**FUNDERS, PARTNERS, & POLICY MAKERS -subpage**

1. Funders, partners and policy makersare essential to the Center and local fatherhood programs. An estimated 300 plus partners collaborate with the Center and local programs to bring comprehensive services to fathers and their families.
2. Featured Funder: The South Carolina Bar Foundation has given generously to support Jobs Not Jail component, which is an alternative to incarceration for low-income fathers who are behind in child support. The National Conference of Bar Foundations awarded the South Carolina Bar Foundation the 2008 NCFG Award for the Bar Foundation’s Excellence in Public Service Programming for their support of the alternative to incarceration project.
3. Featured Partner: The Center and the South Carolina Department of Social Services Office of Child Support Enforcement have partnered for over a decade. As a result of the partnership between our agencies progress has been made to help ease system navigation for fathers .

**Funders, Partners, & Policy Makers - Partners – All Partners**

In a concerted effort to change society's labeling of fathers and reconnect them with their families, countless individuals and organizations have joined the efforts of the Center.  These organizations have invested time and resources to support the Fatherhood Initiative by reaching out to fathers and bringing issues to light which, if improved, would change the lives of fathers.

We are very grateful for the opportunity to work with all of our partners and funders.

* Access to Justice Commission
* Family Connection
* Ray Tanner Foundation
* South Carolina Legal Services
* Sisters of Charity Foundation of South Carolina
* Sisters of Charity Health System
* Sisters of Charity of St. Augustine
* South Carolina Bar Foundation
* South Carolina Coalition Against Domestic Violence and Sexual Assault
* South Carolina Department of Education, Department of Adult Education
* South Carolina Department of Commerce, Department of Employment and Workforce
* South Carolina Department of Social Services
* South Carolina Supreme Court
* South Carolina Court Administration
* US Department of Health and Human Services Administration for Children and Families
* US Department of Health and Human Services Office of Child Support Enforcement
* US Department of Health and Human Services Region IV
* US Department of Housing and Urban Development
* US Department of Justice

**Access to Healthcare Component**

In four of our eleven fatherhood programs the Center operates an Access to Healthcare component where our full-time, nurse practitioner provides health education, screenings, treatment and referrals to local medical providers. Fathers often have chronic conditions or complex medical cases that require specialized treatment. Our nurse practitioner helps fathers find a medical home. Local community partners who are willing to treat fathers at no cost or on a sliding fee scale make access to healthcare a reality for low-income fathers. We are deeply appreciative for their compassion, care and expertise. To read more about Access to Healthcare component, click here. ((link to Expertise – Program Services – Men’s Health)

* Absolute Total Care
* ASY counseling
* Billy Murphy Foundation
* Care South
* Care Innovations
* CareHealthCenter
* Catawba Coalition
* CENTA Medical Group, PA
* Chester Free Medical Clinic
* Counseling Services of Lancaster
* DentalFamilyServiceCenter
* Dr. Benton
* Dr. Dorothy Park and Assoc
* Dr. Dudley Beaty, Jr
* Dr. Joseph Parks, Midlands Oral and Maxillofacial Surgeons
* Dr. Julia Mikell
* Dr. Knight & Dr. Kimbrell, Palmetto Tri-County Internal Medicine
* Dr. Roland Craft, Surgical Associates of SC
* Dr. Russell Ditzler
* Dr. Sarah Cottingham
* Duke Endowment
* Duke Eye Care
* Fowler Pharmacy
* Free Medical Clinics of SC
* Gilliam Dentistry
* J. Marion Simms Foundation
* Joseph Garrin, Ocularist
* LexingtonRichlandAlcohol and Drug Abuse Commission
* LancasterCounty Department of Health and Environmental Control
* Lion’s Club of Lexington
* MarlboroParkHospital
* Medicine Mart
* Mercy Free Medical Clinic
* Providence Hospitals
* RichlandPrimaryHealthCenter
* Springs Foundation
* SpringsMemorialHospital
* TriCounty Behavioral Care
* Welvista

