



Reconnecting Families and Dads

Registration Issue

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Alpha Phi Alpha Fraternity Supporting Father's Day on the East Coast

One key element to the success of the Father's Day Initiative is the partnerships we develop to offer resources to PHAs. This year we are happy to announce that the Alpha Phi Alpha Fraternity's Eastern Region have partnered with HUD in support of the initiative. In a letter from regional Vice President R. Anthony Mills, the Alphas pledge to support the Father's Day by:

- Serving as members of the local PHA's Father's Day 2014 Planning Committee;
- Assisting with set-up, facilitating activities, and serving refreshments on the day of the event;
- Working with the local PHA to plan family events post Father's Day 2014; and
- Donating or securing goods and other resources to support the event.

Mr. Mills encouraged PHAs to contact the Alpha Phi Alpha chapter in their region, for support in their Father's Day Efforts. Below is a list of Alpha Phi Alpha regional directors included in the Alpha's letter of support. If your PHA is in one of these regions we encourage you to get in touch.

- District II – New England (CT, ME, MA, NH, RI, VT) - **Jhovan Williams**, (857) 445-5449)
- District III – New York- **Lucien Metellus**, (917) 686-9147)
- District IV – New Jersey- **Ainsley Reynolds**, (732) 470-0608)
- District V – Pennsylvania- **Tyrone "Rab" Highsmith**, (267) 432-8242)
- District VI – Mid-Atlantic (DC, DE, MD)- **Sean Meredith**, (443) 677-9810)
- District VII – Virginia-J. **Alphonso Taylor**, (434) 996-5173)

HUD's Father's Day Team wishes to offer our sincere thanks for the Alpha's support. We are honored that Alpha Phi Alpha, Eastern Region would continue their strong tradition of community service through helping support our fathers in public housing.

Father's Day Registration in Full Swing

Thanks to the **152** PHAs who have registered their Father's Day Initiative event! You can register your event, [here](#).

Hosting an event? Send your flyers to [PIH Fathers Day 2014 @hud.gov](mailto:PIH_Fathers_Day_2014@hud.gov)
We'll share your creative message in upcoming newsletters

Want to learn more about the Father's Day Initiative?
Visit our webpage: hud.gov/fathersday

*Follow all the Father's Day Initiative news on Twitter,
with our hashtag #FDI2014*

Don't Forget about the Father's Day Survey!

As we gear up for Father's Day events, the Father's Day team is asking you to participate in a very important, short survey that will allow us to measure the success of your event. The survey will be sent to you via SurveyMonkey, a free online survey service. We'll be asking several questions about your event including:

- number of participating fathers
- number of participating children
- name of partner organization.

Obtaining this information is critical to the success of the Father's Day Initiative. It's how we learn what's successful and where we can be stronger and it's how we improve the event for you. The Father's Day team will be sending out the link to the survey during the month of June. We've included a preview of the survey questions in with this email so you can start thinking about how you can keep track of this important information at your event. We ask that only one completion per PHA is submitted and thank you for your participation.

REMEMBER: These questions will be distributed via SurveyMonkey, and MUST be answered via SurveyMonkey. Please do NOT send in your responses via this preview.

Have you hosted a Father's Day Event?

Share what participating has meant for your PHA

We know PHAs across the country have success stories to share from their Father's Day events; we want to hear from you! Write to us if

- you've continued Father's Day Programming throughout the year
- participating in the Father's Day Initiative helped you with a grant application
- you've witnessed the program having a positive impact on families in your community.

Send your Father's Day success stories to PIH_fathers_day_2014@hud.gov.

Be sure to put "Father's Day Success" in the subject heading.

We look forward to hearing from you!



Fatherhood Links: Blast from the Past



Last year members the NFL Players' Association shared their thoughts on fatherhood in a series of YouTube videos. Hear what they had to say, below.

[Andre Davis of the Buffalo Bills](#)

[Cato June of the Indianapolis Colts](#)

[Derrick Dockery of the Dallas Cowboys](#)