

## What Kind of Help Do You Need?

### 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  
Fairview Hospital  
440.356.0347  
Hillcrest Hospital  
440.312.4647 or 216.445.2229  
Huron Hospital  
440.312.4647 or 216.445.2229  
Marymount Hospital  
216.584.4379  
The MetroHealth System  
216.778.3381  
Southwest General Hospital  
440.816.8036  
University Hospitals Health System  
216.844.4000

### Education and Support

- ❑ ¿Eres un padre Latino necesitado de apoyo? Are you a Latino father looking for support? Call Pastor Max at **Nueva Luz, 216.651.8236**
- ❑ Do you want to be a better father? Call Mary or Terri at **Fathers & Families Together, 216.432.7200 ext 258**
- ❑ Are you an expectant father? Are you concerned about a child under three? Call **Help Me Grow** and ask about home visiting services, **216.736.4300**
- ❑ Do you need help with your relationship with your new baby's mother?

Call **216.436.2000** and ask about the **Strong Start** program.

- ❑ Do you need help with your anger? Do you want to be a better parent? Call Darnell Carter at **Beech Brook, 216.391.4069 ext 200**
- ❑ Are you coming home from prison and struggling with re-entering your family and community? Call Marc Crosby at **Just Like Us Enrichment Center** for support at **216.283.5006**
- ❑ Have you been involved in a Domestic Violence situation? Need support and counseling? Call Tim Boehnlein at the **Domestic Violence Center, 216.651.8484**
- ❑ Are you coping with HIV? Need support connecting with your children? Call the **AIDS Taskforce, 216.621.0766**

### Employment and Clothing

- ❑ Do you need help with your job search? Call Reverend Moore at **Passages, 216.881.6776**
- ❑ Do you need more job skills? Call Maurice Stevens at **Urban League's Rising Tide Initiative, 216.622.0999 ext 249**
- ❑ Do you need help finding a job? Need housing? Call the **May Dugan Center, 216.631.5800**
- ❑ Do you need professional-looking interview clothes and motivation for your job hunt? Call Chuck Restivo at **Suited For Men, 440.673.1933** or go to the resale store at **3631 Perkins Ave, 4<sup>th</sup> floor (inside Passages)**
- ❑ Are you expecting a baby soon? Do you have a new child? Do you need a better job? Call **216.436.2000** and ask about the **Strong Start** program.

### 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**
- ❑ Would you like to take a cooking class with you child? Call Kaye with the **FAFT program, 216.432.7200, ext 206**
- ❑ Are you looking for activities for you and your kids? Call **NCA at 216.774.2299**

### Legal Issues, Child Support, Custody/Visitation

- ❑ Do you want to establish **Paternity** and legally become the father of your child? Call **CSEA, 216.443.5100**
- ❑ Do you have questions about child custody? Or how to parent in separate households? Call Mary Malloy at **216.261.2300** for more information.
- ❑ Do you need help establishing visitation or custody? Call intake at the **Office of Mediation, 216.698.4996**
- ❑ Do you need to set up supervised visitation or parenting time for you and your child? Call Deborah Benn at **Safe and Sound, 216.651.8484 ext 355**
- ❑ Does your criminal history or child support arrearages make it hard for you to be the best Dad you can be? Are legal troubles getting in the middle of you and your family? Call Darella Motley at **KeySource, 216.469.5160**
- ❑ Do you need help with your child support case? Call Barb or Kim at **Child Support Resolutions, 216.373.7401**
- ❑ Are you homeless or struggling with a legal issue? Call Joan Burda at **NEOCH, 216.635.0768**

## Are you looking for more information?

- ❑ **The Healthy Fathering Collaborative is on the world wide web!** Go to [www.neofathering.net](http://www.neofathering.net) or email us at [info@neofathering.net](mailto:info@neofathering.net) for more detailed information about all these programs and more!
- ❑ Or...if you can't find a service you are looking for, call **211/First Call for Help** at **211** or **216.436.2000**
- ❑ Are you looking for information about Fatherhood programs throughout the State of Ohio? Go to [www.opnff.net](http://www.opnff.net) or via email: [info@opnff.net](mailto:info@opnff.net)

### FATHERHOOD FACTS:

#### Importance of Father Love for Child Well-Being:

In an analysis of nearly 100 studies on parent-child relationships, father love was as important as mother love in predicting the social, emotional, and cognitive development and functioning of children and young adults.

Children with involved, loving fathers are significantly more likely to do well in school, have healthy self-esteem, exhibit empathy and pro-social behavior, and avoid high-risk behaviors such as drug use, truancy, and criminal activity compared to children who have uninvolved fathers.

#### CONFRONTING MYTHS ABOUT UNMARRIED FATHERS:

##### **Myth #1: Unwed births are the result of casual "one night stand" sex.**

In reality, 82 percent of unmarried mothers and fathers are romantically involved and 44 percent are living together at the time their child is born. Among those couple who are not romantically involved at the time of birth, about half of the mothers and fathers are friends. (Fragile Families Study)

##### **Myth #2: Unmarried fathers don't care about their children.**

Many have argued that men who father children are not attached to the baby and are only in search of status. In fact, 81% of mothers say that the father provides financial help during the pregnancy and all fathers report that they want to be involved in raising their children. Furthermore, three-fourths of fathers visit the mother and baby in the hospital. (Fragile Families Study)

##### **Myth #3: Mothers don't want fathers involved with their children because the men are dangerous, violent and abusing drugs and alcohol.**

Only a small fraction of fathers are troubled with one of these issues (less than 10%). In reality, 93% of all unwed mothers say they want the father to be involved in raising their child. Two-thirds of mothers who are not romantically involved with the father still indicate that they want the father involved in raising their child. (Fragile Families Study)

##### **Myth #4: All fathers who do not pay child support are deadbeat dads.**

In 1997, nearly 11 million U.S. fathers did not live with their children and two-thirds of these fathers (7 million) did not pay formal child support. 4.5 million of these nonresident fathers have no apparent financial reason to not pay child support and can be called, "deadbeat dads". But 2.5 million nonresident fathers who do not pay child support are poor themselves and cannot afford to pay. Twenty-nine percent of these poor fathers are in prison. These poor fathers resemble poor mothers in educational levels and barriers to employment. (Urban Institute)

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