All Partners – Local Programs

LOCAL PROGRAM PARTNERS **\*\*\*\*\* Brian\*\*\*\*\*\* I don’t know if we want to list every partner or should we say to see local fatherhood program partners, click here for each program and then just list the local programs???\*\*\*\*\***

A Father’s Place

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| 3D Metal Works |
| 15th Judicial Circuit Family Court Judges |
| American Advertising Federation of Coastal Carolina |
| Bethlehem #1 Missionary Baptist Church |
| Bojangles, Loris, SC |
| Captain D’s |
| Care Team |
| Carolina Human Reinvestment |
| CCR Roofing |
| Cedar Branch Children’s Center |
| Christ Community Church |
| Citizens Against Spousal Abuse (CASA) |
| City of Myrtle Beach Human Resources |
| City of Myrtle Beach Police Department |
| Coastal Carolina University Volunteer Services |
| Conway Chamber of Commerce |
| Conway Ministerial Alliance |
| Darkness to Light |
| Delta Sigma Theta Sorority, Inc. |
| Domestic Abuse Center |
| Dr. Stu Strothers |
| Family Justice Center |
| Family Outreach of Horry County |
| Florence Region Child Support Enforcement |
| Georgetown County Parks and Recreation |
| Georgetown County Solicitors Office |
| Georgetown Ministerial Alliance |
| Gloria Robinson-Cooper |
| Grand Strand Regional Medical Center |
| Head Start (Longs &Waccamaw) |
| Horry County Clerk of Courts |
| Horry County Community Development Block Grant |
| Horry County Department of Health & Environmental Control |
| Freestyle Music Park |
| Horry County Department of Social Services |
| Horry County Family School Facilitators |
| Horry County Probation/Parole |
| Horry County Schools/Adult Education |
| Horry County Sheriff's Office |
| Horry County United Way |
| Horry Georgetown Technical College |
| J. Reuben Long Detention Center |
| JaniKing |
| Joseph B. Bethea United Methodist Church |
| Kenneth Generette |
| KRA Corporation |
| Life Recovery Solutions |
| Lighthouse Care Center |
| Lisa Rahiem |
| Little River United Methodist Church |
| Lowe’s of Conway |
| Lowe’s of Myrtle Beach |
| Lowe’s of North Myrtle Beach |
| McDonalds, Andrews, SC |
| Conway National Bank |
| Myrtle Beach Chamber of Commerce |
| Myrtle Beach Housing Authority /Alliance Inn |
| Nurse Family Partnership |
| One Stop |
| Palmetto Project |
| Patrick Wayne Mumford Attorney at Law |
| ParentsCare |
| Political Connections |
| Pre-Trial Intervention |
| Russell Hall Attorney at Law |
| SC Legal Services |
| SC Vocational Rehabilitation |
| Shoreline Behavioral Health |
| Small Minds Learning Center |
| Smoke Free Horry |
| Solicitor's Office |
| South Beach Resorts |
| St. Paul’s Episcopal Church, Conway |
| St. Paul’s Missionary Baptist Church |
| Steak n Shake, North Myrtle Beach, SC |
| Still Learning |
| Street Reach Outreach Ministries (homeless shelter) |
| The Services Company |
| Unity Group |
| Veterans of Foreign Wars Post #7735 |
| Waccamaw Mental Health |
| United States Marine Corps |
| Wendy’s, Conway, SC |

