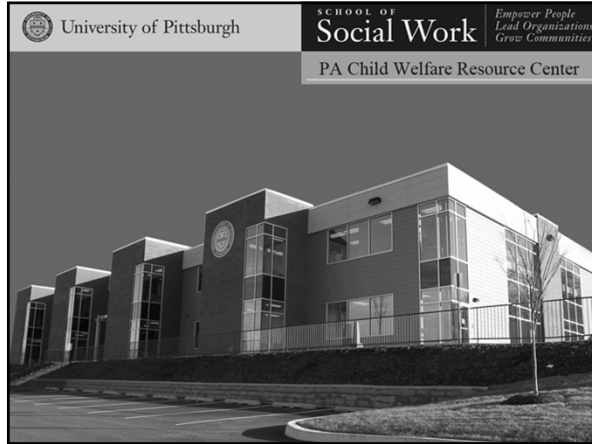




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Purpose

To share one organization's experience engaging fathers with individuals and organizations who are interested in developing and/or growing a father engagement program or who are seeking ideas to improve their work with fathers.

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Learning Objectives

Participants will be able to:

- Cite data surrounding national and state level father engagement efforts.
- Identify the various aspects of the Kennett Square Family Center's Fatherhood Initiative Program.
- Offer the successes and lessons learned over the development of Kennett Square Family Center's Fatherhood Initiative Program.
- Offer tips and techniques for engaging fathers.

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Agenda

- Welcome and Introductions
- How are we Doing?
- Best Practice Considerations
- About Kennett Square Family Center
- Fatherhood Initiative Beginnings
- Programming
- Connecting with Fathers
- A Father's Perspective
- Wrap up

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Child and Family Service Review Items that Explore Father Engagement

- **Item 13:** Visiting with parents and siblings in foster care
- **Item 16:** Relationship of child in care with parents
- **Item 17:** Needs and services of child, parents, and foster parents
- **Item 18:** Child and family involvement in case planning
- **Item 20:** Caseworker visits with parents

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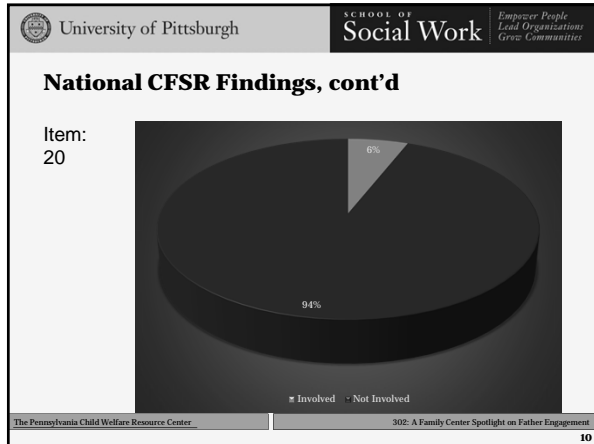
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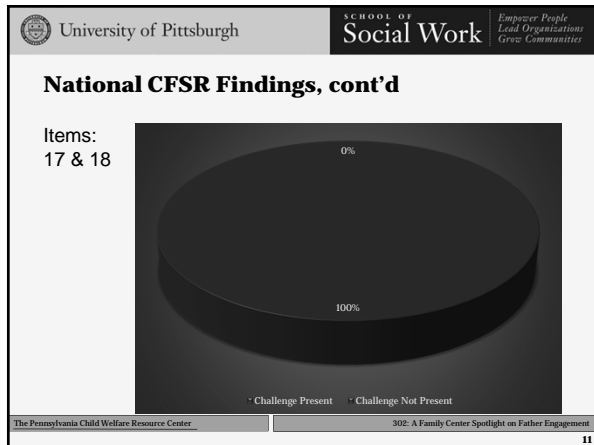
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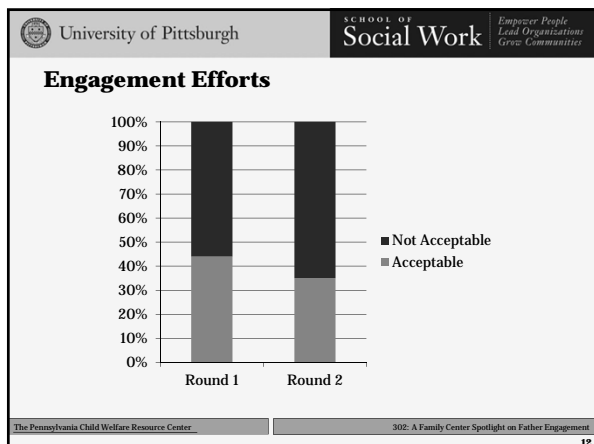
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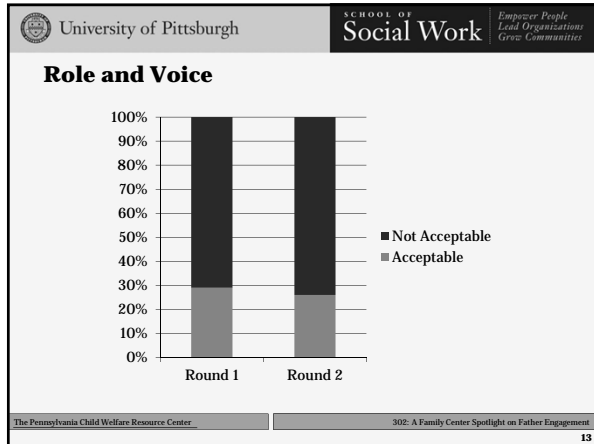


