

A Father Speaks About Life Changes

"I came out of prison, over 10 years ago, owing \$133,000 in child support arrears and not being an involved father. I needed guidance on how to turn things around.

Today, I'm married, have custody of my children, own a home and work as Fatherhood Program Director out of Lakewood in Pierce County. DADS has afforded me the ability to be able to reach back into the community and help others in the situations surrounding their own children and families."

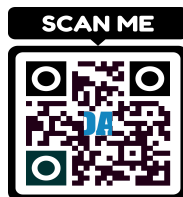
-William Haynes



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DIVINE ALTERNATIVES FOR DADS SERVICES

Giving Fathers Hope

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



Goals

Model healthy relationships
Break the cycle of family violence
Empower fathers to become positive agents of change in their homes and communities

DADS SERVICES

DADS provides resources and support for fathers seeking to establish/reestablish positive relationships with their children.

These services include:

Child Support Management – guidance and assistance for fathers who are in arrears on their child support obligations. Fathers learn how to obtain affordable terms for their payments, which helps both the fathers and the children. DADS counseling and assistance increases the amount of money going into Child Support from their clients, and helps father get on a solid financial footing.

Parenting Plan Assistance – helping fathers obtain and understand legal documents for custody and visitation.

Reunification – helping fathers reunite with their children and families.

Parenting classes – Offering Becoming DADS parenting class.

Support Groups – our men's support groups encourage fathers to grow in their commitment to their families. Fathers find hope, encouragement and relationships to do the hard work of becoming loving, responsible dads.

Case Management – Providing one-on-one case advocacy. This includes assistance with referrals to gaining housing, legal research assistance, drug rehabilitation and pre-employment services on a case by case basis. Bilingual services in Spanish provided.

DADS Outcomes

- Fathers learn how to access support services.
- Fathers are viably employed
- More fathers are active parents
- Children's academic performance and social skills improve.
- More families stay together.
- More families reunite.
- Positive relationships develop with fathers and their children's mothers.
- Mothers recognize the importance of supporting a father's role.
- Children experience a reduction in high-risk behaviors and criminal activity.
- Kids become involved in positive after-school activities.
- More and more community organizations and individuals refer fathers to DADS as they hear success stories at events and from people they know.

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