



*"If the Children are untaught,
their ignorance and vices
will in future life cost us much
dearer in their consequences
than it would have done in
their correction by a good
education."*

~Thomas Jefferson

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**WORCESTER COUNTY
FATHERS
& FAMILY
NETWORK**

MISSION STATEMENT

The Worcester County Fathers and Family Network is made up of community organizations, professionals and fathers who promote responsible fatherhood, with an emphasis on improving parenting, self awareness, and expanding opportunities for training and employment necessary to carry out financial responsibilities of caring for children.



When fathers are highly engaged with their children's lives, children have better self esteem and a better understanding of their own efficacy, or control over their own actions.

(Pleck, J.H. (1997). Paternal Involvement; Levels, Sources and Consequences.)

In 1999, The Fathers and Family Network began out of concern for the lack of available services to help support the role of fathers.

The Network has established the following objectives:

1. Heighten the perception of the importance of the role fathers play in the emotional and physical health of their children.
2. To raise community awareness of the need to develop services for fathers.
3. Improve collaboration and information sharing between providers so that services may be made available to fathers and their families,
4. Identify gaps in the delivery and availability services, and to develop new services to assist fathers.