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ABSTRACT

<p>Title of Abstract</p>	<p>Father-Inclusive Practice With Vulnerable Families: What Is It and How Do We Do It?</p>
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<p>Abstract</p>	<p>An interactive workshop built on ten years of direct work with health, education, welfare and community services, experience working with fathers (from expectant fathers to grandfathers) and several years of research in father-inclusive practice.</p> <p>This workshop uses DVD presentations, role play demonstrations (no really scary ones), and small group exercises to address practitioner competencies and system-level changes required to establish father-inclusive practice.</p> <p>TOPICS (The depth of coverage of each topic will be guided by participants on the day)</p> <p>Recruitment and engagement How can the service or program position itself so that men in the community perceive it as "male-friendly"? Once you get the fathers in, how do you achieve their full participation? What modifications to your organization might be required to include fathers?</p> <p>Active methods with fathers Not all fathers are 'action man' types but the standard parent education – sitting in a circle to discuss a sheet on parenting – leaves many fathers cold. How do we incorporate physical movement into parenting support for fathers?</p> <p>Listening to fathers and fathers listening to others What do we want to hear from fathers? How will we know if they feel that they have been heard? Who should fathers listen to with respect?</p> <p>Frontiers of fatherhood There are many new areas to explore: advocating for Rough & Tumble play; engaging with abusive or violent fathers; balancing mothers' and fathers' needs in the one service; mentoring fathers and fathers as role models for children and other fathers.</p>