



Location: 1130 N. Eglin pkwy., Shalimar, FL 32579

Date: March 14, 2023

Time: 12:30 PM – 2:00PM

Provider Meeting Notes

Thank you to those who attended our Quarterly Provider meeting on March 14th! Here is a recap of what we covered.

I. Welcome - Dana Hodges

II. Team Updates - Dana Hodges

- a. Dana Hodges (CEO) provides update on the status of the ELC-EC team. The ELC has hired Tawanda Brown to serve as the new Education Manager. The ELC has also hired both a Community Outreach Specialist and a new Eligibility Specialist.

III. Team Dad: Healthy Start

- a. T.E.A.M. Dad aims to increase the overall well-being of children by equipping fathers with the education and resources needed to become the best fathers they can be. TEAM Dad can be reached at Alfred@HSOW.org or www.TeamDadHSOW.org

IV. Provider Updates -

- a. Dana Hodges, CEO, provided the Provider Representative update as both Kristen Murdy (For-Profit Provider Representative) and Kathy Curry (Faith-based Provider Representative) were unavailable. The Early Childhood Education Advisory Committee hosted by the Northwest Florida State College is a collaboration between early childhood stakeholders. The committee is working towards two main tasks: advocating for the early childhood profession as a career and with local stakeholders on the importance of early childcare for all children.
- b. Children's Week was a successful effort between both providers and the ELC-EC team. The ELC-EC team hosted a reading booth that featured an interactive beach experience. Kids Discovery provided transportation to Children's Week for a group of directors and educators. This group experienced a legislative committee meeting, toured the Florida capitol, and participated in Storybook Village.
- c. The ELC of the Emerald Coast will be hosting a Family Childcare Home Meeting on March 30th to discuss accreditation and the upcoming family childcare home conference. We are excited to host Arleen Lambert, President of the Florida Family Childcare Home Association. This meeting is only open to ELC-EC contracted providers. If interested, please email Education@ELC-EC.org.

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V. Coalition Department Update – ELC Team

- a. Grant Updates (eragrants@elc-ec.org)
 - i. Amy Minkewicz, Program Quality Data Officer, discussed the upcoming ARPA grants and the current status of the funding. The coalition is beginning to roll out additional funding opportunities and mini-grants. For more information related to the ARPA grants, please visit ELC-EC.org/ARPA or email ERAGrant@ELC-EC.org
- b. Family Services Department (familyservices@elc-ec.org)
 - i. Sharon Pierce, Family Services Manager, shared that the Eligibility Team's main priority is increasing enrollment in both the School Readiness and VPK programs. Contracted providers are encouraged to share the enrollment information with their families and ask that they apply. The Eligibility team will be in the community hosting events to increase enrollment with the goal of VPK families being able to leave the event with a completed VPK Certificate of Enrollment. Providers are reminded that the ELC is unable to pay for VPK attendance unless the child has a signed VPK Certificate of Enrollment that is uploaded into the Provider Portal or the Sharefile.
- c. Compliance Department (compliance@elc-ec.org)
 - i. Lori Monson, Compliance Manager, discusses noncompliances and how it impacts providers. The majority of noncompliances that were issued in February were related to late attendance, late ASQs, and late QPS submissions. Lori reminded providers to terminate attendance once the child is no longer attending. Providers are asked to review their attendance from the past few months and see if any children are rejected or not approved to ensure that they are processed appropriately.
- d. Education Department (education@elc-ec.org)
 - i. Tawanda Brown, Education Manager, presented the upcoming events from the education team. She highlighted the Run4Health 5K Color Run, Worlds Greatest Baby Shower, and the book buddy events. She also presented the Literacy Micro-credential from the University of Florida.

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- e. Finance Department (accounting@elc-ec.org)
 - i. Sondra Moffit, CFO, discussed the payout process for the ARPA grants and the challenges that the ELC team is facing. Anyone receiving ARPA funds must have a W9 and direct deposit information that is up to date with the finance team.
- f. Community Out-Reach (communications@elc-ec.org)
 - i. Dana Hodges, CEO, discusses upcoming community events including the Run4Health 5K Color Run and Walk in partnership with the Okaloosa County Health Improvement Partnership (OCHIP) on April 20th, the World's Greatest Baby Shower in partnership with Health Start on May 21st, and the implementation of the Born Learning Trails in partnership with United Way on March 15th and March 22nd. Dana also emphasized the importance of joining Constant Contact which is the fastest and most accurate way to get information from the coalition. Providers can join the mailing list by emailing Communications@ELC-EC.org.

VI. Board Committee Update

- a. Program Committee: Updates from this committee were shared during the provider meeting. This meeting is open to the public and is held at 11:00am the same day as the provider meeting.

VII. CEO Updates

- a. The alert update remains a work in progress. There is movement being made on getting childcare centers access to emergency notifications, however, it is a slow process. The Kindergarten Readiness Rate is being worked through and is a priority for the coalition. There is a provider satisfaction survey being developed and implemented by the University of Florida to discover how coalitions can operate better. UF is also looking into why families that are deemed eligible for services are not using them. Dana also discussed that the Board and Senior Leadership are working on the strategic plan and hope to have it finalized by summer to implement in the 2024-2025 fiscal year. Dana shared a brief overview of the legislative updates and shared that the ELC will host a

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Legislative update presented by the Association of Early Learning Coalitions on March 31st at 9:30am.

VIII. Open Forum Discussion

- a. No discussion.

IX. Adjournment

- i. DEC training to follow

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DAD: [noun] one who provides, protects, inspires, encourages, & loves his children with all his heart.

