



# Engaging Fathers and Paternal Relatives in Child Welfare Breakthrough Series Collaborative

## Child Welfare and Partner Staff Survey

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*[Month date, 20XX]*

**This information collection will help the project team on the fathers and continuous learning in child welfare project understand each site's organizational culture and individual practices related to engaging fathers and paternal relatives. The survey will be administered to implementing staff at child welfare agencies and partner agencies.**

**The average estimated public reporting burden for this collection of information is about 20 minutes per response. Providing information is voluntary, and all responses that are collected are kept private to the extent permitted by law.**

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**FATHERS AND CONTINUOUS LEARNING IN CHILD WELFARE (FCL) PROJECT**  
**CHILD WELFARE AND PARTNER STAFF SURVEY**

This survey aims to understand each site's organizational culture and individual practices related to engaging fathers and paternal relatives. The Fathers and Continuous Learning in Child Welfare (FCL) project team will use this information to assess (1) how implementing the Breakthrough Series Collaborative (BSC) may have contributed to the launch and potential sustainment of strategies for engaging fathers and paternal relatives and (2) how participating in the BSC may facilitate organization-level or system-level shifts in the culture of child welfare agencies surrounding the engagement of fathers and paternal relatives. This survey will be administered twice.

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The research is covered by a Certificate of Confidentiality from the National Institutes of Health. This means no one can force the researchers to share information that could identify you, even if a court orders them to share information, in any federal, state, or local civil, criminal, administrative, legislative, or other proceedings. The only exception is that the Certificate does not prevent the researchers from sharing information that would identify you as a participant in the project if you tell the interviewers anything that suggests you are very likely to harm yourself, that you are planning to hurt another person or child, or that someone is likely to harm you. A Certificate of Confidentiality does not prevent you from voluntarily releasing information about yourself or your involvement in this research. If you want your research information released to any other person not connected with the research, you must give consent to allow the researchers to release it.

The answers of all respondents will be combined to ensure you remain anonymous in any reports. The survey does not ask for your name, and background information is collected for analytic purposes only. Survey responses are encrypted in transit and at rest. The study team will be careful to protect all the information collected from this survey, but there is a small risk that non-researchers could see it.

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#### **PURPOSE**

In this survey, you are asked to assess your agency's organizational culture and how much it values engaging fathers and paternal relatives. Data collected from this survey will increase understanding of how implementing the BSC may have contributed to the (1) launch of strategies to engage fathers and paternal relatives and (2) organizational-level or system-level shifts in the culture surrounding the engagement of fathers and paternal relatives. Thank you for taking the time to candidly and thoughtfully share your experience with us. Please complete this survey by [date].

**A. BACKGROUND INFORMATION (DEMOGRAPHICS)**

**A1. How do you describe yourself?**

- Male..... 1
- Female..... 2
- Transgender..... 3
- Gender nonconforming..... 4
- Do not identify as female, male, or transgender..... 5
- Prefer not to answer..... 6

**A2. What is the highest level of education you have completed?**

- High school or GED..... 1
- Some college..... 2
- Associate's degree (A.A.) ..... 3
- Bachelor's degree (B.A. or B.S.) ..... 4
- Some graduate work..... 5
- Postgraduate degree (such as master's degree, J.D., Ed.D, or Ph.D.)..... 6
- Other (please specify): ..... 7

**A3. What is your ethnicity?**

- Hispanic or Latino..... 1
- Not Hispanic or Latino..... 2

**A4. What is your race?**

*Select all that apply*

- Black or African American..... 1
- White..... 2
- Asian..... 3
- American Indian or Alaska Native..... 4
- Native Hawaiian or other Pacific Islander..... 5
- Other (please specify) ..... 6

**A5. Select the job title that best describes your current role in your child welfare agency or organization.**

- Caseworker/case manager (including those contracted by [AGENCY] and carrying cases).....1
- Case aide .....2
- Supervisor .....3
- Program director .....4
- Agency director.....5
- Staff in a special program within the child welfare agency (parent support or reunification services).....6
- Community partner (local agency or organization working in collaboration with [AGENCY]). (Please specify job title):.....7
- Other (please specify): .....8

