

City of Minneapolis

Request for Committee Action

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Subject:

Presentation on preliminary findings from Focus on Fathers research project.

Description:

Receive and file presentation on Focus on Fathers research project

Previous Actions:

April 25, 2014 Council acceptance of grant

Ward/Address:

Not Applicable

Background/Analysis:

While the father advocate intervention component of the Focus on Fathers study was underway, unmarried parents and those who serve them raised concerns about the way the legal and social service systems create barriers for unmarried fathers to be involved during the time before and after the birth of their children. This issue particularly affects communities of color and low-income communities. In response, the research staff conducted interviews with unmarried parents and stakeholders to understand the experience from their perspectives and ultimately to determine what changes need to be made to facilitate unmarried father involvement.

Analysis is underway, but the major theme that emerged is that the powerful desire of unmarried fathers to be involved with their children is significantly hampered by system design, policies, and procedures.

Financial Review:

No financial impact.

Attachments:

1. Power Point presentation