



Omega Psi Phi Fraternity, Inc

Future Dad's Program Initiative

Suggestions on how to plan and implement a Future Dad's program

Purpose:

The purpose of this program is to bring awareness to the significance of fatherhood in America, and, to enlighten the male students (who may already be a father or father to be) on the importance of being a father and, importantly, to convey the impact that he can have on his children in communities.

Forum Instructions:

- ◆ Target Audience: Primarily male students
- ◆ The program should begin around 7PM (or whatever time is more convenient) with a greeting, introduction, and prayer by one of the respective undergraduate brothers.
- ◆ Then another undergraduate brother should speak on behalf of Omega Psi Phi Fraternity, Inc., explaining how we expect to impact men who are young fathers or soon to be fathers within our own communities.
- ◆ There should be a brief PowerPoint presentation that the chapter puts together utilizing information from the Future Dads Program PowerPoint. (Slides should have: the purpose, what Brothers feel is needed as a father, characteristics of a man, etc.) Also insert pictures of fathers interacting with their children in the PowerPoint presentation.
- ◆ Set up in a panel format with a facilitator. The panel should consist of:
 - two graduate brothers who are fathers
 - one undergraduate brother or student who did not have a father in his life.
 - one undergraduate brother or student who did have a father in his life.
 - one undergraduate brother or student who is a father.Each panelist should share their experiences. (5-minute limit)
- ◆ Have the fathers on the panel speak about their experiences transitioning to the role of being a father after seeing and experiencing the relationship with their own father.
- ◆ Open the floor for discussion and have students share what they think are the characteristics of a great father; how one goes about developing these characteristics and how a father might go about building strong relationships with their children. Also, talk about responsibilities, effective communication and other issues.
- ◆ Close the program having the students fill out assessments sharing their thoughts on being a good father.