**A6. How long have you worked in this field?**

years

months

## B. AGENCY VALUES

**B1. Please read the following statements, and choose the answer that shows how much you agree with each statement:**

*SELECT ONE ONLY*

*[Items adapted from the Implementation Climate Scale]*

	Agree to a very great extent	Agree to a great extent	Agree to a moderate extent	Agree to a slight extent	Do not agree at all	n.a.
a. One of [AGENCY]'s goals is to effectively engage fathers and paternal relatives in case activities.	1 <input type="radio"/>	2 <input type="radio"/>	3 <input type="radio"/>	4 <input type="radio"/>	5 <input type="radio"/>	n.a. <input type="radio"/>
b. Staff in [AGENCY] think that engaging fathers and paternal relatives is important.	1 <input type="radio"/>	2 <input type="radio"/>	3 <input type="radio"/>	4 <input type="radio"/>	5 <input type="radio"/>	n.a. <input type="radio"/>
c. Connecting fathers and paternal relatives to services is important to [AGENCY] leadership.	1 <input type="radio"/>	2 <input type="radio"/>	3 <input type="radio"/>	4 <input type="radio"/>	5 <input type="radio"/>	n.a. <input type="radio"/>
d. Most staff at [AGENCY] are interested in improving their ability to work with fathers and paternal relatives.	1 <input type="radio"/>	2 <input type="radio"/>	3 <input type="radio"/>	4 <input type="radio"/>	5 <input type="radio"/>	n.a. <input type="radio"/>
e. The ability to effectively engage fathers and paternal relatives is one of the key skills [AGENCY] looks for in new hires.	1 <input type="radio"/>	2 <input type="radio"/>	3 <input type="radio"/>	4 <input type="radio"/>	5 <input type="radio"/>	n.a. <input type="radio"/>
f. [Agency] leaders encourage staff to spend time reaching out to and involving fathers and paternal relatives in case activities.	1 <input type="radio"/>	2 <input type="radio"/>	3 <input type="radio"/>	4 <input type="radio"/>	5 <input type="radio"/>	n.a. <input type="radio"/>
g. [Agency] leaders encourage staff to connect fathers and paternal relatives to supportive services.	1 <input type="radio"/>	2 <input type="radio"/>	3 <input type="radio"/>	4 <input type="radio"/>	5 <input type="radio"/>	n.a. <input type="radio"/>

### C. AGENCY SUPPORT

**C1. Please read the following statements, and choose the answer that shows how much you agree with each statement:**

*SELECT ONE ONLY*

*[Items adapted from the Implementation Climate Scale]*

	Agree to a very great extent	Agree to a great extent	Agree to a moderate extent	Agree to a slight extent	Do not agree at all	n.a.
a. [AGENCY] provides professional development opportunities to develop staff skills in engaging fathers and paternal relatives in case activities.	1 <input type="radio"/>	2 <input type="radio"/>	3 <input type="radio"/>	4 <input type="radio"/>	5 <input type="radio"/>	n.a. <input type="radio"/>
b. [AGENCY] provides training materials about engaging fathers and paternal relatives.	1 <input type="radio"/>	2 <input type="radio"/>	3 <input type="radio"/>	4 <input type="radio"/>	5 <input type="radio"/>	n.a. <input type="radio"/>
c. My supervisor checks in often about what I am doing to engage fathers and paternal relatives in case activities.	1 <input type="radio"/>	2 <input type="radio"/>	3 <input type="radio"/>	4 <input type="radio"/>	5 <input type="radio"/>	n.a. <input type="radio"/>
d. My supervisor has expectations for how often I contact fathers and paternal relatives.	1 <input type="radio"/>	2 <input type="radio"/>	3 <input type="radio"/>	4 <input type="radio"/>	5 <input type="radio"/>	n.a. <input type="radio"/>

