

Father Times Parenting Newsletter Staff Questionnaire

Please answer each question as honestly as possible. 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 in the accompanying mail envelope.

1. How much of the *Father Times* newsletter do you think most fathers in your program 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

2. If they did not read the newsletter, why not?

3. What do you as a staff member usually do with the newsletters? (Check all that apply)
 - (1) Throw them away
 - (2) Read them and file for later use
 - (3) Give them to someone else on the program staff
 - (4) Use them for staff training
 - (5) Other _____

4. How did you deliver the *Father Times* newsletter?
 - Copied portions of it and delivered it to fathers and father figures in the program
 - Copied all of it and delivered it to fathers and father figures in the program
 - Incorporated parts of it into other program materials
 - Did not copy or deliver the newsletter
 - Other _____

5. In what ways did you find the *Father Times* newsletter to be useful for fathers and father figures?

6. Have you received any feedback from fathers or parents about the *Father Times* newsletter? If so, please explain.

For me, the <i>Father Times</i> newsletter was:	Strongly Disagree	Disagree	Agree	Strongly Agree
7. About the right length				
8. Visually appealing in its format				
9. Easy to read and understand				
10. Interesting to read and informative				
11. Useful for fathers in everyday parenting				
12. Useful for staff members to understand fathering				

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	Not at all Useful	2	Some-what Useful	4	Very much Useful
13. The story about a dad and his situation (“Once Upon a Time ...”)	1	2	3	4	5
14. Research about fathering and a topic (“Fathering Facts”)	1	2	3	4	5
15. Child development information on specific topics (“What Children Need”)	1	2	3	4	5
16. Activities for dads and kids (“Time Together”)	1	2	3	4	5
17. List of resources or books to read for dads and kids	1	2	3	4	5

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<i>Father Times</i> Topic	Not at all Useful	2	Some-what Useful	4	Very much Useful
18. Generative Fathering – A Fresh Perspective	1	2	3	4	5
19. Fathers, Kids and Making Connections	1	2	3	4	5
20. Fathers, Kids and Communication	1	2	3	4	5
21. Fathers and the World of Play	1	2	3	4	5
22. Fathers and the Magic of Reading	1	2	3	4	5
23. Fathers and Child Guidance	1	2	3	4	5
24. Fathers and Children’s Physical Development	1	2	3	4	5
25. Fathers and Children’s Relationships	1	2	3	4	5
26. Fathers and Children’s Emotional Intelligence	1	2	3	4	5

Please think about the *Father Times* newsletter for each question below. Circle the appropriate box.

Possible barriers to effectiveness of the <i>Father Times</i> newsletter were:	Not at all		Some- what		Very much
27. Information provided in the newsletter was not interesting to fathers	1	2	3	4	5
28. Length of the newsletter was too long for dads	1	2	3	4	5
29. The information was too complicated or abstract	1	2	3	4	5
30. The reading level was too high	1	2	3	4	5
31. Not enough information provided to program staff about usage of the newsletter	1	2	3	4	5
32. Newsletter was too costly to copy and distribute	1	2	3	4	5

33. What suggestions do you have for improving the *Father Times* newsletter?

34. Has the *Father Times* newsletter influenced you in providing services to fathers and father figures in your program?
If so, how?

35. Do you feel the *Father Times* newsletter has influenced fathers and their participation with children or your
Head Start program? If so, please explain.

36. What did you like or find helpful about the *Father Times* newsletter? What did you not like or not find helpful?

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. I am from: Farm/Ranch Rural Urban
5. How would you describe your racial or ethnic background? _____
6. Family status
 - Single (never married)
 - Married
 - Separated/divorced
 - Live with partner
 - Remarried
 - Widowed
7. Employment status
 - Full time (30+ hours a week)
 - Part time
 - Other _____
8. Education
 - Some high school
 - High school/GED
 - Some college
 - Two-year degree
 - Four-year degree
 - Master's degree or higher
9. The early childhood program I work with is: _____