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Our Mission

T.E.A.M. Dad aims to increase the overall well-being of children by equipping fathers with the education and resources needed to become the best father they can be.

Our Vision

To **T**each, **E**mpower, **A**dvocate, and **M**entor fathers to leave a legacy of love, security, and success for their children and their grandchildren.



How We Help

- Improve parenting and co-parenting skills
- Ability to recognize your child's developmental milestones
- Increase skills to build healthier relationships
- Provide tools to improve economic stability
- Guide to setting personal development goals and much more...

Did You Know?

Children who grow up with involved fathers experience better mental, emotional, educational, and social outcomes.

They are also....

- 39% more likely to earn mostly A's in school
- 45% less likely to repeat a grade
- 60% less likely to be suspended or expelled from school
- 2 times as likely to go to college or find stable employment after high school
- 75% less likely to have a teen birth
- 80% less likely to spend time in jail

*Let Your Journey Begin
With Us!*

**T.E.A.M.
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A photograph of a man with a beard, wearing a striped t-shirt, smiling broadly and holding a baby in a white onesie. The man is looking up at the baby, and the baby is looking back at him. The background is a window with a white frame.

T.E.A.M. Dad

Teaches
Empowers
Advocates for &
Mentors

Meeting Dads Where They're At

T.E.A.M. Dad sessions are held at a time that's convenient for Dad to meet in the home or another location of choice. Sessions focus on delivery of the curriculum, which is comprised of twelve sessions:

1. Family history
2. What it means to be a man
3. Showing and handling feelings
4. Men's health
5. Communication
6. The father's role
7. Discipline
8. Children's growth
9. Getting involved (with children and family activities)
10. Working with mom and co-parenting
11. Dad's and work
12. My 24:7 Dad checklist

Dads are also eligible to participate in two Infant-Fatherhood Pathway sessions that include the following topics:

1. Session 1 topics:
 - Safe Sleep
 - Health and Safety
 - Bonding and Attachment
 - Nutrition and Feeding
2. Session 2 topics:
 - Child developmental milestones
 - Ages and Stages (ASQ) screenings
 - ASQ Parent Activities

How It Works

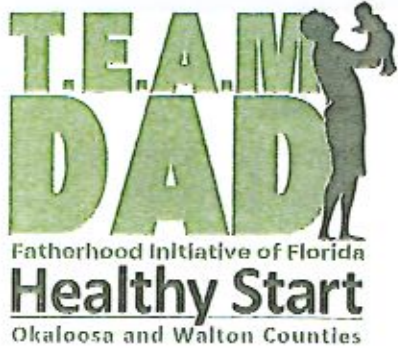
- T.E.A.M. Dad coaches operate as employees of Healthy Start Coalitions or are independent contractors or contracted provider staff. They aren't psychologists or medical professionals.
- Coaches don't provide counseling or diagnose medical or mental health conditions. Through community partnerships within the Coalitions, T.E.A.M. Dad coaches connect clients with qualified professionals and resources as available.
- During participation in the T.E.A.M. Dad program, routine information is collected and stored in a secure database. This includes family background information, health-related information, screening results, referrals, and information about the services provided to T.E.A.M. Dad clients.

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To enroll in the program
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Fatherhood takes a TEAM.



T.E.A.M. Dad is Florida Healthy Start's fatherhood initiative that provides free home visiting services using the National Fatherhood Initiative's (NFI) 24:7 Dad® evidence-based curriculum. This initiative is designed to Teach, Empower, Advocate for, and Mentor men to fulfill their potential and become the fathers their children need them to be. The goal of T.E.A.M. Dad is to work with expecting and current fathers of children aged birth to three years old and equip them with the skills needed to have a positive impact on their children.

Dads Learn

- Parenting & co-parenting strategies
- How to improve child development
- How to build healthy family & community relationships
- How to become effective listeners & communicators
- Approaches to personal development

Dads Develop

- Pro-fathering skills
- Understanding of their own self-worth
- Skills to encourage positive developmental outcomes for children
- Parenting and co-parenting skills
- Healthy family and community relationships

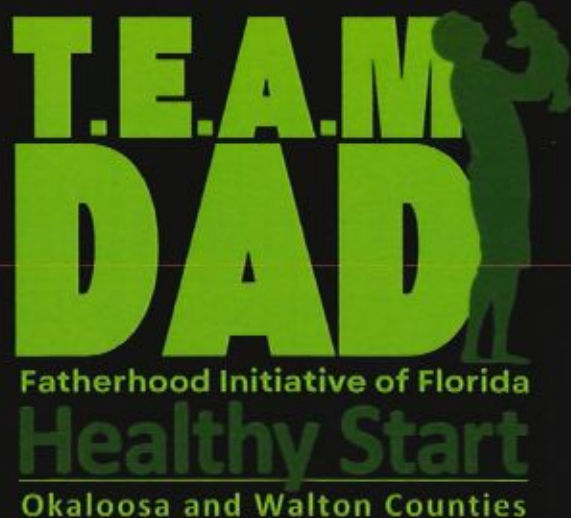
Families Benefit

Children who grow up with involved fathers experience better mental, emotional, educational, and social outcomes and are:

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*Empieza tu jornada con
nosotros!*



¿SABÍAS QUE?

Niños(as) con el papá involucrado en su crecimiento, experimentan mejor salud mental, emociones, educación y logros sociales. También tienen:

- 39% más probabilidad de calificaciones escolares altas.
- 45% menos probabilidad de que repita un año escolar.
- 60% menos probabilidad de ser suspendido o expulsado de la escuela.
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