## D. PERSPECTIVES ON AGENCY STAFF

**D1. Please read the following statements and indicate how much you agree with each one:**

*SELECT ONE ONLY*

*[Items adapted from the Implementation Climate Scale]*

	Agree to a very great extent	Agree to a great extent	Agree to a moderate extent	Agree to a slight extent	Do not agree at all	n.a.
a. Staff at [AGENCY] are adaptable.	1 <input type="radio"/>	2 <input type="radio"/>	3 <input type="radio"/>	4 <input type="radio"/>	5 <input type="radio"/>	n.a. <input type="radio"/>
b. Staff at [AGENCY] are flexible.	1 <input type="radio"/>	2 <input type="radio"/>	3 <input type="radio"/>	4 <input type="radio"/>	5 <input type="radio"/>	n.a. <input type="radio"/>
c. Staff at [AGENCY] value fathers and paternal relatives.	1 <input type="radio"/>	2 <input type="radio"/>	3 <input type="radio"/>	4 <input type="radio"/>	5 <input type="radio"/>	n.a. <input type="radio"/>
d. Staff at [AGENCY] are open to new engagement strategies and approaches for fathers and paternal relatives.	1 <input type="radio"/>	2 <input type="radio"/>	3 <input type="radio"/>	4 <input type="radio"/>	5 <input type="radio"/>	n.a. <input type="radio"/>
e. Staff at [AGENCY] want to improve how they work with fathers and paternal relatives.	1 <input type="radio"/>	2 <input type="radio"/>	3 <input type="radio"/>	4 <input type="radio"/>	5 <input type="radio"/>	n.a. <input type="radio"/>
f. Staff at [AGENCY] believe involving fathers and paternal relatives is just as important as involving mothers and maternal relatives.	1 <input type="radio"/>	2 <input type="radio"/>	3 <input type="radio"/>	4 <input type="radio"/>	5 <input type="radio"/>	n.a. <input type="radio"/>
g. Staff at [AGENCY] believe the agency should treat fathers and paternal relatives the same way mothers and maternal relatives are treated.	1 <input type="radio"/>	2 <input type="radio"/>	3 <input type="radio"/>	4 <input type="radio"/>	5 <input type="radio"/>	n.a. <input type="radio"/>



## E. MONITORING

**E1. Please read the following statements, and choose the answer that shows how much you agree with each statement:**

*SELECT ONE ONLY*

	Agree to a very great extent	Agree to a great extent	Agree to a moderate extent	Agree to a slight extent	Do not agree at all	n.a.
a. I am required to document my efforts to engage fathers.	1 <input type="radio"/>	2 <input type="radio"/>	3 <input type="radio"/>	4 <input type="radio"/>	5 <input type="radio"/>	n.a. <input type="radio"/>
b. I am required to document my efforts to engage paternal relatives.	1 <input type="radio"/>	2 <input type="radio"/>	3 <input type="radio"/>	4 <input type="radio"/>	5 <input type="radio"/>	n.a. <input type="radio"/>
c. [AGENCY] uses information I provide about father and paternal relative engagement to inform its decisions.	1 <input type="radio"/>	2 <input type="radio"/>	3 <input type="radio"/>	4 <input type="radio"/>	5 <input type="radio"/>	n.a. <input type="radio"/>
d. I attend meetings where data are used to understand father and paternal relative engagement.	1 <input type="radio"/>	2 <input type="radio"/>	3 <input type="radio"/>	4 <input type="radio"/>	5 <input type="radio"/>	n.a. <input type="radio"/>
e. I often attend meetings with my colleagues where I discuss my attempts to involve fathers and parental relatives.	1 <input type="radio"/>	2 <input type="radio"/>	3 <input type="radio"/>	4 <input type="radio"/>	5 <input type="radio"/>	n.a. <input type="radio"/>
f. I personally document my efforts to involve fathers and paternal relatives (for example, I record the number of times I contacted a father or paternal relative).	1 <input type="radio"/>	2 <input type="radio"/>	3 <input type="radio"/>	4 <input type="radio"/>	5 <input type="radio"/>	n.a. <input type="radio"/>
g. I use data to improve my engagement of fathers and paternal relatives (for example, I record the different methods of communication I have used to engage fathers and paternal relatives, and which methods they are most responsive to).	1 <input type="radio"/>	2 <input type="radio"/>	3 <input type="radio"/>	4 <input type="radio"/>	5 <input type="radio"/>	n.a. <input type="radio"/>

