

Engaging a Specific Father

Think about a family on your caseload that involves an absentee father and respond to the following questions:

1. Why is it important for you to locate this father?
2. Using the Diligent Search package as a reference, what steps have you taken to find this father? If you have not found this father yet, knowing what you know now, what additional steps can you take to locate this father?
3. What do I know about this father that may help or hinder my efforts to engage him in his child's life and reunify him with his child?
4. List specific ideas for involving this father in the Family Service Plan.
5. What strengths do you see in this father?
6. What concerns and needs do you see for this father?
7. What resources could I offer this father?

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