

Welcome!

We are so glad you are here!

We will get started shortly.
In the meantime, we invite you to intentionally enter this space.



Silence your cell phone



Stretch



Close the door



Take a few deep breaths



Close browser windows



Emotionally release your to-do list



Check your audio and video



Take a bio break

Networking Café

Fathers and Partners

Thursday, August 4, 2022 | 12-1 pm ET

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NETWORKING CAFÉ: Fathers and Partners

Agenda

Housekeeping

Sharon Gutu
Healthy Start TA &
Support Center (TASC)

**Welcome &
Introduction**

Kenn Harris
TASC

**Discussion about
Fathers & Partners**

Westat

Wrap-up

Sharon Gutu





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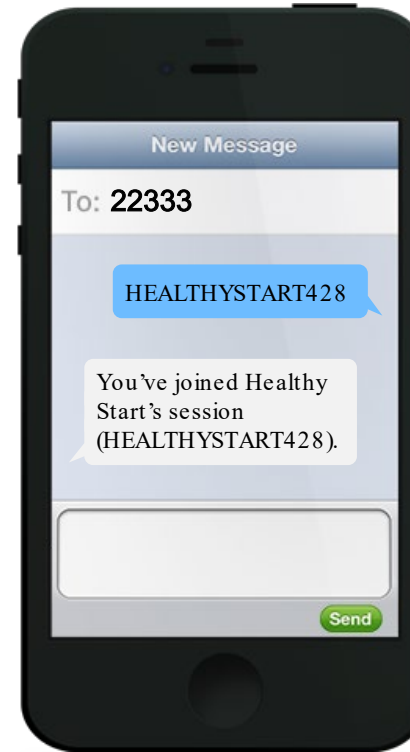
Participants are encouraged to share comments and ask questions using the chat box.

Poll Everywhere

Send all messages to the five-digit number **22333**

To join, include in body of text the word **HEALTHYSTART428**

You only need to do this once



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A photograph of a man with braided hair sitting on a light-colored couch. He is holding two young children on his lap. The child on the left is wearing a white shirt and a tan cardigan. The child on the right is wearing a green patterned shirt and orange and white striped pants. The man is clapping his hands, and the children are looking towards him. The background is a simple room with a window on the right.

Welcome & Introduction

Kenn Harris

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Café Purpose



To provide a designated time and space for grantees to:

- Connect with each other and reflect on a specific topic
- Practice intentional conversation
- Share and hear the expertise among the 101 grantees
- Discuss strategies to address challenges and barriers

Café Goal



To bring together Healthy Start programs **to share information about their scope of work with fathers and partners** to ensure surveys for the national Healthy Start evaluation are **relevant** and **appropriate**.

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Café Guidelines



- **Listen** to understand
- **Focus** on what matters
- **Contribute** your thinking
- **Link & Connect** ideas
- **Have fun!**

Introductions

In the chat box, please share your

- Name
- Healthy Start Project name and location
- Role or title





Discussion

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National Healthy Start Evaluation: Discussion with Grantees about Father/Male Partner Engagement

Healthy Start TA & Support Center Networking Cafe

August 4, 2022

Facilitated by Westat

Objective 1:

To understand the involvement of fathers/male partners in Healthy Start programs and the scope of the Healthy Start father/male partner activities

When poll is active, respond at pollev.com/healthystart428

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How long has your Healthy Start program had father/male partner activities?

1 year or less

2 to 3 years

4 to 5 years

More than 5 years

Objective 1 - Discussion

- How are your father/male partner activities organized?
 - Father/male partner coordinator?
 - Challenges in recruiting and retaining a coordinator?
 - Essential skills or background needed for this role?
 - Most useful curricula for your father/male partner activities?
 - Coordination of father/male partner activities with other Healthy Start activities?
 - Their integration in family-centered activities?
 - Examples of family-centered activities?