Father to Father

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| WCSC-TV |
| Trident Technical College, Educational Opportunity Center |
| Alternative Staffing |
| Bakker Family Foundation |
| Berkeley County One Stop Career Center |
| Berkeley County Department of Social Services |
| Berkeley County Family Court |
| Berkeley, Charleston, Dorchester Counties Council of Governments |
| Burger King Corporation |
| Charleston Area Community Development Corporation |
| Charleston Center Substance Abuse Education |
| Charleston County Clerk of Court |
| Charleston County Department of Social Services |
| Charleston County Detention Center |
| Charleston County Family Court |
| Charleston County Human Services, Inc. |
| Charleston County Public Defender’s Office |
| Charleston County School District, Parent Advocate |
| Charleston Place Hotel |
| City of Charleston |
| City of North Charleston |
| City of North Charleston Police Department |
| Coastal Community Foundation |
| Coastal Pre-Release Center |
| Condustrial, Inc. |
| Counseling Center of Charleston |
| Days Inn Hotels |
| Detyens Shipyard |
| Dorchester County Department of Social Services |
| Dorchester County Family Court |
| Dr. Berry Anderson, Medical University of South Carolina |
| East Cooper BNI |
| Embassy Suites Hotels |
| Express Personnel |
| Family Services, Inc. |
| First Federal, Financial Management Education |
| Goodpeople Staffing |
| Goodwill Industries |
| Hi-Trek Industries |
| Holiday Inn |
| Increasing H.O.P.E. Financial Training Center |
| InterTech Group |
| Joanna Foundation |
| Labor Finders |
| Labor Ready |
| Lowe’s |
| McDonalds Corporation |
| Meadwestvaco |
| Mrs. Yolanda Long (HIV/AIDs Educator) |
| MUSC Black Nurses Association |
| New Leaf Landscaping |
| Nucor Steel |
| Palmetto Steel |
| Parents Anonymous |
| Post and Courier, Reporter |
| Pro Bono Legal Services |
| Professional Catering |
| Rotary Club of North Charleston |
| Royal Baptist Church |
| SC Parenting Opportunity Program |
| SC Employment Security Commission |
| SC Vocational Rehabilitation |
| St. Peters AME Church |
| Trident Literacy Association |
| Venturi Staffing |
| Verizon Wireless |
| Waffle House |
| WCSC-TV |
| Wendy’s Corporation |
| WJNI Radio Station |
| WLMC |

Lancaster Fatherhood Project

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| Adopt-A-Leader |
| Alston Wilkes Society |
| Architectural Concept Stone |
| CareHealth |
| Catawba Care Coalition |
| Catawba Mental Health |
| Chester County InterAgency |
| Chester Probation, Pardon & Parole |
| Chester School District |
| Children's Attention Home |
| Children’s Trust |
| Christian Services |
| City of Lancaster |
| Community Powerhouse |
| Counseling Services of Lancaster |
| David Stand AME Church |
| Department of Juvenile Justice |
| Duke's Eye Care |
| Duracell, Gillette |
| Faith, Hope and Victory Church |
| First Washington Baptist Church |
| Gilliam Family Dentistry |
| Great Falls Ministerial Alliance |
| Great Falls Town Council |
| Hazel Pittman Center |
| Hope on the Hill |
| Housing Authority of Lancaster |
| J. Marion Sims Foundation |
| Keystone Detox |
| Lancaster County Adult Education |
| Lancaster County Department of Social Services |
| Lancaster County Detention Center |
| Lancaster County Family Court |
| Lancaster County First Steps |
| Lancaster County Partners for Youth |
| Lancaster County Probation, Pardon and Parole |
| Lancaster County School District |
| Life Skills Opportunity Corporation |
| Mackey Family Practice |
| Moriah Baptist Association |
| Mt. Zion AME Zion Church |
| New Hope Missionary Baptist Church |
| Pleasant Ridge Presbyterian Church |
| SC Employment Security Commission |
| SC Vocational Rehabilitation |
| Southside Family Literacy Project |
| Springs Close Foundation |
| Springs Memorial Hospital |
| Turning Point |
| Tyson Foods |
| United Way of Lancaster County |
| University of South Carolina at Lancaster |

