



IMPORTANT INFORMATION AND FACTS ABOUT THE FATHERHOOD INITIATIVE

Our programs are designed to provide supportive services to DC residents. All programs incorporate a multi-generational philosophy that addresses the needs of the whole family. The 2Gen principles include: Economic Assets, Health and Mental Health and Well-being, Social Capital, Early Childhood Education, K-12 Education and Support and, Post-secondary Education and Employment.

WHAT IS THE FATHERHOOD INITIATIVE (FHI)?

The Fatherhood Initiative (FHI) is a series of facilitated workshops that help men develop and maintain healthy relationships with their children and become active fathers in their children's lives. This program is aligned with the mission of DHS to empower every District resident to reach their full potential by providing meaningful connections to opportunities, economic assistance and supportive services.

WHAT ARE THE FHI REQUIREMENTS?

FHI participants must be non-custodial fathers who do not reside with their children.

IS THERE A FEE TO PARTICIPATE?

There is no fee to participate. Participants receive work participation hours if part of a TANF household, transportation assistance free meals.

HOW OFTEN DO YOU MEET?

FHI is an eight-week program where fathers meet in a safe space to share their experiences. Meetings take place at a location convenient to public transportation and offers free parking on Tuesday and Thursday evening from 7:00 p.m. to 8:00 p.m. and Saturdays from 10:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m. Saturdays are reserved for family fun activities.

WHAT ARE THE TOPICS DISCUSSED AT THE WORKSHOPS?

Topics will include parenting skills, building healthy relationships, workforce readiness, exploring educational resources and resolving child support issues and more.

DO I NEED TO BE A DC RESIDENT?

You or your children must be a DC resident in order to participate.

HOW DO I GET MORE INFORMATION ABOUT FHI?

For more information about FHI, please email gen2gendc@dc.gov