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<p>If you want to <i>Maximize Use of all sessions and assessment tools in a small group setting</i></p>	<p>Spend 2 hours facilitating each session once per week. Follow each step in the Activities Guide as detailed. Have fathers fill out the Fathering Survey™ and the Fathering Skills Survey™ at the beginning of the 1st session and the end of the 12th session.</p>	<p>This option best fits with how NFI designed the 24/7 Dad™ curricula. You can use the instructions and worksheets for the assessment tools found at www.fatherhood.org/247dad to evaluate knowledge, attitudinal and behavior changes. The option creates the optimal environment for transformation among the individual fathers and the entire group.</p>	<p>Getting men to the 1st session; getting men to commit to all 12 sessions; deciding how to handle dads who want to enroll after the 1st or 2nd session; finding a dedicated and skilled facilitator.</p>	<p>For getting men to the first session, see recruitment strategies (Chapter 5 of the Facilitator’s Manual - Program Guide section). For getting men to commit, see retention strategies (p. 22). For dads who want to enroll after the first or second session, you might want to first consult with the group to see if they have any concerns. Then, consider delivering the missed sessions to the father using 24/7 Dad™ in a one-on-one setting until he is up to the current group session.</p> <p>If you don’t have a dedicated and skilled facilitator on staff who can deliver the program, consider approaching your board members with the task of finding someone. Getting involved on other organizational boards can also be a great way to find a skilled facilitator looking to help dads. You should offer a stipend to the facilitator for his or her time and make sure the facility and food/beverages are coordinated.</p>

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<p>If you want to <i>Maximize Use of all sessions and assessment tools in a small group setting and want to complete the program in half the time</i></p>	<p>Facilitate 2 sessions per week, spending 2 hours facilitating each session. Follow each step in the Activities Guide as detailed. Have fathers fill out the Fathering Survey™ at the beginning of the 1st session and the end of the 12th session.</p>	<p>This is an attractive option for fathers who are mandated by court to attend the program. Men can accomplish their goals in a shorter time frame. This option can help with retention because fathers see the duration as 6 weeks instead of 12 weeks.</p>	<p>Deciding how to handle dads who want to enroll after the 1st or 2nd session; finding a dedicated and skilled facilitator; less time for the facilitator to prepare for the next session.</p>	<p>For dads who want to enroll after the first or second session, you might want to first consult with the group to see if they have any concerns. Then, consider delivering the missed sessions to the father using 24/7 Dad™ in a one-on-one setting until he is up to the current group session.</p> <p>If you don't have a dedicated and skilled facilitator on staff who can deliver the program, consider approaching your board members with the task of finding someone. Getting involved on other organizational boards can also be a great way to find a skilled facilitator looking to help dads. You should offer a stipend to the facilitator for his or her time and make sure the facility and food/beverages are coordinated.</p> <p>A suggestion to increase preparation time between sessions is to schedule them on either Mondays and Wednesdays or Tuesdays and Thursdays. This strategy will provide equal time to prepare between the two weekly sessions (Remember, that first and foremost, you must be sensitive to the fathers' schedules).</p>

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<p>If you want to <i>Maximize Use</i> of all sessions and assessment tools in a small group setting and want to complete the program over 2 weekend retreats</p>	<p>Choose a weekend during a particular month (i.e., Friday night through Sunday afternoon) and cover sessions 1-6. Choose a weekend the following month and cover sessions 7-12.</p>	<p>This option works great for programs that already offer weekend retreats for men. 24/7 Dad™ provides a way to effectively evaluate the progress of the men in a setting that has limited distractions and interruptions.</p>	<p>Getting fathers to commit to two weekends in two months; breaking up the sessions so that dads still have time to do other activities.</p>	<p>Survey fathers connected to your organization to find out what would be the specific barriers to attending both weekends and what would motivate them to come. You can then make sure you’re offering the elements (e.g., activities, location, guest speakers) that would be attractive to your target audience.</p> <p>To break up the sessions most effectively, consider doing one session Friday night, cover three sessions Saturday morning, give them Saturday afternoon and evening to themselves then finish the last 2 sessions Sunday morning.</p>
<p>If you want to use 24/7 Dad™ in a one-on-one setting</p>	<p>Divide each session into 2 equal segments at the break. Decide how often you are able to meet. Spend 30-45 minutes facilitating each session. Follow each step in the Activities Guide making minor modifications to the group activities as needed. Have fathers fill out the Fathering Survey™ at the beginning of the 1st session and the end of the 12th session</p>	<p>If you are already providing counseling, mentoring or other one-on-one services, this option will interface with what you are already doing. You can use all of the 24/7 Dad™ assessment tools to evaluate outcomes.</p>	<p>Compensating for the lack of group interaction; ensuring the father is responding beyond a superficial level.</p>	<p>Consider facilitating a group version that dads can move into after they get comfortable with the topics in 24/7 Dad™. You could, for example, use the 24/7 Dad™ A.M. program in a one-on-one setting and the P.M. program in a group setting. If you are providing one-on-one interaction to several dads, create a fun activity for them to do as a small group. Eventually, they might be open to creating one small group, rather than multiple one-on-one situations.</p>

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<p>If you want to use the 24/7 Dad sessions for periodic, topical workshops for the community</p>	<p>Choose the appropriate topic (i.e., if you are asked to present a workshop as part of a domestic violence event, you might choose Session 3 from the AM program “Showing and Handling Feelings”). Decide if you can cover all the activities within your scheduled time. If you don’t have enough time, pull out the activity you think will have the greatest impact and cover the other points through facilitation or lecture.</p>	<p>You can leverage these community events to get the word out about the 24/7 Dad™ program. If you are running an on-going 24/7 Dad™ group, this might be a way to recruit other dads from the community.</p>	<p>You will not be able to use or make full use of the Fathering Handbooks or assessment tools. Fathers will not experience the transformation that occurs by going through the entire 24/7 Dad™ program.</p>	<p>Consider offering periodic workshops in the same order that they fall within the 24/7 Dad™ program. Start with Session 1 and move through the other sessions numerically. This strategy might allow you, at some point, to change from periodic workshops to an ongoing, weekly support group.</p>
<p>If you want to run 1 hour groups instead of 2 hour groups</p>	<p>Divide each session into 2 equal segments at the break. Spend 1 hour facilitating each session once per week. Follow each step in the Activities Guide as detailed. Have fathers fill out the Fathering Survey™ and the Fathering Skills Survey™ at the beginning of the 1st session and the end of the 24th session.</p>	<p>This requires less time commitment per week and is easier for dads to work into their schedule.</p>	<p>Program length will take 24 weeks instead of 12 weeks.</p>	<p>Consider doing 1 hour sessions twice a week to shorten the length of the program to 12 weeks. Remember to ask the dads in your program and community what will work best for them.</p>