

## **Strategies That Encourage Mothers to Support Father Involvement**

Solicit female staff to sensitize mothers to critical importance of father involvement

Develop and sponsor father-child activities.

Offer information on importance of father involvement in child development- in articles, brochures, books, and videos. Provide for lending libraries and staff use.

Generate a list of co-parenting resources in your area.

Encourage use of mediation services.

Refer dads to family law clinics that help them access legal info and to establish paternity.

Promote win/win opportunities and exercises in classes and groups.

Display positive photos, posters and brochures of dads, mothers and children.

Sponsor mothers' support groups and parenting courses that address shared parenting opportunities.

Recruit moms and dads who have overcome major family conflicts to speak to your clients and in the community (Add to your multicultural Speakers' Bureau).

Tape a video of their stories to show and distribute for sale.

Review and consider applying findings of the Parents' Fair Share Demonstration Project.

Offer or locate educational workshops on relevant topics of interest, such as male-female communication, co-parenting, custody options, visitation options, maternal and paternal parenting styles, parent-child communication, conflict resolution, etc.

Refer clients to anger management classes and relationship groups, as appropriate.

Find means to connect with family court judges, referees, and others to establish networking relationship, judicial education, and referral processes.