

Father Times Parenting Newsletter Parent Questionnaire for Fathers or Father Figures

Please answer each question to the best of your ability. There are no right or wrong answers. Your answers will be kept confidential. Please check or circle the answer as appropriate. When you are finished, please return the questionnaire.

1. Nine issues of the Father Times newsletter have been sent home with your child or to your home.

How many of these newsletters did you receive?

- 0
- 1 - 3
- 4 - 6
- 7 - 9

2. How much of the *Father Times* newsletters do you usually read?

- (1) None of it
- (2) Skim and read one to two articles per issue
- (3) Most articles in most issues
- (4) All articles in all issues

3. If you did not read the newsletter, why not?

4. What do you usually do with the newsletters?

- (1) Throw them away
- (2) Keep them and file for later use
- (3) Give them to someone

5. Does anyone else read your copy of the newsletter?

- (1) Yes
- (2) No

6. If yes, who? (Check all that apply)

- (1) Spouse or partner
- (2) Child's grandparent
- (3) Another relative or friend
- (4) Other fathers or father figures
- (5) Co-worker
- (6) Other _____

For me, the <i>Father Times</i> newsletter was:	Strongly Disagree	Disagree	Agree	Strongly Agree
7. About the right length				
8. Positive as an information source				
9. Easy to read and understand				
10. Interesting to read and informative				
11. Useful in my everyday parenting				

12. How would you improve the newsletter?

Men get information on parenting and family life from many sources.

Please rate how useful each of the sources below has been for you. Circle the appropriate number.

Source	Does Not Apply	Not at all Useful		Somewhat Useful		Very Useful
13. Your parents, relatives and in-laws	0	1	2	3	4	5
14. Spouse or mother of your child	0	1	2	3	4	5
15. Friends or other parents	0	1	2	3	4	5
16. Other fathers or father figures	0	1	2	3	4	5
17. Physician, nurse or care provider	0	1	2	3	4	5
18. Books, magazines, newspapers	0	1	2	3	4	5
19. Parent education or discussion group	0	1	2	3	4	5
20. The Internet	0	1	2	3	4	5
21. <i>Father Times</i> newsletter	0	1	2	3	4	5

Please rate the following sections of the *Father Times* newsletter using this scale:

1 = Not at all useful to 5 = Very useful.

<i>Father Times</i> Section	Did Not Read	Not at all Useful		Somewhat Useful		Very Useful
22. The stories about dad and his situation ("Once Upon a Time ...")	0	1	2	3	4	5
23. Research about fathering and a topic ("Fathering Facts")	0	1	2	3	4	5
24. Child development information on specific topics ("What Children Need")	0	1	2	3	4	5
25. Activities for dads and kids ("Time Together")	0	1	2	3	4	5
26. List of resources or books to read for dads and kids	0	1	2	3	4	5

27. Has reading the newsletters led you to do anything differently with your child? If so, what? Can you share this briefly?

28. What did you like or find helpful about the *Father Times* newsletter as a parent?
What did you not like or not find helpful?

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 1 = Not at all useful to 5 = Very useful.

<i>Father Times</i> Topic	Did Not Read	Not at all Useful		Somewhat Useful		Very Useful
29. Generative Fathering – A Fresh Perspective	0	1	2	3	4	5
30. Fathers, Kids and Making Connections	0	1	2	3	4	5
31. Fathers, Kids and Communication	0	1	2	3	4	5
32. Fathers and the World of Play	0	1	2	3	4	5
33. Fathers and the Magic of Reading	0	1	2	3	4	5
34. Fathers and Child Guidance	0	1	2	3	4	5
35. Fathers and Children’s Physical Development	0	1	2	3	4	5
36. Fathers and Children’s Relationships	0	1	2	3	4	5
34. Fathers and Children’s Emotional Intelligence	0	1	2	3	4	5

Please rate how the parenting newsletters have affected you for each question below.
 Circle the appropriate number.

Because of the <i>Father Times</i> newsletter:	Not at all		Some-what		Very much
35. I have better understanding about my child’s needs for growth and development	1	2	3	4	5
36. I have increased knowledge of good parenting as a father	1	2	3	4	5
37. I am more confident in my actions related to being a father	1	2	3	4	5
38. I have a closer relationship with my child	1	2	3	4	5
39. I am more actively involved with my child through play or other related activities	1	2	3	4	5
40. I have done some of the father-child activities listed with my own child	1	2	3	4	5
41. I have read more to or with my child	1	2	3	4	5
42. I am more attentive to my child’s needs	1	2	3	4	5
43. I have changed my behavior to use more positive guidance or discipline with my child	1	2	3	4	5
44. Has the <i>Father Times</i> newsletter influenced your experience of being a parent? If so, how?					

Demographic Information

The following personal information is important to this survey. Your answers will be kept confidential. Please respond sincerely.

1. Age _____
2. Gender Male Female
3. Number of children _____
Ages _____
4. Racial or ethnic background
 - Caucasian
 - Native American or Alaskan native
 - African-American
 - Asian
 - Hispanic
 - Other _____
5. Family status
 - Single (never married)
 - Married
 - Separated/divorced
 - Live with partner
 - Remarried
 - Widowed
6. Employment status
 - Employed full time (40+ hours a week)
 - Employed 26 to 39 hours a week
 - Employed less than 25 hours a week
 - Seeking employment
 - Not seeking outside employment
(includes full-time homemaker, student, retired, etc.)
 - Other _____
7. Education
 - Some high school
 - High school/GED
 - Some college
 - Two-year degree
 - Four-year degree
 - Master's degree or higher
8. I am this child's:
 - Biological father
 - Stepfather
 - Grandfather
 - Other father figure _____

*This questionnaire may be returned directly to **your child's education site contact**, or sent by return mail to:*