

WORKSHOP DIRECTORY PAGE

TITLE: Engaging Absent Fathers

COMP. #: 305

NO. HRS: 12

DATE: April 2006

COMPETENCY:

305-1: The Child Welfare Professional is familiar with models of effective parenting, and can teach parenting strategies to parents by explaining and demonstrating parenting techniques, can support parents in trying new strategies, and can refer parents to formal training classes or groups when needed.

LEARNING OBJECTIVES: Participants will be able to:

- ✓ Recognize the need and importance of locating absent fathers.
- ✓ List methods to locate absent fathers.
- ✓ Identify formal and informal support services for absent fathers.
- ✓ Determine an absent father's appropriateness as a permanency resource for the child.
- ✓ Demonstrate the ability to locate and engage absent fathers.

CALENDAR SUMMARY: Fathers play a critical role in the development and growth of their children. Far too frequently, however, fathers are a missing piece in a child's life. The current focus on involving fathers in their child's life is supported by research, which points out the critical importance of a father's involvement with his children. In order for Child Welfare Professionals to seek a greater involvement of fathers in their child's life they must know the resources available to locate the father and then be able to facilitate the father's engagement in the permanency process. This two day workshop explores methods to locate and to engage absent fathers.

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- 1: Learning Objectives (1 page)**
- 2: Agenda (1 page)**
- 3: The Impact of Father Absence (1 page)**
- 4: Pennsylvania's CFSR and Child Welfare Work with Fathers (1 page)**
- 5: What Are My Filters? (1 page)**
- 6: Research Findings about Father Involvement (2 pages)**
- 7: Fatherhood Test (1 page)**
- 8: Trends in Fatherhood (2 pages)**
- 9: Fatherhood Definitions (1 page)**

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- 11: Aggravated Circumstances (2 pages)**
- 12: Process for Locating Absent Fathers (2 pages)**
- 13: Establishing Paternity (1 page)**
- 14: Resources and Support Services (2 pages)**
- 15: Defining Fathers' Growth Toward Self Improvement (1 page)**
- 16: Activities for Fathering (1 page)**
- 17: Fathers and Child Development (7 pages)**
- 18: Bibliography (2 pages)**
- 19: Computer Sites (1 page)**
- 20: Desmond Doyle Case Study (1 page)**
- 21: Video Questions (1 page)**
- 22: Pennsylvania Risk Severity Form (2 pages)**
- 23: Risk/Assessment Continuum (2 pages)**
- 24: Safety Assessment Worksheet and Instructions (7 pages)**
- 25: Engaging a Specific Father (1 page)**
- 26: Barriers to Father Involvement (1 page)**
- 27: Thompson/Jacobs Script – Part 1 (5 pages)**
- 28: Thompson/Jacobs Script – Part 2 (5 pages)**
- 29: Transfer of Learning (1 page)**

PRE-TRAINING ACTIVITY:

Distribute Pre-Training Activity (1 page) to registered participants with the confirmation letter.

CREDIT ASSIGNED:

CWTP Credit (12 hours)

CE for LSW (12 hours)