

“I’m taking my child to school today, and staying involved all year long!”

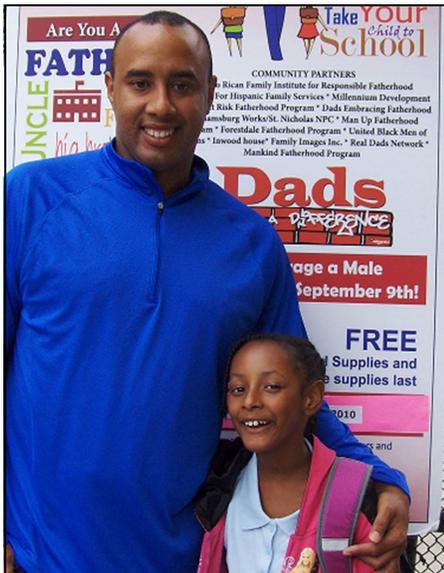
What is this all about?

Dads Take Your Child to School is an initiative taking place across New York State that encourages fathers and father-figures to take their children to school and make a commitment to be involved in their children’s education.

Schools and Head Start programs, working in partnership with community-based agencies, will be encouraging fathers to accompany their children to school on September 20, 2012.

There were 200 participating schools and Head Starts in 2011.

“ Youth of today need positive role models in their lives to help them successfully navigate their transition into adolescence and young adulthood. Gladys Carrión, Commissioner, New York State Office of Children and Family Services ”



Dads Matter!

Children whose fathers take active roles in their educational lives:

- get better grades,
- exhibit healthier behavior,
- enjoy school more,
- and are more likely to graduate from high school.

Research shows that even very young children who have experienced high father involvement show an increase in curiosity and in problem solving capacity. Fathers’ involvement seems to encourage children’s exploration of the world around them and confidence in their ability to solve problems

Even when fathers do not share a home with their children, their active involvement can have a lasting and positive impact.

“ You are the first role models for your children. But more than that, you are the role models for this entire community. (Speaking to fathers at PS 305 in Williamsburg, Brooklyn) Principal Nora Barnes ”

Actively involved fathers are a positive force in the lives of their children and their community. When fathers are involved in the lives of their children, especially their education, their children learn more, perform better in school, and exhibit healthier behavior.

*Joyce Thomas,
Regional Administrator,
Region II, Federal
Administration for
Children and Families.*

One day can impact a whole year

Dads Take Your Child to School is a one-day event that can catalyze father involvement for the rest of the school year. Schools and community organizations use this opportunity to get to know the fathers of their students, and to encourage them to be involved by signing up for PTAs, Policy Councils, and volunteer opportunities like hall monitoring, career day, or beautification projects. As well, schools could distribute information and resources to encourage parent involvement in education, such as reading guides.

Partnership Matters!

Are you a community-based organization that is looking for more ways to interact with fathers in your community? Find a school in your neighborhood and propose that you work together to launch Dads Take Your Child to School in your community!

Are you a school or a Head Start program? Find a community partner that can support Dads Take Your Child to School at your location! Many community organizations are seeking more avenues to engage fathers and families. Invite a community organization such as a fathers program, a fraternal organization, or a Community Action Agency to join you. Also consider any community businesses or foundations that can support you.

Want to learn more?

Over the last four years of Dads Take Your Child to School in New York State, numerous resources and aids have been developed to help schools and community organizations work together to encourage father involvement in education. Go to <http://sites.google.com/site/dtyctsny> to find resources, contact information, and sign up!

**Join on May 22 at 3:00-4:30pm for an
INFORMATIONAL WEBINAR**

www1.gotomeeting.com/register/292889609



Taking your child to school isn't just a gesture, it's a way to show your child that their education really matters. When a dad or father figure gets involved in a child's education, that child succeeds, and we are able to build strong communities and a stronger city.

NYC DYCD Commissioner Jeanne B. Mullgrav

Event Partners

- New York State Office of Children and Family Services.
- New York State Office of Temporary and Disability Assistance/ New York State Fatherhood Initiative.
- New York State Community Action Association.
- NYS Parent Education Partnership/Prevent Child Abuse NY
- New York City Departments of Education, Youth and Community Development, Human Resource Administration, and NYC Dads.
- Fathers, Incorporated.
- US Dept of Health and Human Services/Administration for Children and Families, Region II.
- Schools, Head Starts and CBOs from around New York State.