Office of Adolescent Health (OAH)

Engaging Young Fathers

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Support expectant and parenting students at Institutions of Higher education;

Support expectant and parenting teens, women, fathers, and their families in high schools and community service centers;

Improve services for pregnant women who are victims of domestic violence, sexual violence, sexual assault, and stalking; and

Increase public awareness and education services for expectant and parenting teens, women, fathers, and their families.
OAH believes that involving young fathers is critical to the development of not only healthy children, but healthy families.
Engaging Young Fathers

- OAH has placed an importance on engaging young fathers and has taken steps to be inclusive of that population.
- One such way was the change in wording in the previous Pregnancy Assistance Fund Funding Opportunity Announcement.
Young Fathers Resources:

- A checklist to assess young father friendliness
- A toolkit and infographics that dispel myths about young fathers
Future resources will focus on recruiting and retaining young fathers.

Resources will consist of:

- Video clips of young fathers and recruiters discussing “what works”
- Various websites and articles on engaging young fathers in programs
- Collaborating with the White House on their “My Brother’s Keeper” initiative
Grantee Highlights

- New Mexico Public Education Department

[Image of five women in purple shirts standing together]
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