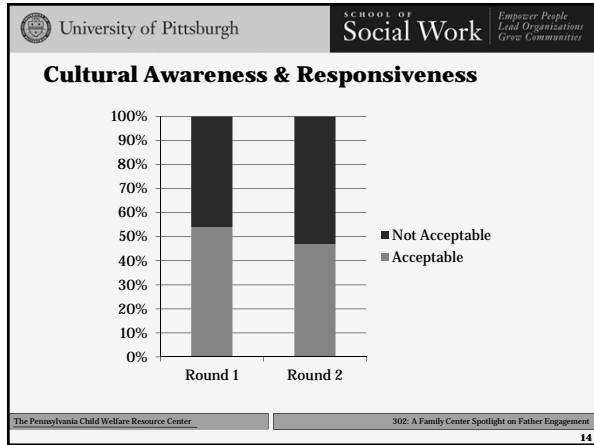


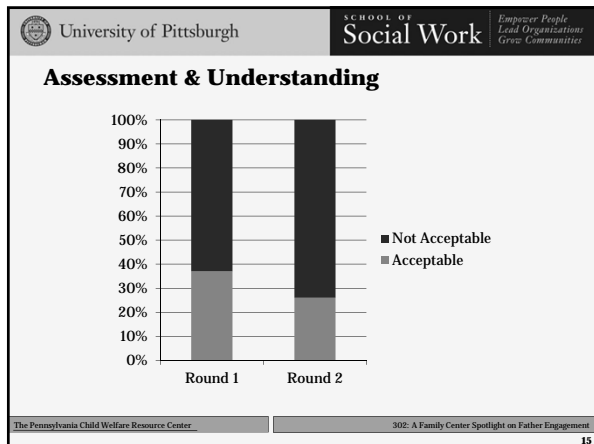




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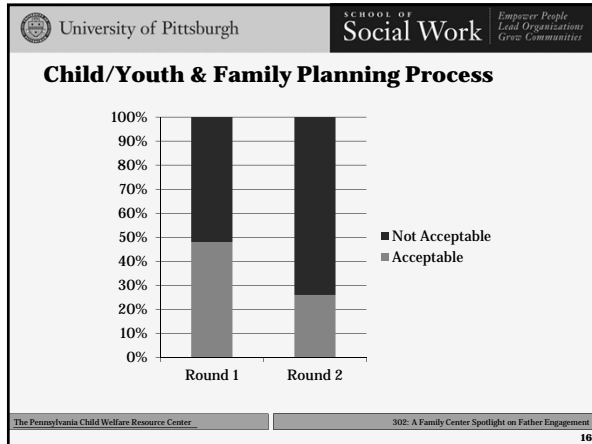


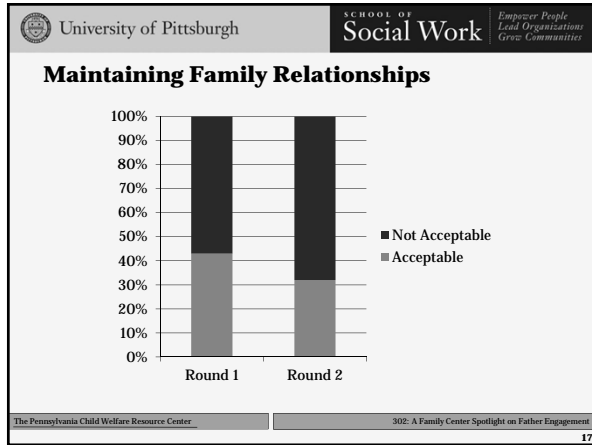






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National and State Data

Child and Family Services Review
<http://www.acf.hhs.gov/programs/cb/monitoring/child-family-services-reviews>

Quality Service Review
www.pacwrc.pitt.edu/CQI.htm



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Best Practice Considerations

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Fatherhood Initiative Beginnings

- 2009 - One event
- 2010 - Two events
 - Include fathers in the visit tracker, mailing list
 - Daddy and Me
 - Male role model
- 2011 - Two events
- 2012 - Grant provided through the Chester County Department of Human Services

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Approaches to Father Inclusion

- Included fathers in the mailing list
- Decorated the center to be father friendly
- Added father only activities
- Included male parent educator/volunteers
- Displayed father friendly posters
- Added males to the advisory board




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Approaches to Father Inclusion, cont'd

- Adapted schedules for home visits, events and group connections
- Father friendly incentives
- Set activities in which the father is alone with their child or alone participating in the class.
- Adopted curricula
 - Siempre Papá
 - Parents as Teachers




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Outreach

- Invitations
- Telephone
- Mushroom fields



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Programming Considerations

- Experience
- Conferences
- Listening to fathers
 - Needs and Expectations
 - Barriers to Serving Fathers




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Current Programs

- Individual Visits: Adapted to and scheduled based upon fathers' needs.
- Father roundtables/workshops: Fathers only discussions. No mothers are allow to attend.




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Current Programs, cont'd

- Group Meetings specific for dads/only dads
 - Group connections can be any activity with the whole family
 - Examples of group meetings:
 - Kindergarten Transition Program
 - Daddy and Me events
 - Flu shot and dental clinics
 - Play Dates
 - Night of Dreams



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Connecting with Fathers

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A Father's Perspective


ENGAGING FATHERS

an interview with Jose Vasquez

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QUESTIONS:



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Resources

- <http://www.fatherhood.org/>
- <http://fathersandfamiliescoalition.org/>
- Kids Need Dads brochure (<http://www.ocfpcourts.us/assets/files/page-329/file-808.pdf>)



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