

# REFLECTIONS ON RESIDENT FATHERING: MEANINGS, TRAJECTORIES, PLACE, AND NURTURANCE

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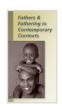
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#### Sample Research Questions for Men's Experiences as Prospective Fathers

**Questions included in** Marsiglio (2008). Understanding Men's Prenatal Experience and the Father Involvement Connection: Assessing Baby Steps. *Journal of Marriage and Family, 70,* 1108-1113.

Prenatal involvement with partner [PIP]
Child-focused prenatal activity [CFPA]
Prospective father identity construction [PFIC]

- 1. To what extent and how did the prospective father discuss his partner's pregnancy experience with her? [PIP]
- 2. To what extent did the prospective father discuss breastfeeding, including its benefits for child health, with his partner? [CFPA, PIP]
- 3. What proportion of the prenatal doctor's visits did the prospective father attend? [PIP, CFPA]
- 4. To what extent did the prospective father participate in childbirth preparation classes (general, breast-feeding, car safety, infant care, etc. [PIP, CFPA]
- 5. To what extent did the prospective father help pay for the prenatal doctor's visits? [PIP, CFPA]
- 6. Did the prospective father view a fetal sonogram or four-dimensional image? If so, what was his reaction? [CFPA, PIP]
- 7. Did the prospective father hear the baby's heart beat? If so, what was his reaction? [CFPA, PIP]
- 8. To what extent did the prospective father have a chance to feel the baby's movements during pregnancy? If so, what was his reaction? [CFPA, PIP]
- 9. To what extent did the prospective father talk/sing to the baby? [CFPA, PIP]
- 10. Did the prospective father participate in a baby shower? [PIP]
- 11. How involved was the prospective father in choosing a name for the child? [CFPA, PIP]
- 12. To what extent did the prospective father spend money on items for the baby prior to the child's birth? [CFPA]
- 13. To what extent during the prenatal period did the prospective father discuss the baby with persons other than his partner? [CFPA, PFIC]
- 14. To what extent did the prospective father want others to know about his impending paternity? [PFIC, CFPA]





- 15. To what extent did the prospective father read literature about pregnancy, child development, and fathering? [CFPA, PFIC]
- 16. Prior to birth, how often and what types of images did the prospective father have of his baby? Was the gender known, and if so, how did this influence images? [CFPA]
- 17. Prior to birth, how often and what type of images did the prospective father have of interacting with his child? [CFPA]
- 18. To what extent and how did the father participate in his partner's labor and the child's birth? [PIP, CFPA]

### Sample Research Questions Relevant to Situated Fathering Perspective

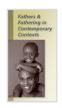
#### **Conceptual Framework—Key Properties**

- Primary (5)
  - Physical Conditions
  - Temporal Dynamics
  - Social Structural
  - Private/Public
  - Symbolic/Perceptual
- Secondary (5)
  - Institutional/Cultural Conditions
  - Transitional Elements
  - Personal Power and Control
  - Gender Attributes
  - Fatherhood Discourses

#### **Examples of General Qualitative Questions**

- 1. Would you describe the spaces/places where you spend time with your child? Life course/now?
- 2. Where are your favorite spaces/places to spend time with your child? Inside/outside home? Why?
- 3. What sorts of things do you experience when you're with your child in [specific space/place]? How do you feel? Bonds?
- 4. What are some unique ways that your child's behavior changes in different spaces/places?
- 5. To what extent do you have arguments with your child related to specific spaces/places? Talk to me about them?
- 6. How do you view your neighborhood and in what ways do your perceptions influence your fathering?
- 7. What are your most vivid memories of times you spent with your father/stepfather that took place in specific spaces/places?





# <u>Examples of Qualitative Questions focused on Context and Transitions (Prison/Deployment and Family/Community Re-Entry)</u>

**Note:** With a few modifications, this list of questions could be altered to apply to fathers who migrate away from their families/children for work and then return.

- 1. How did you feel and adapt to coming back to your house/apartment after being (in prison, deployed)?
- 2. How was being in the apartment or house different from your experiences while you were away (prison, deployment)?
- 3. During the first month after you returned home from (prison/deployment), how did you adjust to sharing living space with your children?
- 4. To what extent and how did you get involved in redecorating or rearranging your house/apartment once you returned from (prison/deployment)?