MAKING THE INVISIBLE, VISIBLE

ENGAGING FATHERS & MALE ROLE MODELS

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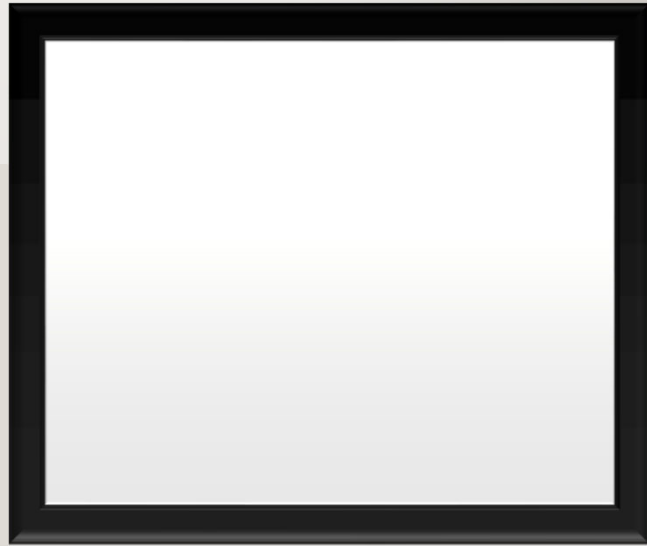- *FRIENDS National Center for CBCAP Parent Advisory Council*

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LEARNING OBJECTIVES

- Understand the importance of engaging fathers and other male role models
- Discuss barriers to engagement of fathers and other male role models
- Learn strategies to make sure fathers are visible, valued, and engaged

MAKING THE INVISIBLE - VISIBLE

- Visible
- Valued

IMPORTANCE OF FATHER & MALE ROLE MODEL ENGAGEMENT

- Evidence demonstrates that fathers play a critical role in children's health and development, beginning in the prenatal period and continuing through early childhood and adolescence. When fathers are involved during pregnancy, mothers **are 1.5 times more likely** to receive prenatal care in the first trimester. ~ National Institute of Children's Health Quality (NICHQ)
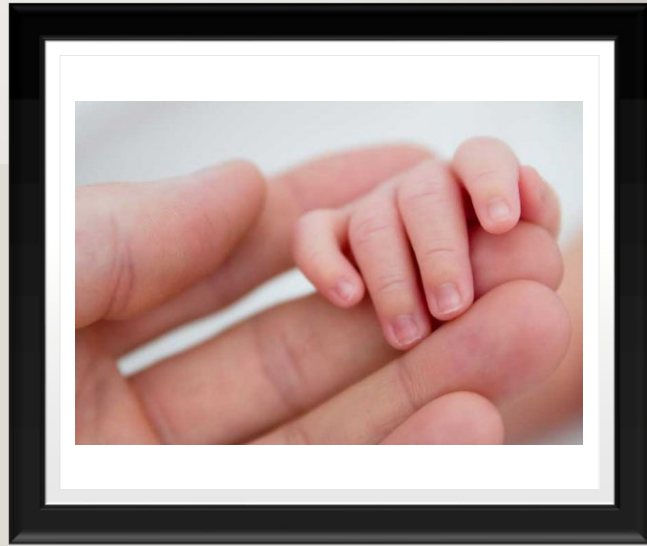
WHO IS HE

- What are his needs
- History of Exclusion
- Inclusion is key

ENGAGEMENT OF FATHERS
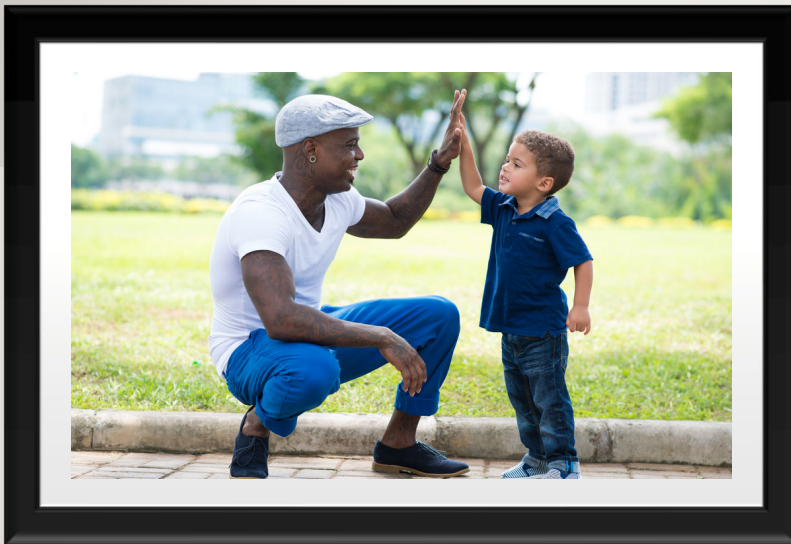
- See Them
- Support Them
- Connect Them
- Teach Them

BARRIERS TO ENGAGEMENT

4 E'S

- Engage
- Educate
- Empower
- Encourage

ENGAGEMENT STRATEGIES

THANK YOU

DISCUSSION PROMPTS

- Have you seen fathers and other male role models being engaged intentionally? Please share examples

- What are some challenges you have seen/heard with engaging fathers and other male role models?

- What are some takeaways from this session that you plan to use or share with other families?