10 Tips for New Facilitators of National Fatherhood Initiative® Programs

Thank you for your interest in facilitating a National Fatherhood Initiative® (NFI) program! We designed this tip sheet to help you learn about the program’s content and other guidance that is available to you from NFI.

1. **The most important thing is to verify that you have a complete program kit.**
   - ✔ Review the list of the components for your program kit on the back of this sheet.
   - ✔ If you don’t have a component(s), please contact NFI to acquire it (them) at 240-912-1263 or fathersource@fatherhood.org.

2. **Determine whether you desire, or your organization or funder requires, formal training to deliver the program. While NFI does not require facilitator training, we encourage it. We offer training options online and in person.**
   - ✔ View NFI’s program-specific webinar and in-person training schedule, or inquire directly for custom training at your location. Visit www.fatherhood.org/training.
   - ✔ **Consider acquiring your Effective Facilitation Certificate™**: This training helps you learn effective tips and techniques to work with adult learners. It’s ideal for anyone running any NFI program! Visit www.fatherhood.org/efc.
   - ✔ **Consider acquiring your Father Engagement Certificate™**: This training helps you learn five core competencies you must develop to effectively engage dads in your program and other services for dads. It’s ideal for anyone serving dads. Visit www.fatherhood.org/fec.

3. **Review the supplemental contents on the Flash Drive or CD/DVD in your complete program kit.**
   Review and use the marketing pieces to promote your program, the pre- and post-survey, and optional videos (if applicable). (Note: The videos don’t replace a facilitator’s delivery of the program, but rather, they enhance engagement by varying the delivery method for some of the program’s content.)

4. **Educate yourself on the program.** Read the entire Program Guide in the Facilitator’s Manual. It contains important information to help you understand the program’s background, philosophy, and structure.

5. **Plan ahead for how you will recruit participants into and retain them in your program.** Visit our Recruitment and Retention webpage for loads of ideas: www.fatherhood.org/recruit.

6. **Discuss with your boss/director/purchasing department about ongoing purchases of program handbooks.** Each participant should have their own handbook to use throughout the program. Use of the handbook is critical to program fidelity and the ability of participants to learn. You can purchase additional handbooks at www.fathersource.org. (Note: You may not reproduce or copy any NFI curriculum component.)

7. **Join NFI’s Online Father Engagement Learning Community™.** Read the discussion threads on popular NFI programs or pose questions to community members: community.fatherhood.org.

8. **Visit www.fatherhood.org/free-resources-main for more than 150 free resources to help you succeed in serving dads or moms.**

9. **Check out www.fathersource.org for other resources you can purchase for program participants that complement your program, such as brochures, tips cards, and posters.**

10. **Prepare for your first session!** Print out handouts and download any other contents you will need from the CD-ROM or Flash Drive, especially if you will deliver the program in a jail or prison that might not let you bring such devices into the facility. Also, review the “Materials” listed at the beginning of each activity in your Facilitator’s Manual to ensure you have everything you need to succeed.

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**NFI Staff are always happy to help! We’re just a phone call or email away.**
The Complete Program Kit includes:
• 1 - Understanding Dad™ Facilitator’s Manual
• 10 - Understanding Dad™ Mother’s Handbooks
• 1 - CD-ROM with evaluation tools, worksheets in English and Spanish, and marketing resources
• 1 - DVD with over 60 videos
• 1 - Flash drive with content from CD/DVD

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• 1 - 7 Habits Facilitator’s Guide
• 10 - Fathering Guidebooks
• 10 - 3x5” Wallet Cards
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• 1 - PowerPoint presentation DVD

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