## F. EXPERIENCE USING NEW STRATEGIES AND APPROACHES

**F1. Please read the following statements about using new strategies, and choose the answer that best reflects how much you agree with each one:**

*SELECT ONE ONLY*

*[Items adapted from the Evidence-Based Practice Attitude Scale]*

	Agree to a very great extent	Agree to a great extent	Agree to a moderate extent	Agree to a slight extent	Do not agree at all	n.a.
a. I like to use new strategies and approaches to engage fathers and paternal relatives.	1 <input type="radio"/>	2 <input type="radio"/>	3 <input type="radio"/>	4 <input type="radio"/>	5 <input type="radio"/>	n.a. <input type="radio"/>
b. I am willing to try new strategies and approaches to engage fathers and paternal relatives.	1 <input type="radio"/>	2 <input type="radio"/>	3 <input type="radio"/>	4 <input type="radio"/>	5 <input type="radio"/>	n.a. <input type="radio"/>
c. When it comes to engaging fathers and paternal relatives, I rely more on my experience than what I have learned from research.	1 <input type="radio"/>	2 <input type="radio"/>	3 <input type="radio"/>	4 <input type="radio"/>	5 <input type="radio"/>	n.a. <input type="radio"/>
d. I would prefer not to use new strategies or approaches to engage fathers and paternal relatives.	1 <input type="radio"/>	2 <input type="radio"/>	3 <input type="radio"/>	4 <input type="radio"/>	5 <input type="radio"/>	n.a. <input type="radio"/>
e. I would try a new strategy or approach to engage fathers and paternal relatives even if it were very different from what I am used to doing.	1 <input type="radio"/>	2 <input type="radio"/>	3 <input type="radio"/>	4 <input type="radio"/>	5 <input type="radio"/>	n.a. <input type="radio"/>

## G. EXPERIENCE ENGAGING FATHERS AND PATERNAL RELATIVES

**G1. Please read the following statements about your experience engaging fathers and paternal relatives, and indicate how strongly you agree with each one:**

*SELECT ONE ONLY*

	Agree to a very great extent	Agree to a great extent	Agree to a moderate extent	Agree to a slight extent	Do not agree at all	n.a.
a. Engaging fathers and paternal relatives makes my job easier.	1 <input type="radio"/>	2 <input type="radio"/>	3 <input type="radio"/>	4 <input type="radio"/>	5 <input type="radio"/>	n.a. <input type="radio"/>
b. Engaging fathers and paternal relatives makes my job more complicated.	1 <input type="radio"/>	2 <input type="radio"/>	3 <input type="radio"/>	4 <input type="radio"/>	5 <input type="radio"/>	n.a. <input type="radio"/>
c. I enjoy working with my colleagues on engaging fathers and paternal relatives.	1 <input type="radio"/>	2 <input type="radio"/>	3 <input type="radio"/>	4 <input type="radio"/>	5 <input type="radio"/>	n.a. <input type="radio"/>
d. Spending time engaging fathers and paternal relatives means I have less time to dedicate to my other cases.	1 <input type="radio"/>	2 <input type="radio"/>	3 <input type="radio"/>	4 <input type="radio"/>	5 <input type="radio"/>	n.a. <input type="radio"/>
e. Engaging fathers and paternal relatives is rewarding.	1 <input type="radio"/>	2 <input type="radio"/>	3 <input type="radio"/>	4 <input type="radio"/>	5 <input type="radio"/>	n.a. <input type="radio"/>
f. Engaging fathers and paternal relatives has created more work for me.	1 <input type="radio"/>	2 <input type="radio"/>	3 <input type="radio"/>	4 <input type="radio"/>	5 <input type="radio"/>	n.a. <input type="radio"/>
g. Engaging fathers improves the lives of the children whose cases I work on.	1 <input type="radio"/>	2 <input type="radio"/>	3 <input type="radio"/>	4 <input type="radio"/>	5 <input type="radio"/>	n.a. <input type="radio"/>
h. Engaging paternal relatives improves the lives of the children whose cases I work on.	1 <input type="radio"/>	2 <input type="radio"/>	3 <input type="radio"/>	4 <input type="radio"/>	5 <input type="radio"/>	n.a. <input type="radio"/>