Man 2 Man

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| Area Rescue Mission |
| Caresouth Carolina |
| CDC |
| Child Support Enforcement Division |
| Clerk of Court |
| County Detention Center |
| Crossroads |
| Debbie's Staffing |
| DHEC |
| Diversified Staffing Agency |
| Domtar |
| Family Court Judges |
| Harbor Freights |
| House of Raeford |
| Lighthouse Ministries of Florence |
| Magic Johnson Community Empowerment |
| Marlboro Adult Education |
| Marlboro County Dept. of Social Services |
| Marlboro Interagency Council |
| Megaforce Staffing agency |
| Mohawk Industries |
| Mount Aire Farms |
| Northeastern Technical College |
| Olsten staffing agency |
| One Stop Employment |
| Palmetto Training inc |
| Pee Dee Coalition against Domestic Violence |
| Pee Dee Community Action Agency |
| Purdue Farms |
| Solid Rock Holiness Church |
| St. Michael UMC |
| Street Reach Ministries and Shelter of Myrtle Beach |
| Tri-Country Mental Health |
| Two-Hawk Employment agency |
| United Way of Marlboro Cty |
| Vocational Rehabilitation |

**Midlands Fatherhood Coalition**

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| Alston Wilkes Society |
| Alvin S. Glenn Detention Center |
| AutoZone |
| Citizens Against Spousal Abuse |
| Columbia Farms |
| Columbia Housing Authority |
| Central Carolina Community Foundation |
| Domestic Abuse Center of Columbia |
| Fairfield Behavioral Health Services |
| Fairfield County Adult Education |
| Fairfield County Coordinating Council |
| Fairfield County Council |
| Fairfield County Court Judges |
| Fairfield County Department of Probation, Parole and Pardon Services |
| Fairfield County Department of Social Services |
| Fairfield County Detention Center |
| Fairfield County Family Court |
| Fairfield County Mental Health Clinic |
| Fairfield County Transition Center |
| Fairfield County Workforce Investment Act |
| Fairfield Public Works |
| Greater Columbia Chamber of Commerce |
| Goodwill Job Connections |
| Lexington County Clerk of Court |
| Lexington County Detention Center |
| Lexington County Family Court |
| Lexington County Probation, Pardon, and Parole |
| Lexington County School District’s |
| Lexington County Workforce Center |
| Lifelong Learning Center |
| LRC Substance & Behavioral Program |
| Midlands Education and Business Alliance |
| Midlands Tech |
| Midlands Workforce Center |
| Palmetto Healthy Start |
| Palmetto Training Inc. |
| Palmetto AIDS Life Services |
| Project Hope |
| Sanctity, Inc. |
| SC Department of Corrections |
| SC Department of Probation, Parole, & Pardon Services |
| SC First Steps |
| SC Parenting Opportunity Program |
| Sexual Trauma Services of the Midlands |
| SisterCare, Inc. |
| South Carolina Legal Services (Lexington) |
| South Carolina Vocational Rehabilitation |
| Winnsboro Town Council |

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**Upstate Fatherhood Coalition**

