

**Empowering Fathers, Mothers and Children** 

U.S. DEPARTMENT OF HOUSING AND URBAN DEVELOPMENT



# HUD Strong Families Initiative May–June 2019

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### Our Mission

To strengthen, empower, and improve the quality of life for HUD-assisted families.

HUD Strong Families provides fathers, mothers and children access to local resources for:

- Health
- Education
- Economic Empowerment



# HUD Strong Families Initiative

- Builds upon longstanding Father's Day efforts to involve fathers in the lives of their children.
- Our focus includes mothers, children and parents of all kinds.
- Provides an ideal opportunity for communities to deliver a wide variety of resources to families.



# Strong Families Matter

Children reared in **safe and nurturing families and neighborhoods,** free from maltreatment and other adverse childhood experiences, are more likely to have **better outcomes as adults.** 

<u>Source:</u> Maternal, Infant, and Child Health, *Healthy People 2020* (<u>healthypeople.gov</u>)



### And Fathers Matter!

- Fathers in the community can provide boys with **role models and mentors.**
- Their presence may indicate other neighborhood factors that benefit families, like **lower incarceration rates and better job opportunities.**

Source: The Upshot, The New York Times (March 19, 2018)



# Areas of Focus

- Health
  - Nutrition & Fitness
  - Mental Health
  - Disease Prevention
- Education
  - High School & GED
  - FAFSA & Post-Secondary
  - Job Training
  - STEM
- Economic Empowerment
  - Stable employment
  - Financial literacy
  - Economic self-sufficiency

# Marketing Your Event

Resources on the <u>HUD Strong Families</u> website:

- Event Ideas
  - Tips for a Successful Event
  - Photos and flyers from previous events
- Marketing Materials
  - Flyers
  - Posters
- FAQs
- And more!

# Ideas for Partnering

- Businesses
  - Grocery stores
  - Barbershops
- Institutions
  - Libraries
  - Schools
  - Community Colleges
- Radio stations
- Other PHAs & Multifamily owners
- Faith-based groups

- Community groups
  - Boys & Girls Clubs
  - YMCA / YWCA
- Service organizations
  - Lions
  - Kiwanis
- Local government
   Depts. of Parks & Rec.
- Service providers

   And their Federal partners
- Area festivals



## HUD's Role

Support Public Housing Authorities and Multifamily owners to host resource fairs in May and June by connecting participating communities with:

- Key Federal Agencies
- National Nonprofits
- Service Organizations



## How You Can Join

Host a resource event in your community this May and June.

Your event can include anything from:

- Job Fairs
- STEM Educational Workshops
- Digital Literacy Trainings
- Health Clinics



#### Your Impact

#### **Terre Haute Housing Authority**

Partners: Fatherhood Coalition Children's Bureau Catholic Charities HIV Coordination Services Indian Legal Services <u>Attendance:</u> 125









#### **Rockford Housing Authority**

*Barbeque Family Fun Day* <u>Partners:</u> Rockford Park District Boys and Girls Club Community Organizations <u>Attendance:</u> 500











#### May & June 2019

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## Register Today!

- More than <u>1,000</u> communities have taken part in past events
- Receive HUD Strong Families updates

• Register soon!



### Contact Us

Questions? Ideas? Share your story!

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