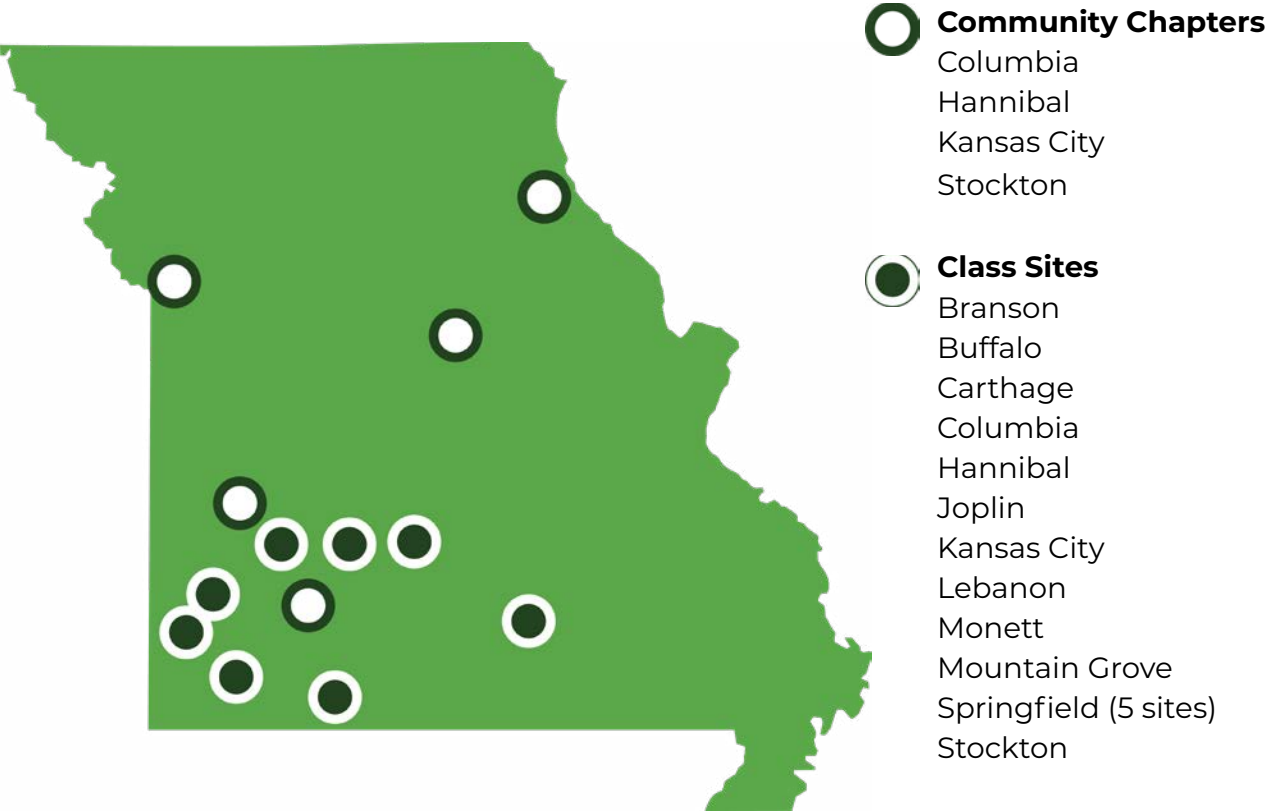




COMMUNITY CHAPTERS

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You do not have to be in Missouri to be a Community Chapter.

CURRICULA

- Fundamentals of Fatherhood
- Good Dads 2.0
- Helping Fathers in the Heartland
- Good Dads Strong Schools

NEW PATHWAYS GOOD DADS (NPGD)

What is New Pathways?

ABOUT US

- Good Dads Staff
- Mission and Vision

ABOUT GOOD DADS

Good Dads is dedicated to “helping kids and communities one dad at a time.” Its mission is to inspire, resource and encourage **all** fathers to be more involved in the lives of their children.

The nonprofit began when business leaders, led by Dr. Jennifer Baker, recognized the impact of father absence on child well-being and the community at large and came together for the purpose of supporting father engagement.

