

Fathers and Fathering: Next Steps and Future Research

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What's “New”

- A lot can happen in 14 years...
 - New Data: FFCWS, ECLS-B, EHS
 - New Constructs
 - Diverse contexts
 - Family relationships
 - Cultural contexts
 - Socioeconomic contexts
 - Institutional constraints
 - Life course



Cross-Cutting Themes

- Heterogeneity
 - Of individuals
 - Of effects
- Implications
 - Policy
 - Clinical
 - Practice



The Example of Incarceration

- Destabilizing, Protective, or Irrelevant?
 - Average effects destabilizing
 - Subgroup effects less clear
 - Other subgroups still to define
- So, what to do?



Implications for Policy and Practice

- Who needs services?
 - Who wants them?
 - How to identify, engage, and retain families?
- Who can/should be providing them
 - Family services community
 - Related policy communities (Criminal Justice, etc.)
 - Healthcare
- Who gets what?



Future Research

- Additional Data Collection
 - Record Matching
 - Process vs. Outcome
 - Incidents vs. Survey Waves
- Translation to Practical Settings



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