

MADONNA PLACE
(860)886-6600

PROMOTING RESPONSIBLE FATHERHOOD

SUMMER 2011

Services We Offer:

- Voluntary Paternity Establishment Program
- Child Support Arrearage Adjustment Program
- Employment Skill Assessments/Job Search Assistance
- Strength Based Case-Management focused on Goal Setting and Empowerment
- Family court advocacy and support
- Peer and Educational Groups
- Group for couples
- Referrals to community resources such as employment, legal assistance, mental health and basic needs
- Activities for parents and kids
- Transportation Assistance
- Basic needs such as food, clothing and personal care items

****Don't worry that your children never listen to you, worry that they are***

*Dads- ways to be there for your children

Support isn't just about money.

Helping pay for a child's needs is a basic responsibility. But you can get involved in many other ways, such as:

- spending time together regularly (playing, taking walks, etc.)
- Taking your child to school or to the doctor for checkups
- Going to school activities

Make time together count.

Talking and listening to each other are powerful ways to be close. Or if you're far away, try to phone or write your child often.

Teach your child how to behave.

Be clear about your rules. Say what will happen if one gets broken. If your child breaks a rule, stay calm. Explain what he or she did wrong, and always praise your child when he or she does well!

What's next in your own story?

Be there for your child—and look forward to your future together.

*Even if you can't always be with your child, your child can know you always care.

For more information :
1-877-696-6775

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Upcoming Group Meetings (FREE!)

24/7 Dad Group

Open Enrollment
Mondays, 5:00-7:30pm
Madonna Place

24/7 Dad Group at SCADD

Thursdays, 6:00-7:00pm

@ New London, CT

Dr. Dad

Tuesdays, 6:00-8:00pm
@ Backus Hospital

Relationships Group

Wednesdays, 5:30-7:30pm

@ Madonna Place

Fathering Without Conflict

Time TBA



Please call the Fatherhood Initiative Program for further group details and to enroll in program prior to beginning group (860) 886-6600

Top 10: Father-Son Activities

- Camping
- Sporting Events
- Playing sports
- Bicycling
- Cooking
- Housework
- Fishing
- Hunting
- Gaming
- Yardwork



*Good fathers make
good sons."*

- Author Unknown

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Here's ten ways to help your infant's brain grow!

- Teach your infant to trust you by always responding to him when he cries.
- Give your baby bright colorful things to look at.
- Make index cards of simple black & white designs for baby to look at.
- Turn on soft, soothing music for your baby.
- Hang interesting shapes from a baby mobile.
- Keep baby near you; baby thrives on your attention.
- Better yet, carry your baby around. Use a sling to keep your hands free. Babies love the motion!
- Talk to your baby a lot. Tell baby what you are thinking and doing and explain everything.
- Let baby look at human faces; mom and dad are their favorites!
- Move baby's crib from room to room. This stimulates baby and prevents boredom.

Info by Noodle Soup 2009; visit noodlesoup.com for more info!*

Did you know...

Norwich Recreation Department offers:

- Preschool programs
- Summer camp
- Youth/Adult programs
- Norwich Family resource center
- Norwich Youth & Family services

Visit www.norwichct.org OR call 860.823.3791