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| Adecco Temp Service |
| Adult Learning Center (Greenville) |
| Adult Learning Center (Spartanburg) |
| AIDS Upstate |
| Ambassador Personnel |
| Bi-Lo |
| BMW |
| Canal Charitable Foundation |
| Career Source (Spartanburg) |
| Child Support Enforcement |
| City of Greenville |
| City Recreational Department |
| Cline Hose and Hydraulics |
| Community Foundation of South Georgia |
| Corporate Investigation Bureau |
| Corporate Staffing |
| County Recreational Department |
| Cowart Awards |
| Credit Central, Inc. |
| Department of Social Services |
| Diligent Hands/Gracious Hearts |
| Duke Energy |
| Fiber Source, Inc. |
| Fidelity Charitable |
| First Steps Counseling Services |
| For Our Children |
| Gilreath Foundation |
| Goodwill Industries |
| Gordon Food Services |
| Greenville Community Foundation |
| Greenville Family Court |
| Greenville Technical College |
| Habitat for Humanity |
| Heritage Community Services |
| Inman-Riverdale Foundation |
| JAMZ (Cox Radio) |
| J. M. Smith Foundation |
| Jolley Foundation |
| Julie Valentine Center |
| Kudzu Staffing |
| Latchkey, Inc. |
| Law offices of Maurice McNab |
| Lucas Group |
| Marketplace staffing |
| Mary Black Foundation |
| McDonald's |
| Michelin |
| Miracle Hill Men's Shelter |
| One Stop Employment Agency |
| Palmetto Bank |
| Phillis Wheatley Association |
| Pickens County Family Court |
| Pinnacle staffing |
| Polydeck Foundation |
| Probation and Parole |
| Public Strategy |
| Quaker Steak &Lube |
| Recruiting Solutions |
| RMF Finish Strong |
| Salvation Army |
| ScanSource |
| SC Centers For Equal Justice |
| SC Works Liberty |
| Second Presbyterian Church |
| Senior Solutions |
| SHARE |
| Sisk Foundation |
| Snelling |
| Spartanburg Alcohol & Drug Abuse Commission |
| Spartanburg Christian Community Foundation |
| Spartanburg Family Court |
| Spartanburg Housing Authority |
| Spartanburg Public Safety |
| Spartanburg Regional Healthcare |
| Sphinx Corporation |
| Sun Staffing |
| Sun Trust Bank |
| Talent Management |
| The Haven |
| Total Ministries |
| United Ministries |
| United Way of Greenville |
| United Way of the Piedmont |
| Urban League of Upstate |
| University of South Carolina Upstate |
| Upstate Radiology Group |
| Vocational Rehab |
| Wachovia |
| Welco staffing |
| Workforce Investment Act |
| YMCA |

**Partners – Featured Partner**

The Center and the South Carolina Department of Social Services Office of Child Support Enforcement have partnered for over a decade. Because so many fathers have had negative experiences with the child support and legal system, Child Support Enforcement initially appeared to be an adversary rather than a collaborative partner. Fathers entering local programs often describe child support system problems as one of their top three most pressing anxieties. Historically, fathers have experienced more punitive measures than help from the complex Child Support system. However, as a result of the partnership between our agencies much has changed on both sides easing system navigation for fathers.

Responsible fathers should provide for their children financially. For low-income, unwed families, providing financial support often means navigating the child support system. When fathers fail to pay their defined child support, their options shrink; and, when they are ordered to face a Family Court Judge the options reduce even more. Through the Center’s partnership with DSS a pilot project, crafted by the North Charleston Father-to-Father program, produced an alternative to incarceration which was court-ordered participation in a local fatherhood program. The success of the project soared and the project, with the help of Child Support Enforcement and Chief Justice of Supreme Court, Jean Toal, the Center secured funding to replicate the project in all fatherhood programs sites. But, the partnership has not stopped there.

In addition to creating the alternative to incarceration project, known today as Jobs-Not-Jail, local Child Support Enforcement officials provide education and training on many related child support topics such as paternity establishment, visitation, modification of child support, and navigating the complex child support system.

Child Support Enforcement, the Center and local programs joined efforts with Child Support’s Parenting Opportunity Program to help increase establishment of paternity in-hospital. This collaboration has fostered understanding and helped local hospitals, medical professionals and social service agencies to recognize the significance of paternity establishment at birth and father involvement.

Child Support Enforcement and the Center, working with SC Legal Services, also partnered to increase awareness about pro se modification and accessibility of pro se forms through creation of on-line, automated forms. Several additional key partners to this project included Court Administration, Access to Justice Commission and SC Bar Foundation. The project is slated for completion in March 2013.

Another collaboration is in the works with Child Support Enforcement, the Center and the South Carolina Department of Employment and Workforce Development who are teaming up to help secure employment for low-income, non-custodial fathers who have fallen behind in child support payments.

