

Honor a Father



For Father's Day, the Florida Maternal, Infant and Early Childhood Home Visiting Initiative and Florida Department of Children & Families are recognizing fathers who have gone the extra mile to support their children and families.

Eligibility: Any father who participated in a home visiting or other early childhood prevention program during the last year (April, 2013- April, 2014). Home visiting programs include state and federal Healthy Start, Healthy Families Florida, HIPPY, Early Head Start, Early Steps and other prevention programs that serve children age 0-5.

Nomination: Any eligible agency can nominate up to five fathers by writing and submitting a brief (500

words or less) narrative detailing:

- a. Why this father deserves recognition;
- b. Traits of this father (e.g., perseverance) which the nominating agency believe help make him successful and which exemplify parent leadership, and why;
- c. Brief examples showing how this father has demonstrated (through words and/or actions) each of the following:
 - i. His commitment to his own positive parenting;
 - ii. His desire to actively engage with his child(ren); and
 - iii. His understanding of the importance of the role he plays in his child(ren)'s lives.

Photos of the father and his child(ren) are welcome!

Process: Nominations should be submitted electronically by **Friday, June 20** to MIECHV@fahsc.org. Please include the father's consent to publish the nomination story and photo.

Fathers will receive a letter of appreciation and certificate recognizing their efforts and nomination.

Nominating agencies will receive a New Parent Support Package developed by the National Fatherhood Initiative that contains educational material and other resources for father engagement (\$1,295 value).

Thank you!



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