



Fall News

November, 2021

THE BIG NEWS

We have a new office, new staff members, and a new website set to launch next month.

- **THE BIGGEST** is certainly our new office located at 411 12th Ave. Suite 300, Seattle 98122.

After 20 years we literally ran out of space at the Rainier Ave location. Our new office not only provides the needed space for our staff, but gives us room for larger classes and events. The new location is more centrally located for our clients. We expect this to make connecting with us easier and increase our workflow. As I write this we are still getting unpacked and settled in. An open house gathering is being planned for January.

The old location has been home for so long that leaving is not easy. We had our final support group meeting there this week. 20 years of memories of lives changed in that office are hard to leave. For Marvin and Jeanett this is coming full circle. DADS began from the experiences they had with the Juvenile Justice Center. Now our office is directly across the street from it. We will be next door to help those passing through there on the same journey that started DADS. Seems very fitting. This new place has already become home.

Maria said " It has a whole new atmosphere"

Larry reports that the first client to walk into our new office turned out to be a cousin he had never met. The client's name started the questions that lead them to discover they were related. How great is that?

- **New Staff**

Bryan Grove is our new Director of Operations. He joined our team in July. The word is that Bryan is neat and has a really nifty background. More on that in a future newsletter.

Gregg Towery also joined this team in July. He came to DADS in 2005 and has hosted the Thursday night mens support group and served on our board of directors. He works with our support groups, and helps with accounting and communications.

As Greg Adams put it "We were a great team, but now we are a force". We have a great staff and would love for you to visit us.

- **New Website**

Our new website is nearly done. Bryan has been working hard to get this up and running and it is expected to be live by Dec 6.

Becoming Dads Parenting Classes Update



Teaching fathers how to put their children first pays off

Caleb recently wrote

.... as a teenager I was causing so much trouble that my dad sent me to 2 youth behavior ranches, 1 in Prescott, Wa. The other in Geneva , New York. When I got a home visit I stole my dad's van and ended up in juvenile hall. As I turned 17, I ended up going to prison and being charged as an adult... In total I have spent over 10 years incarcerated. I met my oldest daughter's mom before I went to prison the last time. I saw my daughter for the first time in 2020 and she was 14.

I had a friend of mine tell me about the DADS program. That is where I met pastor Larry brooks and Greg Adams. I completed the parenting class and that helped me learn what it's like to be a parent. And it helped me navigate through the trials and tribulations. After going through this class, I had a whole new outlook on trying to be a co-parent and **put the kids first instead of always battling** with the other parent.

Losing my kids and getting clean and sober around the same time was extremely difficult. Through this whole new transition. I have stayed in contact with pastor Larry and have kept him in the loop with what is going on with my family court.

My life has been crazy at times lots of heart ache and happiness. Times where I wanted to throw in the towel and give up. But today I can say **"I am super grateful for the life I live with my wife and my kids and the home that we share. And no matter what everything will be ok"**.

HOW CAN YOU HELP

Your support not only makes this work possible but inspires us to do more. That inspiration has helped us overcome the struggles of the last two years. We are better people because you believe in us. With the transition to our new office, we expect to provide better service to our clients and be able to handle the increased flow of fathers through our doors. Thank you for being a part of it.



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