Good Dads believes that every child benefits from an engaged father and is committed to encouraging, enabling and empowering all kinds of men to become the best fathers they can be. They create better lives for dads, kids and entire communities in a number of ways:

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| 1 | STRONG SCHOOLS | 4 | HR BENEFITS |
| 2 | PROGRAMS FOR AT-RISK DADS | 5 | ONLINE RESOURCES |
| 3 | COMMUNITY CHAPTERS | 6 | COMMUNITY EVENTS |

The concept of Good Dads originated in 2014 with one woman and has since grown to serve more than 800 fathers. Good Dads became a 501(c)(3) nonprofit in 2015 with roots starting in downtown Springfield, MO. Dr. Jennifer Baker’s vision to focus on fatherhood engagement has significantly impacted the lives and communities across Southwest Missouri. Good Dads is now receiving attention from other communities in the state and beyond, all determined to make a difference for the dads in their area.

WHAT DOES IT MEAN TO BE A GOOD DADS COMMUNITY CHAPTER?

Good Dads offers classes in many places in Missouri. Many of these classes are associated with New Pathways for Good Dads, our program for at-risk fathers. In most cases, the New Pathways program functions within the constraints of a state contract with the Missouri Department of Health and Senior Services, Family Support Division.

Fundamentals of Fatherhood is often offered a workplace setting as a human resource benefit. It is also adaptable to use in the faith community. Our Good Dads Strong Schools program is available in several school districts. We are thrilled to be reaching fathers in a variety of settings, but perhaps the best approach to ensuring that fathers have all the resources they need at their disposal is by becoming a Good Dads Chapter.

The main distinction between a class site and a community chapter is the level of involvement. Class sites offer only one service or resource. Chapters work toward providing a number of resources and tools for the dads in their area. They do this with the support of the Good Dads staff in Springfield.

Community chapters are not limited to Missouri. Good Dads is prepared for its vision to spring throughout the Midwest and beyond. A Community Chapter can be successful just about anywhere there are fathers and families. The Good Dads approach and its programs has the potential to change countless lives and communities.

WHAT DOES A GOOD DADS COMMUNITY CHAPTER DO?

The main distinction between a Community Chapter and a Class Site is the level of involvement. Community Chapter members pay an annual fee, which enables them to pursue the Good Dads mission while granting them access to greater benefits and support, including training, consultation from the Good Dads staff and media resources. Community Chapters are equipped to collaborate with fathers from all backgrounds, not limited to those at-risk. Good Dads class sites host classes with New Pathways curricula, and generally only work within the constraints of a state contract with the Missouri Department of Health and Senior Services, Family Support Division.

Community Chapters offer Good Dads programs or classes. However, communities where programs or classes are offered may not be chapters.

Community Chapters are not limited to Missouri. Good Dads is eager for its vision to spread throughout the Midwest and beyond. A Community Chapter can be successful just about anywhere! As long as there are kids and dads in your area, a Good Dads program has the potential to change countless lives.

WHAT CAN CHAPTERS DO?

BENEFITS

- Good Dads Community Chapters enjoy a range of benefits, including:
- Access to trademarked logos
 - Exclusive materials and programs
 - Regular consultation calls
 - Engagement with Good Dads’ media initiatives and events
 - Publish content on their Community Chapter homepage
 - Access to technical assistance if needed

HOW TO GET STARTED IN BECOMING A COMMUNITY CHAPTER

Helping Fathers in the Heartland, a five-part video and discussion-based curriculum, was developed to help answer the questions folks have when they want to get started working with fathers.



Helping Fathers in the Heartland includes interviews with community leaders in Springfield, MO, as they reflect on the importance of father engagement to child wellbeing and positive community outcomes. These include comments from leaders in business, education, the faith community and law enforcement. Stakeholders in community organizations, board members and volunteers share their perspectives. Their candid comments make it easy for similarly minded people in other communities to identify and connect around a common goal.

See purchasing options for [Helping Fathers in the Heartland](#) at our website.

