

Nurturing Fathers Newsletter

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From Mark Perlman, Author
The Nurturing Father's Program

Greetings, dear friends and colleagues.

I am pleased to announce *The 2nd National Consultant/Trainer Certification Training for The Nurturing Father's Programs* on **October 23 and 24, 2003** in Sarasota, Florida. (See adjoining article and accompanying flyer for details). At the present time 16 Consultant/Trainers have completed the certification process and several others are in progress.

I believe that good works should be shared. If you like The Nurturing Father's Program, I would recommend the following resources for fathers and families:

Boot Camp for New Dads helps expectant, first-time fathers ("rookies") learn the basics for caring for new baby and new mom. This hands-on, 3 hour workshop is taught by new dads ("veterans") and their infants. Contact: Debbie Sykes (949) 786-3146 *** www.newdads.com

The Nurturing Parenting Programs, developed by Stephen Bavolek, Ph.D., engages the entire family in learning nurturing and relationship building skills. Children participate, along with their parents, in learning and growing together. Contact: Bob Schram (800) 688-5822
*** www.nurturingparenting.com

"All Men Are Sons" (video) Exploring the Legacy of Fatherhood. This extraordinary documentary film takes us into the hearts and souls of men in their quest for relationships with their fathers. This journey provides the viewer with deep and often touching insights about the meaning and issues of fatherhood to men from diverse cultural backgrounds. John Badalament, Director/Producer (617) 650-7058
*** www.allmenaresons.com

Please contact me to discuss my experience using these programs or call the contact persons listed above.

I wish you all the best,
Mark Perlman

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On October 23 and 24, 2003, Mark Perlman will host the second workshop to train National Consultant/Trainers for The Nurturing Father's Programs, (NFP). The NFP has grown to a presence in 43 states, so it is a natural evolution to certify Consultant/Trainers to provide program training and support to geographical areas. Consultant/Trainers could help local organizations/agencies with NFP implementation, facilitator training, special applications, program evaluation, etc. We will list all national Consultant/Trainers on our website, refer inquiries from their geographical area to them, and offer them a 10% discount on NFP materials. Some of the topics to be covered at the October 23-24 workshop include:

- Role of the National Consultant/Trainer
- Facilitation Techniques and Training Outline

- Providing Program Implementation and Creative Applications for NFP (e.g., prisons, halfway houses, military)
- Successful Strategies for Getting Men to Attend
- Program Evaluation and Testing
- Paternidad con Cariño (Spanish translation)
- A Continuum of Model Programs/Service
- Opportunities for Personal Growth, Nurturing, and Fun

The 2-day workshop will be held at a beautiful beach resort on the Gulf of Mexico in Sarasota, Florida. Room rates at the Radisson Lido Beach Resort are discounted for participants and their families. The Thursday-Friday training allows for a weekend stay at the beach if you choose to nurture yourself and your family.

This should be a unique and very special workshop experience.

**See enclosed flyer
for details on
hotel information,
rates, and
Registration Form.
Note early
registration by
August 31, 2003**

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***** Best Practices: Nurturing Father's Program Success Stories *****

Spokane, Washington

Community Corrections Officer Tim Snell in partnership with Second Chance Supervisor Jim Gants are co-facilitating The Nurturing Father's Program (NFP) at The Brownstone Work Release in Spokane, WA. A recent Washington State DOC audit team made the following observation in a section called Highlights. "The program is particularly proud of a recently added offender change group called "Nurturing Fathers." The evaluation from the offenders who participated in the first session were very complimentary, and Second Chance will be considering expanding to other sites in their organization."

Tim Snell: 509-363-8105 Jim Gants: 509-456-4056

State of Louisiana

Yvonne Kemp with Prevent Child Abuse Louisiana is heading up a statewide effort which uses TANF funds to implement the NFP. Currently 24 sites have received facilitator training, NFP materials, and technical assistance. Yvonne and the staff at PCAL have been creative in their site selection; 7 faith based; 7 correctional; 4 drug & alcohol post-release; 3 probation & parole; 3 community resource centers. Pre and post measurement data has yielded a 100% improvement outcome for all NFP graduates this first year. **Yvonne Kemp: 225-925-9520**

Adrian, MI

I met Lenawee County District Court Judge James Sheridan at a conference in Orlando, FL and he was lamenting the recurrences of irresponsible behaviors on the part of young men that come through his court. I shared my ideas on fatherhood education as a way to teach

discipline and responsible behavior, and Judge Sheridan decided to use NFP as a court-ordered program. Michael Snyder-Barker, therapist with Insight Counseling, created a 15 session, open-ended group format using Nurturing Fathers Program materials. In a recent feature newspaper article, Judge Sheridan says: "The goal is very simple - to have fathers be responsible for their children and to do what's necessary to have a stable, happy marriage." (Daily Telegram)

Michael Snyder-Barker: 517-424-5438

Sarasota, FL

Children First, the local Head Start/Early Head Start provider in Sarasota County, made a commitment to use the NFP to reach the broadest possible population of fathers. With the banner slogan "Be The Best Dad You Can Be", they launched The Nurturing Dads Initiative with funding from The Community Foundation, Florida Commission on Responsible Fatherhood, and Head Start. They hired 3 Nurturing Dads Specialists to meet fathers (wherever fathers might be), engage the media, educate local providers, — a massive social marketing effort. Three years have yielded over 400 graduates from the NFP from every walk of life, every ethnic group in the community and helped earn this program an award "Fatherhood Program of The Year" for the Southeast Region by National Head Start Association. **Jack Baker: 941-953-3877**

Each of the contact persons listed above are National Consultant/Trainers for the Nurturing Father's Program.

Now Available (see enclosed order form)
PATERNIDAD CON CARIÑO
Spanish Translation of NFP