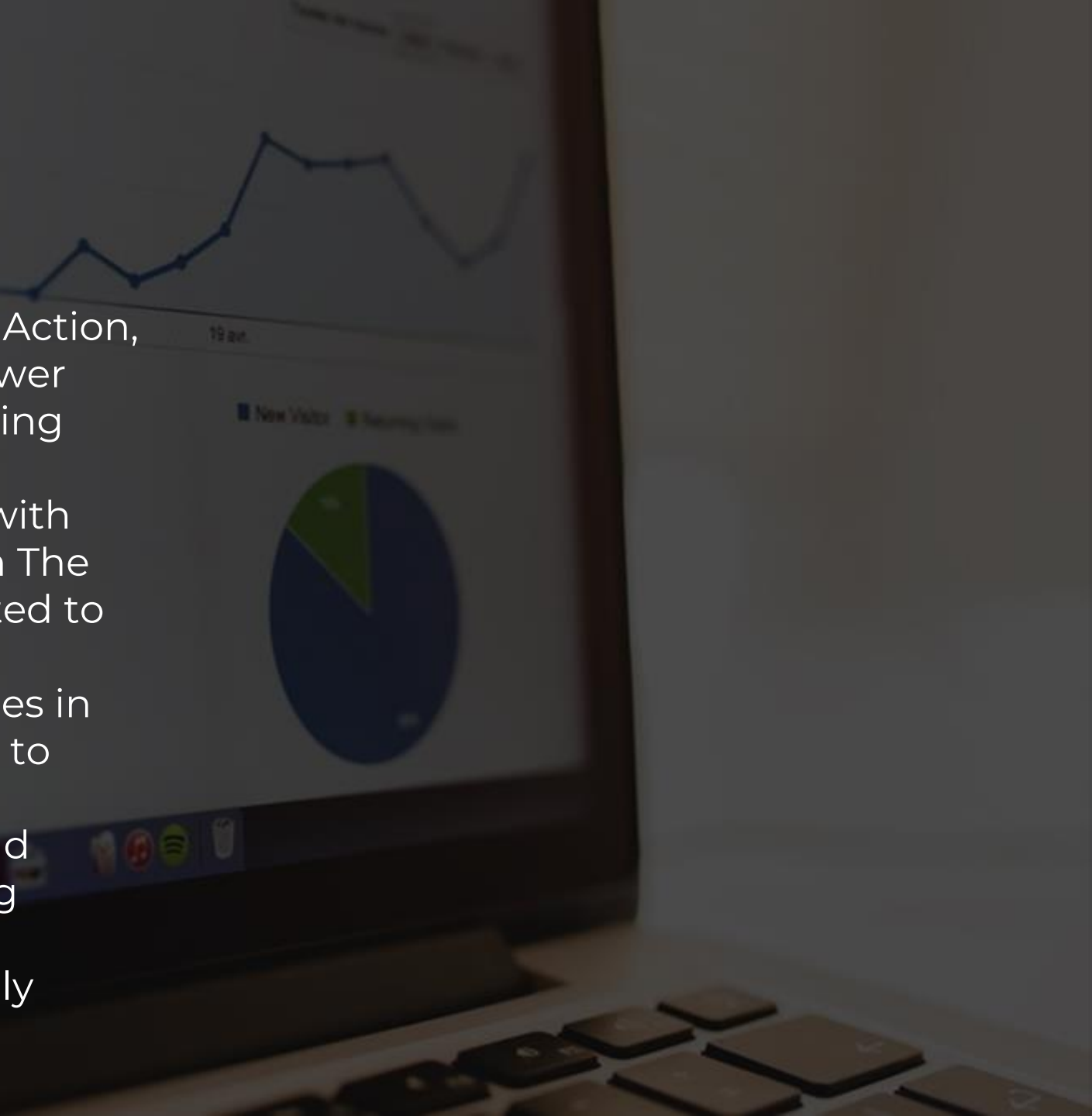
HOUSING AUTHORITY  
OF THE CITY OF AUSTIN  
*Bringing Opportunity Home*

Involved Dads of Action, Developing and Succeeding

# Mission

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The mission of I-DADS (Involved Dads of Action, Developing and Succeeding) is to empower and strengthen families within the Housing Authority of the City of Austin (HACA) communities. Through our partnership with HACA and the visionary partnership with The Man in Me organization, we are committed to fostering a supportive environment that actively engages fathers and father figures in these communities. I-DADS is dedicated to promoting positive family relationships, enhancing the well-being of children, and creating a lasting impact by encouraging active involvement and personal growth among dads and father figures, ultimately striving for healthier and more vibrant households in our community.

