



## Divine Alternatives for Dads Services (D.A.D.S.)

*Stronger Fathers, Healthier Communities*

D.A.D.S is a 501(c)(3) nonprofit organization

**Vision:** Stronger Fathers, Healthier Communities

**Mission:** To give fathers hope by walking together in supportive community, helping navigate relational and legal barriers which separate them from their children and families.

**Web site:** [www.aboutdads.org](http://www.aboutdads.org) – our web site states our vision, mission, services, research on father absence, letters of support from the community, gallery of pictures, and more.

### **D.A.D.S. Services**

#### Child Support Management

D.A.D.S. offers guidance and assistance to fathers who are currently experiencing child support obligations that exceed their ability to pay. D.A.D.S. works with fathers and with the Office of Support Enforcement to obtain a realistic child support plan.

#### Parent Involvement

D.A.D.S. works with men to understand their importance in the lives of their children. This may take the form of helping to get visitation or to create parenting plans to submit to the courts. D.A.D.S. helps encourage men to become positive role models for their children.

#### Reunification

With the assistance of consultants and other agencies, D.A.D.S. will help locate and reunite fathers with their children and families, within the legal limit of the law.

### Training for Fathers

D.A.D.S. offers training to men, using the curriculum called "Quenching the Father Thirst." The 13-week class is geared towards urban fathers. It helps men to become effective communicators with their children and family. The class provides listening skills, techniques in getting to know your children, and a structure for setting goals around improving relationships.

### Support Groups

D.A.D.S. offers a [support group](#) that allows fathers to reconfirm their commitment to their families. Fathers can discuss the problems and struggles they may be experiencing in trying to accomplish their action plan.

### Case Management

D.A.D.S. provides a one-on-one case advocacy program for anyone who is in need of family services. This includes time-limited assistance with gaining housing, legal assistance and family stability.