



DIGITAL DIALOGUE

FAMILY & COMMUNITY ENGAGEMENT



# *Dads Rock!*

Nurturing Father Engagement



# Speakers

*Join the National  
Conversation  
on Child Abuse  
and Neglect*



WELCOME

**Sharon McKinley**  
Program Specialist,  
Children's Bureau's Office  
on Child Abuse and Neglect



MODERATOR

**Jean Swift**  
Project Director, CANTASD



GUEST

**Suzin Bartley**  
Executive Director, Children's  
Trust of Massachusetts



GUEST

**Haji Shearer**  
Director, Fatherhood  
Initiative, Children's Trust of  
Massachusetts



GUEST

**Mike Caban**  
Home Visitor, People, Inc.

# *Building Community, Building Hope*

*Join the National  
Conversation  
on Child Abuse  
and Neglect*



**Dads Rock!**



**An Unlikely  
Partnership**



**Magnolia  
Community Initiative**



**Building Community,  
Building Hope**



**Fostering Hope**



**Partners United for  
Supportive Housing**

# Speakers

*Join the National  
Conversation  
on Child Abuse  
and Neglect*



WELCOME

**Sharon McKinley**  
Program Specialist,  
Children's Bureau's Office  
on Child Abuse and Neglect



MODERATOR

**Jean Swift**  
Project Director, CANTASD



GUEST

**Suzin Bartley**  
Executive Director, Children's  
Trust of Massachusetts



GUEST

**Haji Shearer**  
Director, Fatherhood  
Initiative, Children's Trust of  
Massachusetts



GUEST

**Mike Caban**  
Home Visitor, People, Inc.

# What We Know

*Join the National  
Conversation  
on Child Abuse  
and Neglect*

- Children benefit in many ways when fathers are involved.
- Fathers spending time with their children results in lower parenting stress for mothers.

Sources:

HHS/ACF, [Building Blocks for Father Involvement](#), 2004

Bowling Green State University, [Father Involvement and Mothers' Parenting Stress](#), 2012

# What We Know (continued)

*Join the National  
Conversation  
on Child Abuse  
and Neglect*

- Involved fathers experience a wider range of emotions and develop an expanded ability for empathy.
- Children in homes where fathers are absent are four times more likely to be poor.

Sources:

Kyle Pruett, *Fatherneed: Why Father Care is as Essential as Mother Care for Your Child*, 2000

U.S. Census Bureau, ["America's Families and Living Arrangements,"](#) 2011

# A Parent Graduate

*Join the National  
Conversation  
on Child Abuse  
and Neglect*



Mike Caban is a parent graduate of the Healthy Families Massachusetts program. He now works as a home visitor for the same program he graduated from in 2014.

# Why is it hard to engage fathers?





*Join the National  
Conversation  
on Child Abuse  
and Neglect*

# Take Action!

[www.cantasd.org](http://www.cantasd.org)





*Join the National  
Conversation  
on Child Abuse  
and Neglect*

# Discussion

[www.cantasd.org](http://www.cantasd.org)



# Next Steps

*Join the National  
Conversation  
on Child Abuse  
and Neglect*

- Watch Dads Rock! At <https://youtu.be/wnQhpLxJrkY>
- Share your ideas and questions with us on Facebook at [www.facebook.com/cantasd](http://www.facebook.com/cantasd)
- Subscribe to the CANTASD mailing list at [www.cantasd.org](http://www.cantasd.org) to receive updates about our innovation stream on Family Engagement and more learning opportunities.