COMMUNITY SIZE CHAPTER REQUIREMENTS

	ONE ELEMENTARY, MIDDLE & HIGH SCHOOL	MULTIPLE ELEMENTARY ONE HIGH SCHOOL	MORE THAN ONE HIGH SCHOOL	METROPOLITAN AREA
ENROLLMENT COST	\$1000 to Good Dads + \$1000 in community account	\$2500 to Good Dads + \$2500 in community account	\$4000 to Good Dads + \$4000 in community account	\$5000 to Good Dads + \$5000 in community account
ANNUAL FEE	Scaled to community \$1000—\$3000	Scaled to community \$1000—\$3000	Scaled to community \$1000—\$3000	Scaled to community \$1000—\$3000
FINANCIAL	Money is held by Good Dads in separate community accounts unless or until 501(c)3 status achieved and organization has the capacity to manage its own accounts. This may be decided on a case by case basis.			
REQUIREMENTS OF PARTICIPATING COMMUNITY	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Offer at least one (preferably two) Good Dads programs in the community.• 2-3 chapter liaisons: People who receive required chapter training from Good Dads either in person in Springfield, at a scheduled Good Dads event or via Zoom.• Advisory Council with broad representation from the community (business leaders, school personnel, government, faith community, justice system)• Signed Contract that includes compliance with Style Guide• Development plan and donor meeting• Physical address / U.S. Postal Service mailing address			
RESPONSIBILITY OF GOOD DADS	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Brand recognition and respect• Marketing tools• Fundraising and donor development• Operations and administrative structure• Central office expertise and training• Curricula and training for Good Dads programs			
DELIVERY / TRAINING METHOD	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Chapter liaison training occurs in person in Springfield or at a Community Engagement Retreat hosted by Good Dads. (A limited number of exceptions may be made to this requirement on a case-by-case basis.)• Training in Good Dads 2.0 occurs at an in-person training, either in Springfield or at a designated chapter location.• Training in Fundamentals of Fatherhood and Strong Schools is not required, but encouraged.			
COMMUNICATION	Year One: Monthly community Zoom meetings to communicate, share and grow ideas. Year Two: Quarterly community Zoom meetings to communicate, share and grow ideas.			

COMING SOON

COLUMBIA

City Population: Approx. 130,000



Good Dads eagerly anticipates the addition of Columbia as its newest Community Chapter. The nonprofit *Love Columbia* is in the process of finalizing the agreement and significant strides have been made to officially welcome *Love Columbia* as a Community Chapter.



GOOD DADS 2.0 TRAINING
AT LOVE COLUMBIA



COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT MEETING
AT LOVE COLUMBIA

In early November 2023, Columbia successfully hosted its first training event, where 14 facilitators received training to lead the Good Dads 2.0 course. The enthusiasm is evident as several nonprofit organizations and faith leaders have committed to hosting Good Dads classes in the Columbia area, with classes scheduled to begin January 2024.

The excitement is amplified by the fact that Good Dads is exceptionally well-prepared to serve this community. In 2023, Good Dads secured a special budget appropriation from the Missouri General Assembly specifically to support fathers in the Columbia area.

BY THE NUMBERS

BOONE COUNTY
Approx. Population: 185,840

CLASSES
New Pathways for Good Dads
Good Dads 2.0

GOALS
Train more facilitators
Establish relationships with court leaders

IN THEIR WORDS

HANNIBAL

City Population: Approx. 20,000



“Becoming a Chapter with Good Dads aligns perfectly with my mission of making a positive impact in the lives of others within the Hannibal community. I see Good Dads engaging with other community programs within the Northeast Missouri area to help build and nurture strong, lasting relationships within the family dynamic.”

TIM LOVITT
Facilitator, Good Dads Hannibal

BY THE NUMBERS

MARION/RALLS COUNTY
Approx. Population:
28,500 (Marion)
10,360 (Ralls)

CLASSES
New Pathways for Good Dads
Good Dads 2.0

GOALS
Train more facilitators
Secure funding
Host more classes

MAKING A DIFFERENCE

Good Dads Hannibal, headquartered at *Arch United Methodist Church*, has four team members, all of whom are trained in *Good Dads 2.0* and/or *Within My Reach*. Good Dads Hannibal’s biggest priorities are to grow its team, train more facilitators and start more classes. (The team is currently limited to hosting only one class at a time.)

