



SOUTH CAROLINA CENTER
FOR FATHERS AND FAMILIES



SC Center for Fathers and Families

- Established in 2002, SCCFF is a statewide non-profit organization
- We are the hub for 6 fatherhood programs with 11 locations. All established between 1998-2000
- October 2012 – June 2013, served 1328 fathers of which 792 were new enrollees
- 36% are alternative to incarceration and 64% are voluntary



New Enrollees

October 2012 – June 2013

- Average age = 31 years of age
- 76% were unemployed
- Nearly 80% have a criminal record
- 34 % have no High School diploma or GED
- 52% reported that they were very dissatisfied or dissatisfied with amount time spent with their children



Barriers to Father Engagement

- Low income fathers report on average seven barriers to father engagement
- Top three barriers are:
 - Do not have a job
 - Child Support is on my back
 - Cannot see my child



Holistic Program Services

- Trusting, non-judgmental environment
- Services to address barriers
 - Job Readiness and Employment
 - Understanding and navigating child support
 - Financial management
 - Parenting and co-parenting
 - Healthy relationships
 - Men's health and education
 - Referrals for more specialized services
- Weekly peer support and one-on-one attention



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- The SC Center and local programs have developed more than **300** partnerships over our **10** year plus history.
- Key partners:
 - Funders
 - Employers
 - Child Support and Family Court
 - Social service agencies and churches
 - Medical providers