



The Dad's Network

An AACPS Early Intervention Program

Dear Fathers and Male Caregivers:

I am pleased to announce the official launch of the Dad's Network. The Dad's Network is a new project endorsed by the Division of Special Education of the Anne Arundel County Public School System. Our primary mission is to provide access to information and education specifically directed to Dad's and Male Caregivers of children receiving special education services from the various Birth to 5 year old programs including:

- **Infant and Toddlers**
- **Early Childhood Intervention**
- **Community-Based Services**

As the program director and a father of a child who has received services for several years now, my goal is for the Dad's Network to assist others in learning more about the programs their children are involved in as well as offer activities, events, and access to information that will help alleviate some of the stresses and uncertainties we all face. Hopefully, over time, we will develop an extensive county wide network of fathers and male caregivers that will be accessible and helpful to all families who can benefit from this program.

The Dad's Network will kick off in full force in September with meetings and events but I wanted to send out some advanced information and reach out to anyone who would like to learn more about this program and/or would be interested in participating in some way. We already have a highly qualified advisory board in place and strong support from the staff and administration, but there are many needs and opportunities so please don't hesitate to contact me. I would also welcome the opportunity to speak to as many of you as possible before September to get some insight on your experiences and potential concerns so that we can make sure the program best serves the needs of our community of fathers and male caregivers.

Please contact me at dadsnetwork.aacps@comcast.net or 410-721-1748.

Sincerely,

Bill Dixon- Program Director