



Building Networks – Supporting Children: Promoting Effective Policies and Services for Fathers and Adolescent Parents

The 2003 Legislative session greatly altered the landscape for family-friendly social services across Minnesota. Deep cuts were made to programs that support adolescent parents including, adolescent parent grants, male involvement grants, and funding for childcare.

Now, more than ever, our voices need to be heard. The Minnesota Fathers & Families Network and the Minnesota Organization on Adolescent Pregnancy, Prevention and Parenting (MOAPPP), are holding a series of eight regional forums to take stock of the changes that occurred during the 2003 Legislative session; share what's working locally and across the state; and plan how to make a difference in 2004. This series of forums is offered in collaboration with the Minnesota Initiative Foundations.

Participants in these forums will:

- Engage in regional networking;
- Assess the impact of the 2003 legislative session on fathers and adolescent parents;
- Develop advocacy skills/efforts that support fathers and adolescent parents;
- Learn about the progress of the Minnesota Fathers & Families Network;
- Learn how MOAPPP supports fatherhood and family services practitioners;
- Identify strategies to broaden support for effective family-friendly programs.

When and Where (See locations below. They are also listed on the MN Fathers & Families Network web-site at <http://www.mnfathers.org/news.html>.)

Little Falls	Monday, Sept. 22, 2003	1:00 p.m. – 4:00 p.m.
Fergus Falls	Tuesday, Sept. 23, 2003	9:00 a.m. – 12:00 p.m.
Bemidji	Wednesday, Sept. 24, 2003	1:00 p.m. – 4:00 p.m.
Marshall	Wednesday, Oct. 8, 2003	9:00 a.m. – 12:00 p.m.
Willmar	Wednesday, Oct. 8, 2003	1:30 p.m. – 4:30 p.m.
Mankato	Thursday, Oct. 30, 2003	9:00 a.m. – 12:00 p.m.
Rochester	Thursday, Oct. 30, 2003	1:30 p.m. – 4:30 p.m.
Duluth	Wednesday, Nov. 5, 2003	9:00 a.m. – 12:00 p.m.
St. Paul	Friday, Nov. 7, 2003	1:00 p.m. – 4:00 p.m.

Who Should Attend

Professionals and advocates interested in issues related to fathering, adolescent parenting, and the development of family-friendly services.

How to Register

There is **no fee** for these forums. To register for any of the sessions, please e-mail marilyn@moapp.org or call Marilyn Colby Rivkin at 651-644-1447 ext.15 (toll free: 800-657-3697) at least one week prior to each session.

Session Locations:

Little Falls:

Mon. Sept. 22, 1:00 - 4:00pm

The Initiative Foundation Community Room
405 1st Street, SE
Little Falls, MN 56345

Fergus Falls:

Tues. Sept. 23, 9:00 - 12:00 noon

West Central Initiative
1000 Western Avenue
Fergus Falls, MN 56537

Bemidji:

Wed. Sept. 24, 1:00 - 4:00pm

Beltrami Electric Cooperative Headquarters Community Room
4111 Technology Drive NW
Bemidji, MN 56601

Marshall:

Wed. Oct. 8, 9:00 - 12:00 noon

Lyon County Government Center, Conference Rooms 1 & 2, Second Floor
607 West Main Street
Marshall, MN

Willmar:

Wed. Oct. 8, 1:30 - 4:30pm

YMCA, 1000 Lakeland Drive, SE
Willmar, MN

Mankato:

Thur. Oct. 30, 9:00 -12:00 noon

Blue Earth County Library Auditorium
100 East Main Street
Mankato, MN

Rochester:

Thur. Oct. 30, 1:30 - 4:30pm

Best Western Apache
1517 16th Street SW
Rochester, MN

Duluth:

Wed. Nov. 5, 9:00 - 12:00 noon

Holiday Inn, Great Lakes Ballroom (Main entrance on Superior Street)
200 W. 1st Street
Duluth, MN

St. Paul:

Friday, Nov. 7, 1:00 - 4:00 pm

Catholic Charities
1276 University Ave.
St. Paul, MN 55104