

Strong Fathers – Strong Families

Fort Worth, Texas

www.strongfathers.com/

Strong Fathers-Strong Families, LLC is a training and facilitation organization focused on strengthening children by strengthening fathers and families. Strong Fathers-Strong Families plans and facilitates programs for schools and trains others to use their proven methods of effective father involvement. Working with over 10,000 fathers per year and training thousands more, Strong Fathers uses field-tested, research-based best practices to engage fathers through Bring Your Dad to School Days, Dad and Kid math nights, and other interactive programs. Our goal is to improve the campus environment and organizational practices of PTA in order that men may become more involved in the lives of their children and their community.

National Partnership for Community Leadership

Washington, DC

www.npclstrongfamilies.com/

The NPCL mission is to strengthen the capacity of practitioners, community-based agencies, and schools to work effectively with low-income parents and young people. NPCL is committed to reducing child poverty. By building strong relationships among family members, children have a greater opportunity to succeed. Since 1996, NPCL has raised over \$50 million and re-granted 80% of this money to local agencies to establish programs to help strengthen families, particularly those that work with men and fathers. NPCL offers a variety of services, including training and technical assistance in:

- * Working with men and fathers;
- * Parenting education;
- * Relationship skills building;
- * Youth development and empowerment;
- * Grant proposal writing;
- * Family and fatherhood forums.

National Compadres Network

Hacienda Heights, California

www.nationalcompadresnetwork.com

Based on the principles of “El Hombre Noble” (the Honorable Man), the National Compadres Network’s goals are to strengthen, rebalance, and redevelop the traditional Latino extended family system by encouraging and supporting the positive involvement of males in families and the community. Goals include the acknowledgement of the many Latino men who are positive and responsible fathers, family and community members, and leaders and to challenge and encourage all Latino men to actively participate in nurturing, guidance and development of their children, families and communities.

PTA is looking to expand its roster of MORE member organizations. For more information, go to www.pta.org/MORE.

About PTA

PTA comprises more than 5 million parents and other concerned adults devoted to the educational success of children and the promotion of parent involvement in schools. PTA is a registered 501(c)(3) nonprofit organization that prides itself on being a powerful voice for all children, a relevant resource for families and communities, and a strong advocate for public education. Membership in PTA is open to anyone who is concerned with the education, health, and welfare of children and youth.

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Get MORE Involved!

Men Organized to Raise Engagement

PTA MORESM (Men Organized to Raise Engagement) is a coalition of organizations working to ensure greater father and male involvement in programs that support the safety, health, and academic and social development of all children. MORE follows PTA's National Standards for Family-School Partnerships, especially standard #6—collaboration in the community—to strengthen schools, families and student learning.

Mission

PTA MORE members provide opportunities for greater male involvement. PTA MORE helps PTA leaders and units

- * Work with schools and communities to provide programs that engage fathers and positive male role models,
- * Act as a resource for fatherhood issues,
- * Increase the visibility and outreach of the quality programming of coalition members.

For more information on how to get involved with any of the PTA MORE members, please go to the website listed.

WATCH D.O.G.S. (Dads of Great Students) Shawnee Mission, Kansas www.fathers.com

WATCH D.O.G.S. is a program of the National Center for Fathering focusing on prevention of violence in schools by using the positive influence of fathers and father-figures to provide an unobtrusive presence in the schools, and to be a positive role-model for students.

Through WATCH D.O.G.S. participation:

- * Schools get an enhanced sense of security at their buildings, creating an environment conducive to learning.
- * Students gain positive male role models.
- * Fathers learn about the challenges facing youth.
- * Men gain awareness of the positive impact they can have on a student's academic performance, self esteem, and social behavior.

WATCH D.O.G.S. is for fathers and father figures who volunteer at least one day each year at an official WATCH D.O.G.S.

school. WATCH D.O.G.S may read with students, watch school entrances, mentor students, or participate in other activities.

All Pro Dad Tampa, Florida www.allprodad.com

All Pro Dad, founded by Tony Dungy, is a program of Family First, an organization dedicated to strengthening the family. All Pro Dad programs include:

- * All Pro Dad's Day – A one-hour monthly breakfast held before school where fathers/male role models and their kids can meet, have fun and discuss family topics. Materials for All Pro Dad's Days—videos, discussion cards, meeting instructions and more—are free of charge to local organizers.
- * NFL Father and Kids Experience - Held in conjunction with an NFL team, these events include workshops on father and child relationships, motivational talks, and interactive sports and games.
- * Play of the Day – A concise daily e-mail of fatherhood advice.

Real Men Cook / Real Men Charities Inc. Chicago, Illinois www.realmencook.com

Real Men Cook® began in Chicago in 1989 as a way to change the perception of African American fathers by holding annual Father's Day food sampling, entertainment and fund-raising family celebrations. Real Men Cook has generated over \$1 million in ticket sales proceeds to nonprofits, is a national Father's Day event in 15 cities, and is credited with changing the way Father's Day is celebrated.

Real Men Cook has attracted celebrity father hosts and endorsers such as NBA legend Earvin "Magic" Johnson and reaches millions through news coverage. The event includes:

- * Food sampling, entertainment and healthy family demonstrations
- * Real Men Charities Inc. providing on-site health screenings, nutrition and family fitness
- * Real Men Read, Kids and Health & Wellness Pavilions

Black Star Project Chicago, Illinois www.blackstarproject.org

The Black Star Project is committed to improving the quality of life in Black and Latino communities by eliminating the racial academic achievement gap. The group strives to provide educational services that help pre-school through college students succeed academically with support from their parents, families, schools and communities.

The Black Star Project's Million Father March provides men an opportunity to show their commitment to the educational lives of their children. In participating cities, fathers and father figures are encouraged to take their children to their first day of school. More than 200 cities have hosted Million Father Marches.

Services are available to all students, particularly low income Black and Latino students in disadvantaged communities.

National Fatherhood Initiative Gaithersburg, Maryland www.fatherhood.org

National Fatherhood Initiative's mission is to improve the well being of children by increasing the proportion of children growing up with involved, responsible fathers. NFI accomplishes its mission through:

- * Educating all Americans, especially fathers, through public awareness campaigns and other resources,
- * Developing leaders of fatherhood initiatives through training and technical assistance,
- * Engaging every sector of society through strategic alliances and partnerships.

NFI's "Golden Dads" campaign rewards everyday fathers for spending quality time with their children. FatherSOURCE administers NFI's workshops to reach fathers as well as assists local organizations in operating effective fatherhood programs. NFI's Deployed Fathers and Families guide helps families stay connected during military deployment