

Healthy Fathering Collaborative

OF GREATER CLEVELAND



Childbirth Education for New Dads

- Are you a father-to-be? Do you want to learn how to take care of your baby? Birthing Hospitals throughout the area offer **Boot Camp for New Dads**. Call your hospital today!
 - Community Health Partners - Lorain 440.233.1047
 - Cornerstone Among Women – Elyria 440.284.1010
 - Elyria Memorial Hospital - 440.329.7466
 - Fairview Hospital - 440.356.0347
 - Garfield Heights area - 216.650.0553
 - Hillcrest Hospital - 440.312.4647
 - MetroHealth Medical Center and Broadway Health Center - 216.778.3381
 - Parma Community Hospital - 440.743.4900
 - St John Medical Center - 877.597.6348
 - Southwest General Hospital - 440.816.8036
 - Stephanie Tubbs Jones Health Ctr – East Cleveland - 216.767.4447
 - University Hospitals Health System (2 locations) 216.844.4000

Education and Support

- ¿Eres un padre Latino necesitado de apoyo? Are you a Latino father looking for support? Call Max at **Nueva Luz, 216.651.8236**
- Do you need help with your relationship with your new baby's mother? Would you like to talk to someone about being an effective dad? Call Muqit at the **Center for Fatherhood and Family Dynamics, 216.769.5135**
- Would you like to be empowered to raise your children to become strong parents? Call Lorenzo at **283-4400, ext 2297** about the **Strong Fathers** program.

- Do you need help with parenting, budgeting, child support or relationship skills? **Call the Reconnection Programs at North Star, 216.881.5440**
- Do you need information regarding your financial or legal issues? Do you have relationship questions? Call the **Fathers and Families Together** program, **216.325.9124**
- Have you been involved in a Domestic Violence situation? Need support and counseling? Call the **Domestic Violence and Child Advocacy Center, 216.229.2420 x 258**

Employment and Money

- Do you need help with your job search? Call Brian Moore at **Passages, 216.881.6776**
- Do you need more job skills? Call Maurice Stevens at the **Rising Above Initiative, 216.881.5866**
- Are you searching for a job? Call **Towards Employment, 216.696.5750** and ask about job readiness for fathers.
- Are you looking for On the Job Training in the construction trades? Call Maurice at **Expert Reclaim, 216.881.5866**
- Do you need help managing your credit or other money concerns? Call Gwen at **US Wealth School, 216.577.5621** or **Recover Your Harvest** at 216.502.3394.
- Do you need help opening the door to home ownership or learning how to manage your money? Call Danielle at **Cleveland Neighborhood Progress, 216.370.5630**.

- Do you need professional-looking interview clothes and motivation for your job hunt? Call Passages and ask about **Suited for Men, 216.881.6776**.

Father and Child Activities

- Would you like to do some fun recreational activities with your kids? Call Fred Knuckles at **University Settlement, 216.441.2907 ext 228**
- Are you looking for a fun place to play and learn with your child? Call **Family Connections, 216.321.0079**
- Are you looking for a fun place to take your child? Try the **Children's Museum of Cleveland, 216.791.7114** and FREE First Monday evenings.

Legal Issues, Child Support, Custody/Parenting Time

- Do you need help establishing parenting time or custody? Call the Cuyahoga County **Office of Mediation, 216.698.4996** or call the **Pro Se Center** at **216.443.3149** to handle it yourself.
- Are legal troubles or your criminal history getting in the middle of you and your family? Call Darella Motley at **KeySource, 216.369.9120**
- Do you need to set up supervised visitation or parenting time for you and your child? Call Deborah Benn at **Safe and Sound, 216.229.2420 x 257**
- Do you want to establish **Paternity** and legally become the father of your child? Call **CSEA, 216.443.5100**

- ❑ Do you need information on your child support case? Go online at childsupport.cuyahoga.us to chat with a caseworker, access online forms and view informational videos.

Are you looking for more information?

- ❑ **Look for us on the internet!** Go to www.neofathering.net for more detailed information! Also, look for us on facebook, www.facebook.com/neofathering and follow us on twitter: [@neofathering](https://twitter.com/neofathering)
- ❑ Or....if you can't find a service you are looking for, call **211/First Call for Help** at 211 or 216.436.2000
- ❑ Do you need information about fatherhood programs throughout the State of Ohio? Go to www.ohiofathers.org and search for programs.
- ❑ Cuyahoga County Fatherhood Initiative at www.fatherhoodinitiative.cuyahogacounty.us
- ❑ Ohio Commission on Fatherhood at www.fatherhood.ohio.gov

FATHERHOOD FACTS:

Importance of Father Love for Child Well-Being:

1. Numerous studies have shown that father love is as important as mother love in predicting the social, emotional, and educational well-being of children.
2. Children with involved, loving fathers are significantly more likely to do well in school, have healthy self-esteem, exhibit empathy & pro-social behavior, and avoid drug use, truancy, and criminal activity.

THE REAL STORY ABOUT UNMARRIED FATHERS:

Myth: Unwed births are the result of casual "one night stand" sex.

The Real Story: Most unmarried mothers and fathers are romantically involved, living together or friends when their child is born AND they intend to parent together!

Myth: Unmarried fathers don't care about their children.

The Real Story: 8 of 10 unmarried fathers provide money during the pregnancy and 75% visit the mother and baby in the hospital.

Myth: Mothers don't want fathers involved with their children because the men are dangerous, violent and abusing drugs and alcohol.

The Real Story: 9 of 10 unmarried mothers want the father to be involved in raising their child.

Myth: All fathers who do not pay child support are deadbeat dads.

The Real Story: Many fathers are "deadbroke" – they are poor themselves, often cannot afford to pay child support and need educational and employment support just like mothers

What is a Healthy Father? Go to neofathering.net/healthy_father.asp to find out!

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