

## **A Woman's Touch: The Role of Women in the Fatherhood Movement**

Feel confident with their unique contributions

Have a strong sense of self

Respect differences in feminine and masculine styles of parenting

Avoid operating on an "us vs. them" mentality

Avoid placing fathers as heroes or villains

Truly focus on the best interests of the child

Recognize the benefits of male and father involvement.

Encourage partnership building among public & private agencies

Promote team parenting (co-parenting), as appropriate

Recognize and respect gender differences in:

- Communication styles

- Expressing feelings

- Group dynamics

- Decision-making & problem-solving approaches

- Learning styles

- Methods of expressing humor

Are comfortable exploring and addressing biases about either gender

## **A Woman's Touch: The Role of Women in Fatherhood Programs**

1. What unique strengths or assets do female staff bring into a fatherhood program?

2. What unique concerns or deficits do female staff bring into a fatherhood program?

3. What administrative or program strategies would you suggest to enhance the success of female staff in fatherhood programs?