

# Tips for retaining fathers in programs

Once you recruit fathers in your service, ask yourself:

## How do you keep dads in your program?



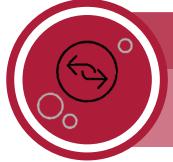
#### Work around fathers' work schedule

Schedule classes, events, and check-ins in the evenings and on weekends, or meet with fathers during their lunch breaks



#### Adapt the program length

Not all fathers can commit to long programs; consider increasing the length of each session to reduce the number of meetings



#### Use creative solutions

Provide transportation support, incentives (e.g., diapers), and/or meals; ask community partners for in-kind or monetary donations to help provide supports and incentives



### Make fathers feel valued and connected

Ensure fathers understand their importance to their child and encourage fathers to build social and support networks with other participants