

Building Bridges and Bonds (B3)

Topics for the B3 Meeting

Thank you for taking time to meet with the B3 study team. As a reminder, the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services has contracted with MDRC and its partners, MEF Associates and Abt SRBI, to conduct B3. It will evaluate promising strategies used by responsible fatherhood programs to help fathers be more involved with their children and contribute to their well-being.

This document outlines the information the B3 team is interested in learning about your fatherhood program. The information will help us learn about the fatherhood field and inform the B3 study design. We envision these topics to serve as a guide for our conversation. They do not need to all be answered in our first call. **You do not need to answer these questions prior to our meeting.** Instead, we hope they can be a guide to help prepare for our discussion. Thank you in advance for your time!

- What type of organization houses your fatherhood program? What other services does the larger organization provide? What is its governing structure?
- How long has your program existed? What are your sources of funding?
- How many staff does your fatherhood program employ? What are their roles?*
- Who does your fatherhood program serve primarily? (e.g. target population)
- What services are provided to fathers in your program? Do you use any curriculums or have any model affiliations?
- How do you recruit fathers?
- How many fathers can you serve at any one time? How many tend to enroll monthly or annually?
- How long does the average client remain in your program? What is the intended duration of the program services you offer to fathers? What are the primary reasons for fathers leaving before that time?
- How do you decide which services fathers receive? How many tend to engage in employment services? How many engage in co-parenting or parenting services?
- What do fathers like about the program? What components do you think are most successful?
- If you had unlimited resources, are there services you would enhance or add, based on the needs of fathers in your program?

**Please forward an organizational chart, if available.*

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