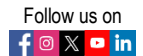


# Fathers & Families Support Center

HELP FOR FATHERS | HOPE FOR FAMILIES



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**Mission:** to foster healthy relationships by strengthening families and communities.

**Vision:** Every father is a responsible father committed to a cohesive family relationship.

**Goal:** to break the cycle of poverty, child neglect and abuse, and welfare dependence by educating and preparing fathers to become responsible parents with the financial stability to support their children materially and the parenting skills to support them emotionally and developmentally.

**Our History:** Fathers & Families Support Center (formerly Fathers' Support Center) began in 1997 with one employee, founder Halbert Sullivan, holding the first class in 1998. Starting as a small service agency dedicated to helping transform fathers disengaged from their children into nurturing parents, ready to support their children, FFSC has grown into a comprehensive service agency with 45 full-time employees, **having reached nearly 23,000 fathers and over 57,000 children.**

**Return on Investment:** A current, conservative estimate shows that in 2025, Fathers & Families Support Center (FFSC) **returned \$17,898,337** to the St. Louis community on an investment of \$3.6M (our 2025 program expenses).

## Our Services:

- **Family Formation Program**, the core program of FFSC, is a year-long support program beginning with a rigorous, six-week, “full immersion” instructional portion. Participants develop parenting skills for nurturing their children’s development. Graduates receive supportive services for at least one year. Both fathers and mothers are invited to attend.
  - **Legal Services** offers high-quality legal counsel in family law. Participants in the Family Formation Program receive legal services in the areas of child support payment modifications, legal visitation, child custody, and more.
- **Employment/Mentoring** is available to participants in the Family Formation Program. The focus is on developing job readiness/retention skills culminating in job placement.
- **Reentry Services** FFSC provides training and employment services for reentering citizens from the Transition Center of St. Louis (TCSTL). **7% Recidivism rate** for participants of FFSC’s Re-Entry Project.
- **Youth Leadership & Development Program (YLDP)** encourages high-risk youth to become responsible citizens by avoiding high-risk behaviors such as gang involvement, drug/alcohol abuse, and unhealthy relationships. Staff assist youth with setting and pursuing educational and careers goals. **In 2025, 74% of youth enrolled in FFSC’s YLDP decreased risky behaviors.**
- **Fathers’ Rap** meets after usual work hours and provides supportive services for Family Formation alumni.

**Community Impact:** Every father who gains employment and supports his family represents a significant change which has profound implications for the children, the family, and the community. For example, in 2025:

- **81% of participants** reported increased parenting skills.
- **78% of participants** reported increased co-parenting relationship skills.
- **71% of FFSC participants** report increased interaction with their children.
- **7% Recidivism rate** for participants of FFSC’s Re-Entry Project. 2025 Missouri average recidivism rate is 35%.
- **Average wage** that FFSC participants earned in 2025 was \$18.65/hour compared to the state’s minimum wage of \$13.75.
- **267 participants agency-wide obtained or maintained employment**, resulting in **\$10.3M+ reinvested** back into the local economy.
- FFSC helped the State of MO collect **\$5,926,609 in child support** paid by Family Formation participants (2019– 2024).

**Recognition:** Mathematica Policy Research conducted a study of fatherhood programs for the US Department of Health and Human Services, the results of which show FFSC as a model program of its type. Additionally, FFSC is a United Way Member Agency and has full recognition from the National Council on Accreditation (COA), which shows adherence to the highest standards in client services, outcomes, record keeping and accountability. **FFSC is one of only 44 out of 54,000 not-for-profits in Missouri to achieve that distinction.**

# 2025 COMMUNITY IMPACT

**\$17,898,337**

FFSC'S return on investment to the St. Louis community on an investment of \$3.6M (our 2025 program expenses).

**7%**

Average rate of recidivism for graduates of FFSC's Re-Entry Project. Missouri average is 35%!

**\$5,926,609**

Amount of child support FFSC helped the State of MO collect from its program participants (2019—2024).

**\$10.3M**

Reinvested back into the St. Louis Economy from **267** FFSC participants obtaining or maintaining employment in 2025.

**\$18.65**

Average hourly wage of FFSC participants, compared to the State of MO minimum wage of \$13.75 (Illinois \$15.00.)



**Class 166**  
41 parents, impacting 103 children  
10 YLDP graduates

**Class 167**  
28 parents, impacting 70 children  
14 YLDP graduates

**Class 168**  
28 parents, impacting 70 children  
10 YLDP graduates



**Class 169**  
41 parents, impacting 103 children  
10 YLDP graduates

**Class 170**  
30 parents, impacting 75 children  
6 YLDP graduates

**Class 171**  
25 parents, impacting 63 children  
13 YLDP graduates

<b>977</b>	Unduplicated individuals received services.
<b>299</b>	Parents engaged in FFSC's <b>6-week Family Formation</b> program.
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**OUR PARTNERS**