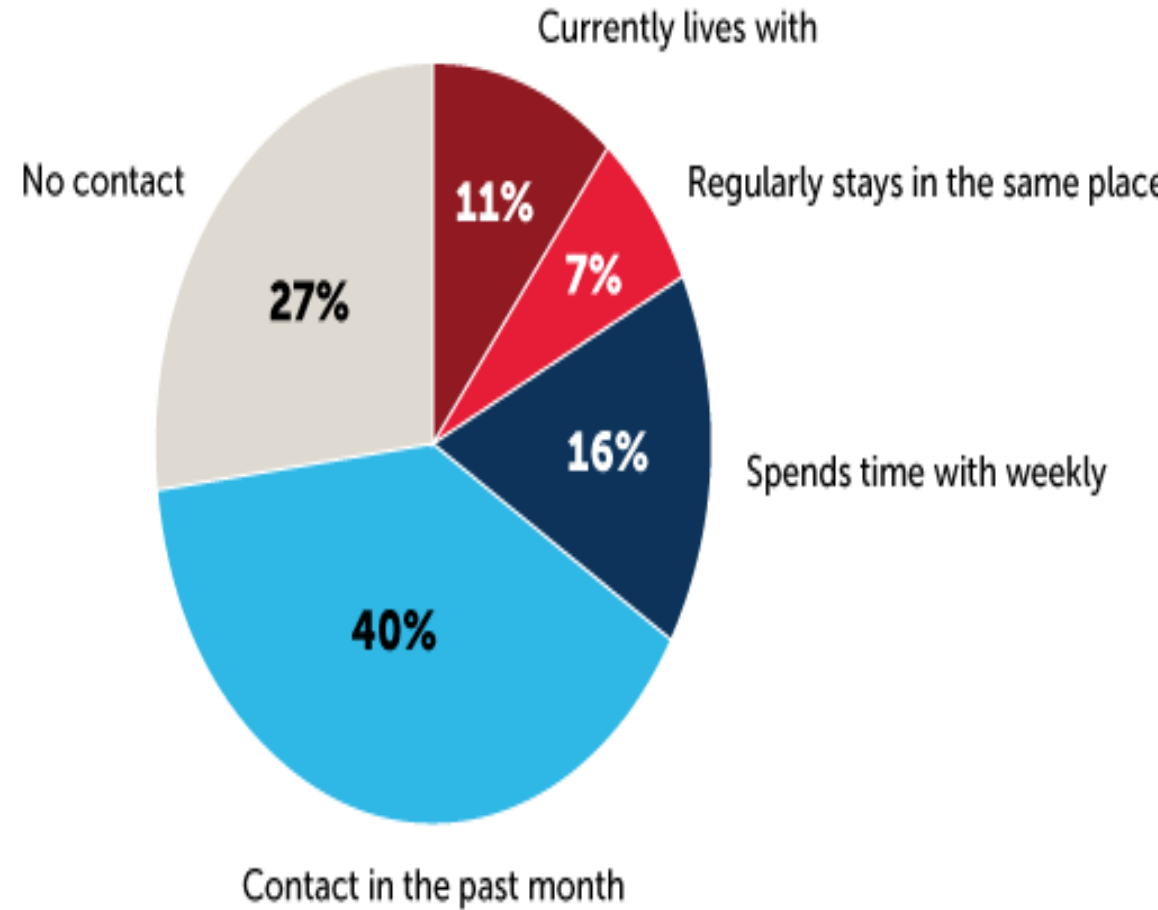


# The problem

Approximately 25 million children in the U.S. live in father-absent households. Fatherless children are at a higher risk of poverty, substance abuse, and criminal behavior.

Lack of father figures can lead to higher poverty rates and increased risk of negative behaviors in children.

## Fathers' involvement with their children





# STATS

- Research shows that a father's absence affects children in numerous unfortunate ways, while a father's presence makes a positive difference in the lives of both children and mothers.
- Teens who reported higher levels of father-adolescent warmth, communication, time together, academic expectations, and relationship satisfaction also reported significantly higher levels of self-rated general health in young adulthood.
- Teens' positive perceptions of their relationships with their mothers and fathers are associated with a wide range of favorable outcomes in young adulthood.





# The solution

Children of actively engaged fathers participating in a fatherhood program show a remarkable 30% improvement in academic performance compared to those without such involvement, underscoring the transformative impact of positive fatherhood on educational outcomes."

Our fatherhood program emphasizes a holistic approach, providing workshops, mentorship opportunities, and resources tailored to develop engaged fathers. By fostering communication skills, promoting emotional intelligence, and offering practical parenting strategies, we empower fathers to actively participate in their children's lives, leading to stronger family bonds and positive long-term outcomes.



# How it works

Attend IDADS  
Meeting on  
Tuesday night  
from 6:30-8:30  
pm

Complete Presurvey  
and enrollment  
documents connecting  
father/figure to a child  
in housing or section 8.