The partnership with Child Support Enforcement has truly benefitted fathers and families in our state, increased collection of child support payments and encouraged empowerment rather than punishment for fathers.

To learn more about the South Carolina Department of Social Services Office of Child Support Enforcement, click <http://www.state.sc.us/dss/csed/>

((Link to article on EXPERTISE: Program Services – Child Support and Visitation**—Partnership with Child Support Enforcement))**

**Funders, Partners & Policy Makers – Funders – Featured Funder**

Insert as a graphic: The mission of the Bar Foundation is to advance justice by improving access, education and accountability.

The South Carolina Bar Foundation has given generously to support Jobs Not Jail component, which is an alternative to incarceration for low-income fathers who are behind in child support. The project helps link court-ordered fathers to a local fatherhood program where he not only gains help finding a job and navigating child support but he also gains parenting skills, life skills, access to healthcare, healthy relationship education and much more. As a result of funding from the SC Bar Foundation, Jobs Not Jail projects have been supported in Richland, Lexington, Horry, Marlboro and North Charleston. Fathers have gained employment, paid child support and save taxpayers millions in incarceration costs.

The National Conference of Bar Foundations awarded the South Carolina Bar Foundation the 2008 NCBF Award for the Bar Foundation’s Excellence in Public Service Programming for their support of the alternative to incarceration project.

In addition to funding the SC Bar Foundation has provided additional support to facilitate networking, learning and collaboration among its grantees to accomplish a common goal – advance justice in South Carolina. The SC Center for Fathers and Families, like many other organizations, also benefitted from a semester with a USC Student Law Intern, James Laura, also because of the generosity of the South Carolina Bar Foundation and partnership with USC Law School. Thanks to the SC Bar Foundation’s support, SC Department of Social Services Office of Child Support Enforcement, Court Administration, Access to Justice Commission, SC Legal Services, SC Bar Foundation and the Center are partnering to launch a new project to create uniform on-line automated forms for parents to use when seeking modification of child support through the courts without an attorney. The partners are developing a training guide and a community outreach plan to inform parents about the new easy to use on-line forms, the process for representing themselves in court and additional helpful child support information.

Funding from the Bar Foundation is made possible through generous donations from individual attorneys around the state, the Foundation’s Annual Gala and the Interest on Lawyer Trust Accounts (IOLTA) program. The IOLTA program allows for interest from attorney’s clients funds that are held in escrow or trust in financial institutions to be awarded to the SC Bar Foundation. These funds are then used to provide grants for charitable and educational law related public service projects and programs to improve the administration of justice in South Carolina. Since inception, the Bar Foundation has awarded $ XXX to XXX organizations and special projects.

To learn more about the South Carolina Bar Foundation, click [www.scbarfoundation.org](http://www.scbarfoundation.org)

To learn more about the Jobs Not Jail, click Expertise – Program Services – Alternative to Incarceration

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PARTNERS - Domestic Violence Partnerships

((South Carolina ranks seventh in the nation in the rate of women killed by men in single victim/single offender instances.--- Use as a insert in the copy as artistic insert))

The Center believes that families should be safe, healthy and violence-free for all family members and recognizes that partnerships with experts who deal with domestic violence are essential. The Center and local fatherhood programs have partnered with the State’s coordinating and advocacy agency, the South Carolina Coalition Against Domestic Violence and Sexual Assualt and numerous local domestic violence agencies to ensure that fathers learn about domestic violence and to encourage fathers to become advocates against domestic violence. Local domestic violence partners accept fatherhood program referrals for men who are victims or men who are perpetrators and often conduct domestic violence sessions for the fathers. All program staff have received training to recognize signs of abuse, and refer fathers who demonstrate signs of abuse to local experts for intervention and treatment.

Based upon Criminal Domestic Violence experts’ input, the Center established a domestic violence policy to address acceptance of an individual with prior CDV charges and/or convictions.

