



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

- 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

- New Mexico Public Education Department



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