

Tips for Father Engaging Fathers During Visits

Make Dads Feel Important

1. Ask dad why he feels it is important to be involved in child's life.
2. Help dad ask the questions they need to get their point across
3. Treat dad the same way you treat mom. They are both parents.
4. During visit, ask dad questions.

Invite Dad to Join Visit

1. If present, try to talk to dad and get him to join visit.
2. If dad comes in late, wrap up slowly to invite him to next visit or to include in final questions at the visit.
3. If dad is in the other room ask child, "Do you want to show dad your activity?" then praise the child for bringing dad over.

Ask mom

1. If dad is not there, ask mom how dad is doing?
2. If dad is not there, parent educator can ask to schedule a later home visit for when dad can attend.

Other Tips

1. Be genuine.
2. Thank dad for attending visit.
3. Invite dad to group connection
4. Video chat with dad if not at visit