The Center and local fatherhood program directors have also provided set a standard of violence-free families and join our domestic violence partners in raising awareness and promoting policies and programs that eliminate family violence.

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| **Fatherhood Program** | **Domestic Violence Partner** |
| A Father’s Place | Citizens Against Spousal Abuse, Domestic Abuse Center |
| Midlands Fatherhood Coalition – Richland, Lexington, Fairfield | Sistercare, Domestic Abuse Center, Sanctity, LRC Behavioral Programs |
| Father to Father | Family Services, Inc. |
| Upstate Fatherhood Coalition – Greenville, Spartanburg | Julie Valentine Center, Spartanburg Public Safety, Sisters of Domestic Violence and P.A.C.E. |
| Man to Man | Pee Dee Coalition Against Domestic Violence |
| Lancaster Fatherhood Project | Palmetto Citizens Against Sexual Assault, Southside Family Literacy Project, Domestic Abuse Center |

Fatherhood Programs as Partners in Addressing Domestic Violence, Presentation at SCADVASA Annual Conference, 2010 (pdf)

**Funders, Partners &Policy Makers – Policy Makers**

The Center strives to advocate for changes in policies that invoke negativeconsequences on the father/child relationship.  Most often these consequences are unintended and are the result of minimalizing the importance of fatherly involvement in the lives of their children. By partnering with governmental decision-makers from agency directors to legislators, the Center provides education and awareness about the unintended and often negative impact on fathers and their families and works with policy makers to develop public/private partnerships for innovative and practical approaches to increasing father involvement and parental responsibility.

Below are issues and projects where change is underway as a result of the work of policy makers.

• Advocated for a **raise in the self-support reserve** in the South Carolina Child Support Guidelines, which was raised from $500 to $749 per month.  The result was that low-income fathers were more capable of paying for very basic living expenses while owning their duty to child support.  Having more money per month meant more consistent payments over time and fewer fathers choosing to either work in an underground economy or leave the state to avoid incarceration.

[Strom Thurmond Institute Cost of Living analysis](http://www.scfathersandfamilies.com/public/files/docs/PovertyCostofLiving.pdf)

Alternatives to Incarceration

• Advocated for **alternative strategies to enforce child support** against uneducated, unemployed and underemployed fathers.  The result was the implementation of the very successful Jobs-Not-Jail alternative sentencing component of the fatherhood programs. Jobs-Not-Jail is an innovative and cost-effective solution to a problem that has previously cost taxpayers millions. Today as a result of this partnership, low-income fathers are finding work, paying their child support and spending less time in jail, thus saving taxpayers millions each year.

[Sentencing Reform Commission briefing paper](http://www.scfathersandfamilies.com/public/files/docs/SCCFF%20Brief%20for%20SRC.pdf)

• Advocated for **uniform and plain language self-represented litigant forms for visitation rights** by testifying in hearings held by the South Carolina Access to Justice Commission (SCATJC) and participated in an SCETV documentary.  The result is that Commission members resolved to produce a uniform visitation packet for self-represented litigants.

Visit Access to Justice Commission website at [www.scatj.org](http://www.scatj.org).

• Advocated for the **inclusion of noncustodial fathers in the investigative stages of a Child Protective Services investigation**.  The result is a Memorandum of Understanding with SCDSS to create a written protocol for including fathers early in their investigations and “father friendly” training for CPS caseworkers by June 2010.  The ultimate goal is to avoid children being placed in foster care when willing and capable parents/extended family can provide for their care.

[Fatherhood and Fostercare presentation](http://www.scfathersandfamilies.com/public/files/docs/Fostercare%20and%20Fatherhood.ppt)

• Advocated for ensuring that **low-income fathers in the community are aware of the importance of placing their names in the newly enacted Putative Father Registry**.

[Putative Fatherhood Registry briefing paper](http://www.scfathersandfamilies.com/public/files/docs/Putative%20Father%20Registry%20briefing%20paper.pdf)