

2023 IMPACT REPORT



SERVING MORE DADS BETTER

**More than 2,400 fathers and
3,400 children impacted in 2023!**

SOUTH CAROLINA CENTER FOR FATHERS AND FAMILIES



**KARRIEM
EDWARDS**
President

"Happy Father's Day!"

I am so proud of every father who strives to make that statement a daily reality in their children's lives! I'm equally proud of our 5 local organizations and their dedicated front-line staff who provide fathers and young men with the vital support they need.

Recovery from COVID remains a challenge, and our state faces inflation and workforce turnover. However, our organizations continue to give fathers the training, direction, and encouragement they need to become the great dads they are destined to be.

Our collective hard work in 2023 saw a **51% increase in dads impacted** compared with the previous year, while **28% more dads completed training**. Also, **65% more dads in remote counties** were served. **Fathers receiving specific services increased by 123%**.

That success was no accident. Fatherhood staff completed a rigorous training schedule with nationally recognized subject matter experts. We held regional informational sessions with DSS, strengthening our most strategic state partnership. We analyzed data to develop the most effective ways to reach dads. And the Center team obtained Six Sigma program certification, which improved overall operational efficiencies. Each organization continues to receive technical assistance and resources to be successful.

But the work is far from done. Annie E. Casey Foundation research reveals there are still 418,000 children in SC living in single parent households. SC DSS has more than 145,000 open child support cases. *Thousands of fathers remain disconnected from their children.*

In 2024, we will continue to serve more dads by making best practice our standard practice and gaining resources to equip our local organizations to give fathers what they need to be great dads. Thank you for your support to reach more fathers and families!

Happy Father's Day...Every Day!



We're celebrating Father's Day today! In fact, we celebrate Father's Day every day because it is a daily recognition of the pivotal role fathers play in forging meaningful connections with their children. This acknowledgment serves as the cornerstone for the Center's work as we remain devoted to empowering fathers and nurturing resilient families and communities.

Our ongoing commitment to South Carolina's dads stands as a testament to the transformative potential of supporting fatherhood. In 2023, the Center saw a 51% increase in dads served. This milestone reflects the vital stewardship of our mission to strengthen families by equipping fathers with the tools for success.

The Center's 2023 highlights extend beyond numerical metrics and include other initiatives that reinforce the importance of fatherhood. One noteworthy plan involves strengthening ties with local programs and key partner agencies like DSS. Collaborating with like-minded organizations enables the Center to extend its reach, creating a robust network of support for fathers in the state.

As we reflect on these achievements in 2023, we also look forward to even more impact in 2024. The Center is poised to build on its momentum by expanding its services into new counties, fostering fresh relationships, and empowering even more fathers to be actively involved parents. This forward-thinking approach ensures that the positive impact of fatherhood continues to reverberate through communities around the state, fostering resilience and strengthening families.

Benjamin Franklin said, "A good example is the best sermon." Fathers can set a powerful example for their children and shape the trajectory of their lives as we support them. When we celebrate fatherhood, we contribute to a society where families thrive, communities flourish, and the positive impact of engaged fathers echoes through generations.

So, in the words of Karriem, "Happy Father's Day. Today and every day!"

51%

More Dads

Served

A holistic approach to help fathers become great dads.

The Center provides programs and services to thousands of SC dads each year. In 2023, more than 2,400 dads received services ranging from health screening, parenting classes, legal guidance, relationship education, and financial instruction.

Strategic partnerships with like-minded agencies and foundations have increased our bandwidth to reach more fathers and provide additional resources for them and their children.

#servemoredadsbetter

MORE THAN 2,400 DADS SERVED!

1,721 = Program Enrollees

773 = Service Enrollees

194 = Avg. Days in Program

932 = Dads in Parent-Child Events

\$597,801 = Child Support Paid

\$2,096,640 saved in incarceration

\$72.2M potential contribution (SC)

**2023 Ministry
at a Glance**





Parenting Mia

Fuquan enrolled in our program at Midlands Fatherhood Coalition after the birth of his daughter, Mia. At 19, he felt overwhelmed and unprepared to be a parent, so he dedicated himself to become a good father, participating in group sessions, and seeking counsel from the intervention specialists.

One of the most significant lessons he learned was the importance of having a healthy relationship with his daughter's mother. He was ready to learn and grow as a partner and a father.

With our help Fuquan began to learn what good parenting involved, from financial responsibility to time management and relationships. He learned patience, discipline, and the joy of bonding with his daughter. But Fuquan's journey is far from easy. He is still learning what it takes to be a great dad every day.



The Promise of Fatherhood

Kwame Smith, a graduate of our programs, gave his testimony at our annual holiday awards luncheon on December 15. Kwame spoke from the heart about his daughter, Promise, and his journey as a young father to become a better dad through responsible fatherhood.

When Judi Gatson of WISTV reached out after our event about highlighting fatherhood on prime time, Kwame joined Karriem for a live interview with anchor Greg Adaline. It was a great opportunity to showcase how our work is making a difference in the lives of real dads right around us.

STATE PROGRAMS

Upstate Fatherhood Coalition



A Father's Way

Man 2 Man

Midlands Fatherhood Coalition

A Father's Place

PROGRAMS

- Jobs Not Jail
- Economic Mobility
- Healthy Relationships
- Parenting / Co-Parenting
- Employment Boot Camp
- Housing 2 Homeownership
- Reality Check / Ready 4 Life
- Healthy Fathers, Healthy Families



The South Carolina Center for Fathers and Families is a non-profit ministry established by the Sisters of Charity Foundation of South Carolina in 2002. We provide educational, medical, legal, and career resources for fathers and young men to become great dads.



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