



# Tennessee Department of Human Services Fatherhood Initiative

The United States is currently experiencing a historic high in the number of children born to single parents, with 1 in 4 children, approximately 18.5 million, living without a biological, step, or adoptive father in their household (U.S. Census Bureau, 2022). This absence of fathers has led to significant negative consequences for families, communities, and society as a whole. Research indicates that children growing up without their fathers' active involvement encounter greater challenges across various aspects of life.

To tackle this issue, the Tennessee Department of Human Services (TDHS) aims to mobilize community partners, policymakers, and experts, to advocate for fatherhood and offer essential support to empower fathers. The TDHS Fatherhood grant program is a significant investment in the health and well-being of Tennessee society. The organizations listed have been awarded grants to advance the essential role of fathers in Tennessee. Grant recipients are on-the-ground service delivery providers with previous experience providing fatherhood or related programming to communities.

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## Services Provided:

Fatherhood Initiative agencies deliver a broad range of services to enhance father-child connections, such as:

- Parenting and conflict resolution skills
- Financial coaching
- Educational and informational workshops
- Community events
- Mental health support and resources
- Networking and support groups
- Information and referral for additional services needed

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## Who is eligible for Fatherhood Initiative services?

Any father can participate in a Fatherhood Initiative program. Contact your area's Fatherhood Initiative agency for enrollment information and to learn more about specific programs that are best suited for your needs.

# West Tennessee

## **Boys and Girls Club of Greater Memphis**

P: 901-302-0314 | E: [Darrelld@bgcm.org](mailto:Darrelld@bgcm.org) | A: 44 S. Rembert St., Memphis, TN 38104  
Service area: Shelby County

## **Agape Child and Family Services, Inc.**

P: 901-626-3603 | E: [jim.harbin@agapemeanslove.org](mailto:jim.harbin@agapemeanslove.org) | A: 3160 Directors Row, Memphis, TN 38131  
Service area: Shelby County

## **Southwest Human Resources Agency**

P: 731-989-5111 | E: [insideoutdad@swhra.org](mailto:insideoutdad@swhra.org) | A: 1527 White Ave., Henderson, TN 38340  
Service area: Chester, Decatur, Hardeman, Hardin, Haywood, Henderson, Madison, and McNairy Counties

# Middle Tennessee

## **National Football League Alumni Association - Tennessee Chapter**

P: 202-922-9077 | E: [info@nflafatherhood.org](mailto:info@nflafatherhood.org) | A: 2000 Mallory Lane, Suite 130, Nashville, TN 37067  
Service area: Davidson and Williamson

## **New Vision, Inc. - Nurturing Father's Program**

P: 615-473-3006 | E: [timbmalone@gmail.com](mailto:timbmalone@gmail.com) | A: 810 Dominican Dr., Suite 109, Nashville, TN 37228  
Service area: Davidson, Rutherford, Sumner, and Williamson Counties

## **United Way of South Central Tennessee**

P: 615-893-7303 | E: [Ashley.Wenzel@yourlocaluw.org](mailto:Ashley.Wenzel@yourlocaluw.org)  
3050 Medical Center Pkwy. #2 Murfreesboro, TN 37129  
Service area: Cannon, Bedford, Warren, Moore, Rutherford, Lincoln, and Coffee

# East Tennessee

## **East Tennessee State University Fatherhood Connection Initiative**

P: 423-930-6003 | E: [Fatherhood@etsu.edu](mailto:Fatherhood@etsu.edu) | A: 2700 South Roan St., Suite 405, Johnson City, TN 37601  
Service area: Carter, Sullivan, and Washington Counties

## **First Things First, Inc.**

P: 423-267-5383 | E: [reggie@firstthings.org](mailto:reggie@firstthings.org) | A: 1427 Williams St., Chattanooga, TN 37408  
Service area: Hamilton County

## **Ridgeview Behavioral Health Services**

P: 865-482-1076 | E: [hashjs@ridgeview.com](mailto:hashjs@ridgeview.com) | 240 West Tyrone Rd., Oak Ridge, TN 37830  
Service area: Anderson, Campbell, Fentress, Morgan, Roane, Scott, and Union Counties

## **Signal Centers Inc.**

P: 423-509-7124 | E: [Floyd\\_Davis@signalcenters.org](mailto:Floyd_Davis@signalcenters.org) | A: 109 N. Germantown Rd., Chattanooga, TN 37411  
Service area: Hamilton County