

Responsible Fatherhood Concepts

- Engaging fathers is central to our efforts to engage families.
- Focusing on responsible fatherhood is a necessary extension of our commitment to the safety and wellbeing of women and children.
- Fathers are a significant force in children's lives, whether it is positive through support for children's safety and wellbeing or negative through the impact of coercive behaviors.
- The fullest possible positive involvement of fathers in children's lives cannot be achieved without setting high standards for them as co-parents and partners. Treating the mother of his children with respect is an essential element of responsible fathering.
- Successfully engaging fathers requires skill, competence and commitment

Skill-building: Assessing Fathers' Parenting Capacity

- A father's ability and willingness to respect the safety of his children
- A father's ability and willingness to support their children's wellbeing
- A father's ability and willingness to respect his children's mother
- A father's interest in participating in his children's development