

Sleepy has spent time working in addiction/behavioral health at Community Bridges Inc. and is currently employed at The Family Involvement Center as a parent ally. He recently started working with the Dad Together Program as a Father Support Specialist and has been certified to facilitate the Nurturing Fathers and 24/7 dads' programs. Sleepy's work as a parent ally has him actively engaging with parents and helping them navigate services and resources as they go through dependency.

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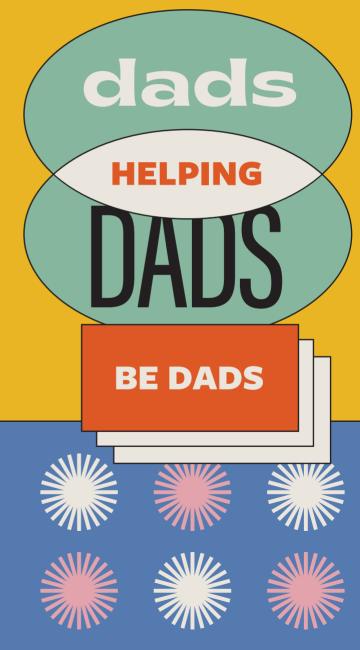


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to find the support they need. In partnership with The Family Involvement Center, Dad Together is a program designed to provide a safe space for fathers to share their knowledge, hardships, and experiences.

We are proud to provide support for those who are current fathers, guardians, co-parents, or expecting fathers. No matter your age, background, or history as a dad, we are here to help you improve your skills as a father, parent, partner, and person.

### **ABOUT THE PROGRAM**

There is no right way to be a dad, but it helps to have the proper tools for success. Our Nurturing Fathers curriculum is a 13-week evidence-based training course that utilizes activities and discussions to address the history of fatherhood and new, nurturing practices. Alongside the curriculum, we offer 1:1 peer mentoring sessions and support groups just for dads.

Groups meet at the **Family Involvement Center,** 

5333 N. 7th St., Suite A100, in Phoenix and virtually. Participation is free.

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I now see that failure has no authority over my life, and my struggles are only lessons that allow room for growth.

# HAVING A DAD MATTERS

CHILDREN WITH ENGAGED **FATHERS ARE...** 

less likely to experience multiple depression symptoms

less likely to spend time in jail

less likely to drop out of high school

less likely to commit

less likely to become homeless

Children's Bureau, American Institute for Research

## **REAL DADS BEHIND THE PROGRAM**

**EDWARD** became involved with the Child Welfare System nine years ago when his children were temporarily removed due to substance use and domestic violence in the home. After completing a case plan and a variety of classes, his children were returned to his

care and have been with him ever since.

He now aims to help struggling families succeed, so they can avoid the path he took and their families can remain intact.

A 2021 Casey Excellence for Children Birth Father Award Winner, Edward serves as the Program and Services Development Manager at the Family Involvement Center. He's also involved as a parent leader with the Alliance Parent Partnership Council and is active with the Birth Parent National Network.

