



The Department of Children and Families and Windham Youth Services

Presents:

THE ESSENTIALS OF FATHER INVOLVEMENT

Date: Thursday, May 18th, 2006
Time: 8:30 a.m.- Noon
Place: Windham Regional Community Council
872 Main St.
Willimantic, CT 06226

Register: Contact Karen Ravenelle-Bloom 860-423-4534 or email karenrbloom@wrccinc.org

WORKSHOP DESCRIPTION

“The Essentials of Father Involvement” is a lively multi-medium Workshop Session designed to explore the challenges around increasing the participation of men in the lives of children. Through the use of music, photos, a video and interactive conversation we will address the value of men in the lives of children, and their unique impact on children’s social, emotional and academic well-being. We will also examine a variety of strategies that will ensure the maximum participation of fathers and family men in school and/or community based fatherhood events and programs. Participants will leave the session with concrete ways to develop, market, facilitate and evaluate successful programs and events that will embrace and stimulate father involvement for the benefit children.

TRAINER

Doug Edwards, Program Director of Real Dads Forever is a member of the Advisory Council of the Fatherhood Initiative of Connecticut, and a member of the Board of Directors of the Children’s Law Center of Connecticut. He is also a Family Mediator with the families in Transition Program. Doug has traveled throughout New England facilitating workshops, training staff, and motivating parents around father involvement. He has spoken with over 400 groups, and 2000 men, including dozens of school groups.



POSITIVE YOUTH DEVELOPMENT WORKSHOP AGENDA

THE ESSENTIALS OF FATHER INVOLVEMENT

WORKSHOP TIME **8:30 am – Noon**

- 830 am** Registration and Refreshments
- 850 am** Greetings
- 900 am** Introductions of trainer and participants
- 910 am** Power Point Presentation “ESSENTIALS OF FATHER INVOLVEMENT”
- 930 am** Video – “SHOW YOUR LOVE”
- 950 am** Discussion of video
- 1010 am** BREAK
- 1020 am** Celebrating Differences between Men and Women
- 1040 am** Creative Management of Experiences - Men at School / Community Programs
- 1120 pm** GROUP ACTIVITY - Develop flyer announcing event for Dads and Family Men
- 1140 pm** Process Group Activity
- 1200 pm** Measure and Evaluate your success
- 1225 pm** CONCLUSION