Hannibal began hosting its first class in March 2023 at a state-run probation and parole house called *Hannibal Community Supervision Center*.

Hannibal anticipates hosting future classes at the Center, too. Since becoming a Community Chapter in fall 2022, the staff at Good Dads Hannibal have been searching for participants via referrals at courts and housing/treatment programs. The team anticipates establishing and maintaining relationships within the *Family Support Division and Children’s Divisions*. They also hope to secure funding sources via donations from local service organizations, individual donors and grant-writing.

IN THEIR WORDS

KANSAS CITY

Approx. Community Size: 2.3 million (Metro)



“Because men want to grow and develop, they find they can’t stay away. They love the content so much, and I get a near-constant stream of positive feedback. People will go from being like a deer in the headlights to really gaining a deeper understanding of their kids’ needs ... One by one, children’s lives are being changed.”

LEE BRAMLETT

Director, Good Dads Kansas City

BY THE NUMBERS



JACKSON COUNTY
Approx. Population: 716,860



CLASSES
New Pathways for Good Dads
Good Dads 2.0
Within My Reach



GOALS
Complete 6 classes in 2024
Run 35 programs in 5 years
Get 501(c)(3) status

MAKING A DIFFERENCE

Good Dads Kansas City has been a Community Chapter since October 2021 and began hosting classes in February 2022. The organization, which operates out of an office space at the *New Life City Church* in downtown Kansas City, is currently working to establish a board of directors and grow its team.

In 2023, four classes were in session: an evening class at *Healing House*, a morning class at *Swope Health*, a morning class at *City Union Mission* and a daytime class with *Brothers in Blue Reentry* at Lansing

Correctional Facility in Lansing, Kansas. Good Dads KC has also developed mutually beneficial partnerships with area job centers and nonprofit, *The Single Mom KC*.

Good Dads KC anticipates securing funding for its operations through several streams, including foundation funding, churches and businesses, individual donors, corporate consulting and in-kind donations and volunteerism. Kansas City’s next goal is to establish relationships with area businesses by hosting *Fundamentals of Fatherhood* classes for employees.

STOCKTON

City Population: Approx. 1,800



“The Family Restoration Center is a project we continue to build, and Good Dads remains a cornerstone of our work there. Establishing relationships with judicial system leaders and clerks will be paramount for us. With this step we’ll be able to reach even more people as Good Dads is already popular here.”

CHERYL THORNTON

Director, Good Dads Stockton

BY THE NUMBERS



CEDAR COUNTY
Approx. Population: 14,500



CLASSES
New Pathways for Good Dads
Good Dads 2.0



GOALS
Train more facilitators
Establish relationships with court leaders

MAKING A DIFFERENCE

Good Dads Stockton has been a Community Chapter since June 2021. Community leaders run the 501(c)(3) nonprofit Family Restoration Center, which arose from a group who came together for prayer. The FRC has goals to impact all of Cedar County with a number of operations including Good Dads classes, skill-building workshops for folks with mood disorders and programs for homelessness and addiction outreach. The FRC is also pursuing opportunities with *Jobs For Life* with leader Kim Harris,

Begin Again Ministries with women’s substance abuse programs and *Convoy of Hope* to establish aid for those facing food insecurity in Stockton and nearby El Dorado Springs.

The FRC and Good Dads Stockton identifies itself as a valuable resource — one that addresses previously unmet needs. Leaders are excited to focus on growing FRC’s reach, marketing its programs and collaborating with area leaders in the court system.



The Good Dads Slogan

HELPING KIDS AND COMMUNITIES ONE DAD AT A TIME.

MISSION

Our mission is to inspire, resource and encourage **all** fathers to be more involved in the lives of their children.

VISION

We aim to build better communities by promoting engaged fatherhood. Great places to live have **robust economies, safe neighborhoods** and **strong schools**.

However, a community without engaged fathers can't hope to have any of these! When we foster responsible fatherhood, kids do better in school; relationships have less friction; crime rates decrease; economies flourish; people of all socio-economic levels are healthier and happier. It's clear that dads are a critical piece of the puzzle.

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