

Home Visiting: Approaches to Father Engagement and Father's Experiences

Guide for Selecting Parents for Interviews

1 Respondent per Program

Estimated burden: 10 hours

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Thank you for agreeing to help identify parents to be interviewed for this study. We hope to interview 8 fathers and 2 mothers that are currently receiving home visiting services through your program. We will interview each father for approximately 75 minutes and each mother for approximately 60 minutes. All interviews will be conducted separately, either in the parent's home or other convenient location. Each parent will be offered \$40 for participation. The purpose of the interviews is to learn about the parents' experiences with home visiting and perspectives on father involvement.

We would like to speak with various types of fathers. While we understand we may not be able to speak with an equal number of each type of father (such as 4 residential and 4 nonresidential), we would like to speak with at least one father from each type listed below. Fathers can fit into one or more categories.

Types of Fathers

- Residential fathers
- Non-residential fathers
- First-time fathers
- Experienced fathers
- Teen/young fathers
- Married fathers
- Cohabiting fathers
- Fathers partnered with someone other than the child's mother enrolled in home visiting
- Fathers with enrolled children of different ages (infants, toddlers, preschoolers)
- Fathers with varying levels of involvement in home visiting (few visits to many visits)

If your program serves fathers of different racial/ethnic backgrounds, we would be interested in representing that diversity in our sample.

We would like to interview two mothers whose children's fathers are interviewed, so we will have two sets of parents (plus six other fathers). The two sets of parents do not need to be in a relationship or living together, and will be interviewed separately. We have no specific requests regarding the background or characteristics of the mothers selected, only that both parents agree to be interviewed.

Once parents are identified, please ask for their permission to have their name and contact information shared with the research team. We will ask that you share this information with us through a secure system that we will arrange. We will then follow up and call parents to officially recruit them into the study, address any questions they may have, and schedule an in-person interview. If you have any questions on this procedure, please contact Carrie Heller, project assistant at the Urban Institute, at 202-261-5843 or cheller@urban.org.