

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.



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

Check back next time for a new Spotlight Story!

Ask Drew!

Hey Drew,

I have a lot of tattoos. Some of them I like and some of them I am not proud of. My tattoos are a part of me and each one tells a story of good times and experiences that I learned from. I have a seventeen-year-old daughter who is obsessed with tattoos. I am not saying no to her getting a tattoo, but I want her to really think about it and the fact that they are permanent. When we argue, she says I have no right because I am covered, any thoughts?

Thank you, "Inked"

Thank you, "Inked" for your question. I have a daughter, and I have tattoos covering my arm and half of my shoulder. Your question is something I think about often. The point that I often go back to when I discuss this with my

wife, is each tattoo, to me, has a story, a meaning, and a lesson. When my daughter is older and is asking about my tattoos, I am going to share the stories, meanings, and lessons behind them, and hopefully she will see that the decisions were not made lightly. You said that your tattoos mean things to you, both good and bad. If you feel your daughter is ready, share some of those stories with her. Show her the mistakes and the accomplishments. She will see that it is not a decision to be made hastily.

I hope this helps, 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.



WHAT IS BLUE AND SMELLS LIKE RED PAINT?

BLUE PAINT

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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

New Pathways for Good Dads

- Upcoming Classes -

Are you and your significant other interested in a couples relationship class? If your answer is "YES", we have the class for you! Within Our Reach will begin on Thursday, October 29. The class will meet on Zoom from 6:00-8:00 p.m. 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. If you are interested, please contact the Good Dads office.

417-501-8867

This Week's Featured

- Good Dads Podcast -

E372 What Do I Want to be When I Grow Up- Public

<u>Service</u>

In Episode 372, we talk with Springfield Police Chief Paul Williams and Battlefield Fire Chief Scott Moore about choosing a career as a public servant.

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