



Tuesday, September 20, 2011

How Does it Work?

- Schools and education settings from around New York State are encouraging fathers and significant male caregivers to bring their children to school on September 20, 2011.
- Fathers and significant male caregivers will be encouraged to arrive with their children 15 to 30 minutes before the start of class.
- They will be welcomed guests at their children's school or Head Start program. Locations might have information and activities available.

Why is "Dads Take Your Child to School" Important?

- Research indicates that children whose fathers take a more active role in their lives have better outcomes related to academics, behavior, and social skills:
 - **Academics**
 - Father involvement in schools is associated with the higher likelihood of a student getting mostly A's.
 - Children that have a father involved in their life are two times less likely to drop out of school
 - Children living in homes with a father present are two times less likely to repeat a grade in school
 - Children of highly-involved resident fathers were 55% more likely to enjoy school
 - Students whose non-resident fathers were involved in their school were more likely to participate in extracurricular activities.
 - 71% of all high school dropouts come from fatherless homes—Nine times the national average.
 - **Behavior**
 - 85% of all youths in prison come from fatherless homes. 20 times the national average.
 - Children living in two-parent households with a positive relationship with their father are 32% less likely to smoke, drink or use drugs compared to all teens in two-parent households.
 - Adolescent girls raised with involved Fathers are significantly less likely to be sexually active.
 - Boys whose fathers are present in the household are 2 times less likely to go to prison as boys with fathers that are absent.
 - **Social Skills**
 - Children with an involved father tend to have more self-control and tend to be less impulsive
 - Children tend to have a higher self esteem and be more generous when there is father involvement.

What about moms?

Moms are extremely important in the lives of their children! This event is not being planned to take away from the important impact that moms have in the lives of their children every day. In fact, this event recognizes that moms are often more involved in their children's educational lives than dads are. So, Dads Take Your Child to School is just one day to shine the spotlight on dads and encourage men to get involved in their children's education.