



Parents and families are facing new challenges, but one thing hasn't changed: the importance of dads being involved in their children's lives. The National Responsible Fatherhood Clearinghouse is proud to release a series of new PSAs that encourage fathers to show their “#Dadication” by making time for their kids, even when parenting isn't easy.



Counseling for dads in the New Pathways for

Good Dads program!

Dads that are enrolled in the New Pathways for Good Dads program and have completed at least 4 weeks of the Fatherhood Development Course are eligible to receive counseling on a sliding scale. Counseling will be done with Drew Dilisio, a PLPC, under the supervision of Dr. Jennifer Baker. Call the Good Dads office for more details.

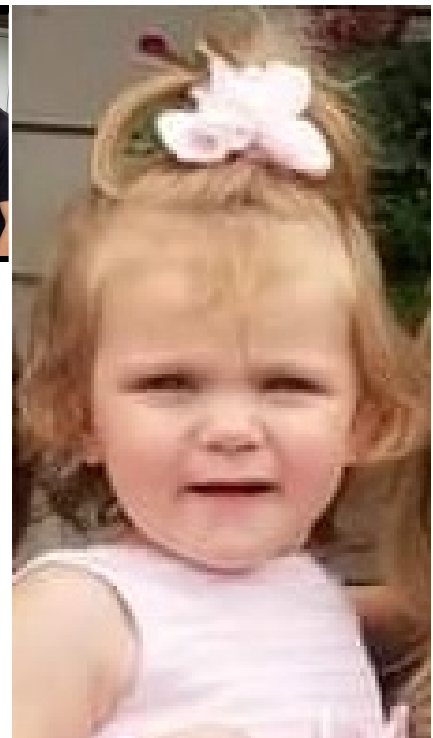
- NPGD SPOTLIGHT -

Inspiration From New Pathways Dads

Meet our Two Newest Graduates from the New Pathways for Good Dads Program!

Jason Aubrey and Cody Greenhaw have completed all the necessary requirements for the NPGD program. They have received their completion certificates and final gift cards.

Congratulations Gentlemen!



Jason Aubrey
and his children,
Grayson and
Neaveh.



Cody Greenhaw
and his son,
Urijah.



Here is a little piece of advice that will benefit all of us!

Wish for it Work for it

Ask Drew!

Hi Drew!

I completed the New Pathways for Good Dads program a while ago, and I have a question for you. Recently my wife and I had her 10-year-old son move in with us. He has a severe case of oppositional defiance disorder. He is disrespectful. He yells, screams, and often says rude and hurtful things to my five-year old daughter. She tries to love him and be sweet to him, but even through that, he is mean and hurtful. I have tried talking to him like a young man, leveling with him, treating him the way I would want to be treated. He does not really want to be here. He wants to be back with his dad, but due to trouble at his old school, that is not an option. I have done everything I can think of including seeking help from professionals, but I feel like I just do not know what to do anymore.

Thank you, A Concerned Step-Dad

Dear Concerned Step-Dad,

Thank you so much for your honesty. First off, you are doing such a great job seeking to make your life, your family's life, and your stepson's life better, so keep it up. This process is a long road, and there are no easy answers. This young man is testing you. He is desperately seeking stability. He is pushing and testing because he is waiting for you to fail so he can say, "See I told you, everyone lets me down." He may not even be doing this consciously, but his actions are telling the story for him. If you find that in dealing with him, you get angry, it is important that you remove yourself from the situation. Take some time to calm down, and then go back and deal with him in a calm, firm, consistent manner. Consistency is going to be the key. It is very important to validate and express feelings, but also make it clear that he can be angry and even express his anger, but in an appropriate meaningful ways. It is going to take weeks, months, even years, but if you are consistent and he is very aware of the boundaries and expectations, you will begin to see his attitude and behaviors change. I hope this is helpful.

Drew

**If you have something on your mind,
just ask Drew!**

Call or text Drew at **417-427-6364**. Your call or text message will remain confidential--your name will not

be used with your question. Questions and answers may be featured in an upcoming newsletter.



GOOD DAD JOKES

WHAT IS BLUE AND SMELLS LIKE RED PAINT?

BLUE PAINT

Check This Out!

Pay your child support with a new, quick, secure and contactless mobile payment and digital wallet service through:

The mobile and digital wallet options allow users to avoid touching buttons or exchanging cash by making payments in IOS and android apps on the internet. A convenience fee of 2.5% for each transaction will apply. Find out more at mo.smartchildsupport.com. Payments can also be made by mail,

online, over the phone, and by cash payments at local retailers using PayNearMe.

Got questions? Call 1(800) 859-7999 or visit <https://dss.mo.gov/>

- Helpful Resources -

- Here is a **NEW** resource for those who are struggling with shared visitation during COVID-19. Crisis Planning is necessary for the children's benefit, as well as for your own benefit.
 - Pandemic EBT Benefits
 - File for Unemployment Benefits
 - Special Unemployment Link for COVID-19 crisis
 - Legal Services of Southwest Missouri
 - Child Support questions? Contact Daylon Tillman-- Family Support Division 417-895-6077
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New Pathways for Good Dads

- Upcoming Classes -

New Pathways for Good Dads has a new partner! The Restoration of Hope Project (RHP) has joined our team.

Classes will be held in person at the RHP location beginning Tuesday, December 1. Dinner will begin at 6:00 and class will run from 6:30-8:00 pm.

Please contact the Good Dads office for more information or to get registered.

Do you need a daytime class? Good Dads would like to offer the Fatherhood Development Class during the morning hours via Zoom. The tentative start date is Thursday, January 7, from 10:00 am to Noon. If you are interested, please contact the Good Dads office.

417-501-8867

This Week's Featured
- Good Dads Podcast -

E374 What Do I Want to be When I Grow Up- Military Family

In Episode 374 Dr. Jennifer Baker and Drew Dilisio talk with Kevin and Keith Weaver about what it is like to grow up in a military family.

Click below to listen to an episode on [iTunes](#), or search on any other favorite podcast player - we're on [Google Play](#), [Stitcher](#), [Spotify](#), [TuneIn](#), and more.



**The staff of Good Dads would like to wish
each one of you a very Merry Christmas
and a Happy New Year!**

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