Attend 4 IDADS  
meetings, graduate  
with certificate,  
received Laptop or  
Desktop Computer,  
complete post survey



POST IDADS  
GRADUATION



Participants of IDADS have the opportunities to

- Increase their income via our partnerships with Goodwill and Workforce Solutions
- Pursue post education and trades via ACC and other organizations
- Continuously work on personal development via meetings and resources through HACA and community partners

INCREASE INCOME

PURSUE HIGHER  
EDUCATION

PERSONAL  
DEVELOPMENT



# Why join IDADS?

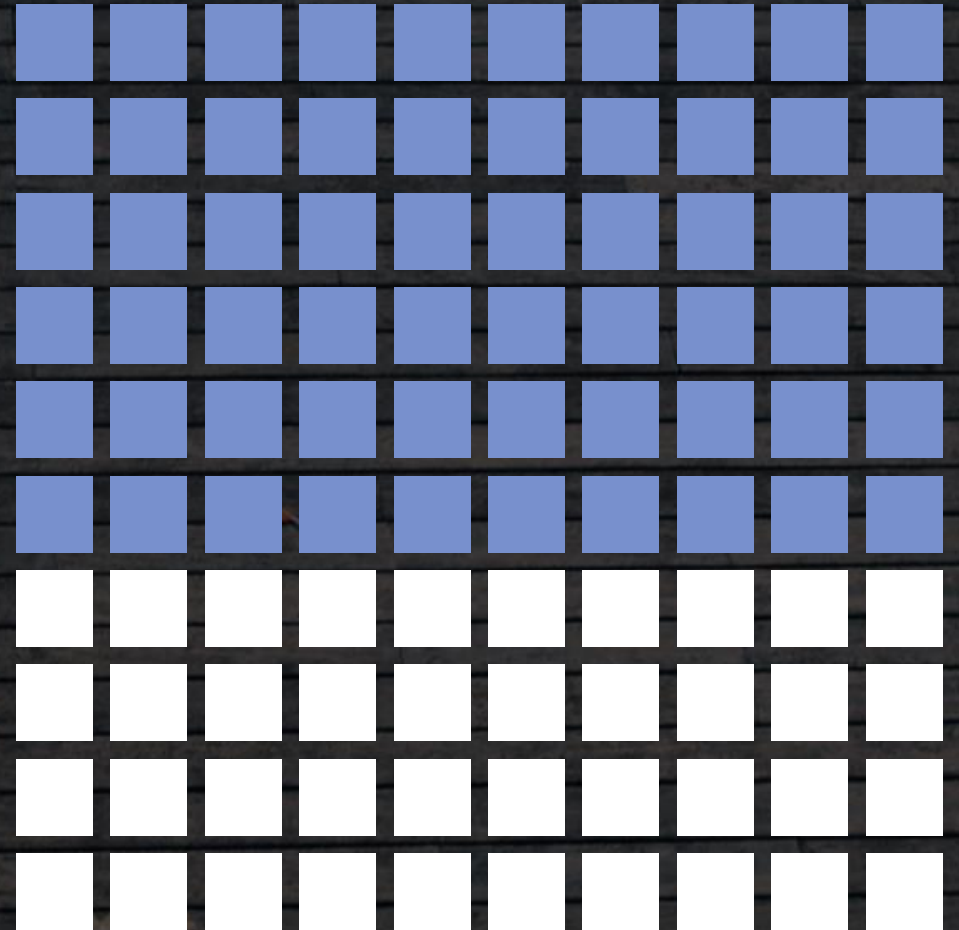
## Key Reasons to Join:

**Stronger Bonds:** IDADS fosters deeper connections between fathers and their children / significant other through meaningful activities.

**Supportive Community:** Become part of a welcoming network of dads who understand and share your journey.

**Fun and Learning:** Enjoy a variety of engaging events, workshops, and adventures.

**Personal Development:** Enhance your parenting skills and empower your children for a brighter future.



# Key Local Community Partnerships ( Austin Texas)

- Black Men's Health Clinic
- The Man in Me
- Goodwill
- Texas Workforce Solutions
- HACCA FSS program
- Literacy Coalition
- EGBI ( Economic Growth Business Incubator



# Community Partner Links

- <https://egbi.org/>
- <https://blackmenshealthclinic.org/>
- <https://www.goodwillcentraltexas.org/programs-and-services/fatherhood-works/>
- <https://www.twc.texas.gov/find-locations/workforce-solutions-capital-area>
- <https://www.hacanet.org/residents/fss-services/>
- <https://willread.org/>
- <https://www.themaninme.org/>





# Resources

- \*U.S. Census Bureau. (2023). Living arrangements of children under 18 years old: 1960 to present. Washington, D.C.: U.S. Census Bureau.
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