Objective 1 - Discussion

- How are fathers/male partners recruited and get engaged in the father/partner activities in your Healthy Start program?
 - Women asked about male partner participation?
 - Referrals from other Healthy Start staff?
 - Important factors in engaging fathers/male partners?
 - Process to welcome fathers?
 - Barriers in engaging fathers?

Objective 1 - Discussion

- What activities/services do you offer fathers/male partners in your program?
 - Activities they participate in most often and least often?
 - Activities they request but are outside the scope of your program?
 - Types of external service referrals you make?

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How many fathers/male partners are currently (now) actively participating in your father/male partner activities?

Less than 10

10 to 24

25 to 49

50 or more

Objective 1 - Discussion

- Who are the fathers/male partners who are involved most often in your father/male partner activities?
- What has worked well in your father/male partner activities and what lessons could you share with others?

Objective 2:

To understand the challenges the Healthy Start programs have encountered in implementing their father/male partner activities, and successful strategies they have developed to address the challenges

Objective 2 - Discussion

- How did COVID impact your father/male partner activities? What type of adaptations or changes did you have to make to your father/male partner activities during COVID?
- Besides COVID, what are some of the challenges your program has faced in implementing your father/male partner activities?

Objective 2 - Discussion

- What strategies have you developed to address the challenges of your father/male partner activities? What strategies were most or least effective?
- What are some of the strategies that have worked well with fathers/male partners that could be applied to other co-parents/partners/guardians involved in your program?

Objective 3:

To determine if and how the Healthy Start grantees may have or perhaps plan to incorporate other co-parents/partners/guardians who are not male partners or fathers in their programs and in father/male partners activities specifically

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How many other co-parents/partners/guardians, including non-male/non-binary individuals, are currently actively participating in your Healthy Start activities?

None

1 to 5

6 to 10

More than 10

Don't know

Objective 3 - Discussion

- In what ways has your Healthy Start program engaged/served other co-parents/partners/guardians, including non-male/non-binary individuals, with Healthy Start activities?
 - Participated in any father/male partner-specific activities?
 - Program adapted, changed, expanded curricula/activities to be more inclusive/supportive?
 - Type of changes made (e.g., materials, resources offered)?

Objective 3 - Discussion

- Some Healthy Start programs have taken initiatives to promote gender equity. Can you share any examples of how your program may have helped promote gender equity?
 - What kind of staff training in gender equity has your program provided?

Objective 3 - Discussion

- We would like to explore if non-male and non-binary co-parents/partners have not participated in your father/male partner program activities, what plans, if any, do you have to engage/serve these individuals in the future?
 - Type of resources (e.g., materials, training) needed to support their inclusion?
 - Reasons they have not participated in your father/male partner activities?

Objective 4:

To explore whether programs have incorporated non-male and non-binary partners into their father/male partner activities and the challenges and successes they have encountered in including these new partners into their activities

Objective 4 - Discussion

- What challenges have you encountered in including non-male and/or non-binary partners in father/male partner activities?
- What successes did you have in including non-male and/or non-binary persons in your father/male partner activities?

Thank You!

Reach us at: HSEvalSupport@Westat.com

Satisfaction Survey

Your feedback is extremely valuable and will help ensure our offerings meet your support needs!

Upcoming Deadlines & Events

Document can be found on the EPIC website or
at bit.ly/hs-deadlinesand-events

August 2022

Deadlines:

- Aug 15 HSMED-II Report (CSV or XML) Due
- Aug 18 [Cohort Applications Due](#)

Events:

- Aug 4 [Networking Café: Fathers and Partners](#)
- Aug 9 [2022 Cohort Showcase Event](#)
- Aug 11 [ROOTT Learning Academy Session #5](#)
- Aug 17 [Networking Café: Social Media and Content Creation](#)
- Aug 19 [Reducing Infant Deaths in the Sleep Environment - Safe Sleep Practices and National Trends for Risk Reduction: Healthy Start Ambassadors' Training](#)
- Aug 30 [Networking Café: Social Media and Content Creation](#)



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