

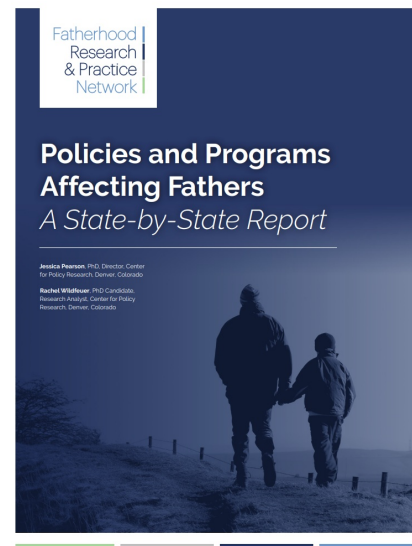
News & Updates

from CPR

New Projects & Funding

FPRN Initiative Examining Policies and Programs that Improve Fathers' Economic Stability and Support Parent-Child Relationships

CPR has received funding from [Rise Together](#) and Dr. Richard Reeves, President of the [American Institute for Boys and Men](#), with underlying support from Melinda French Gates, for a new project focused on supporting low-income fathers. Through our [Fatherhood Research & Practice Network \(FRPN\)](#), we'll identify and evaluate the evidence-based policies and programs that help fathers engage positively with their children and achieve economic stability. This two-year project builds off of our previous FRPN work on the [state policies and programs affecting fathers](#) and will spotlight successful state initiatives and provide actionable recommendations to expand father-supportive strategies nationwide.



Program Evaluation of the School Mental Health Support Program

We received funding through the Colorado Department of Human Services to partner with its Behavioral Health Administration in evaluating the School Mental Health Support Program ([SMHSP](#)). This program helps strengthen mental wellness for educators and students, particularly in rural and underserved schools across Colorado. Our evaluation will assess the program's effectiveness, identify opportunities for improvement, and evaluate key partnerships—all with a strong focus on advancing equity and improving mental health outcomes in rural and underserved communities.

Publications & Resources

New Brief: New Law, New Rules: How the One Big Beautiful Act Affects Fathers' Access to Public Benefits

This new [FRPN brief](#) outlines how the newly passed OBBBA affects fathers across four major policy areas: the expanded Child Tax Credit (CTC), employer incentives for family-friendly benefits dealing with paid family leave and childcare credits, MAGA newborn accounts, and increased work and reporting requirements for SNAP and Medicaid. While these measures include some positive developments for employed, unmarried fathers with sole custody and married fathers who automatically have custodial status, they offer little direct support to noncustodial, low-income, and/or informally involved fathers and may put them at risk of harm.



Final Report: Domestic Violence Program (DVP) Services Needs Assessment

In partnership with the Colorado Department of Human Services' Domestic Violence Program and Violence Free Colorado, CPR completed a statewide assessment of accessible, culturally responsive, and trauma-informed practices in domestic violence organizations. [The report](#) includes findings and recommendations to strengthen services, training, and survivor support across Colorado.

New Resource: Domestic Violence Basics

As part of the Safe Access for Victims' Economic Security (SAVES) Demonstration Project, CPR developed *Domestic Violence Basics: Terms, Research, and Statistics for Improving Safety in Child Support*, [a resource](#) designed to help professionals implement survivor-safe policies and programs.

In the Field

From youth-led creative projects to new channels for sharing program insights, CPR is engaging communities and partners in meaningful ways. These efforts showcase both the on-the-ground impact of our work and the leadership driving it forward.

Concrete Warriors Film Premiere

As part of the *Charting a Course for Economic Mobility and Responsible Parenting* grant, youth producers (ages 13–19) from 303 Indigenous Productions premiered *Concrete Warriors* on June 28. The film explores the choices faced by Native youth navigating community, culture, and personal challenges. We are excited to share the film soon!



Saves Center Online and Social Media

The new [SAVES Center website](#) is live, offering project resources and updates. Follow us on [LinkedIn](#), [Facebook](#), and [Instagram](#) for tools, stories, and event information from program leadership.

Coming Soon: 303 Indigenous Productions Social Media Campaign

This 8-week social media campaign, featured on Denver Indian Family Resource Center's channels, will showcase youth voices and explore topics like healthy relationships, economic mobility, and parenting.

Recent & Upcoming Events

Upcoming

National Symposium on Solutions to End Youth Homelessness

Baltimore, MD | Oct. 7- 8, 2025

Join panelist Lanae Davis in a discussion on “Launching Local Cross-System Youth Homelessness Data Pilots” and learn about successful models for collaborative data efforts to inform better services for homeless youth.

Colorado Youth Detention Continuum (CYDC) Fall Conference

Breckenridge, CO | Oct. 16 - 17, 2025

Lanae Davis will present on “Pathways to Success and Coach-like Engagement - A Model for Youth Engagement.”

2025 Association for Public Policy Analysis & Management (APPAM) Fall Research Conference

Seattle, WA | November 13 - 15, 2025

Jane Venohr will join a panel covering “Policies Affecting Separated Families Around the World.”

Recent Highlights

NCSEA Web-Talk on Child Support Passthrough & Distribution

Virtual | Sept. 16, 2025

Moderated by Jane Venohr, this session explored pass-through payments in current assistance cases.

WICSEC 2025 Annual Training Conference

St. Paul, MN | Sept. 8 –12, 2025

Presented by Lanae Davis, the sessions covered topics from two of our current projects

- Session 1: [Survivor-Informed Change in Child Support Services](#)
- Session 2: [Parent Employment Programs in Child Support](#)

NCSEA 2025 Leadership Symposium

Atlanta, GA | Aug. 11–14

- Rachel Wildfeuer presented during a session on [TANF cooperation requirements](#) and policy options for state and tribal child support agencies.
- Jane Venohr moderated a session with members of the Georgia Child Support Commission on their recently adopted low-income adjustment formula.

NAWRS 2025 Workshop

Charlotte, NC | Aug. 3–6

Jacque Whearty co-presented on [advancing equity in child support programs with Minnesota's Family Well-Being Administration](#).

NCJFCJ 88th Annual Conference

Chicago, IL | July 21–23

Rachel Wildfeuer presented on the [SAVES Demonstration Project's work to promote judicial collaboration in the child support system](#) and [safe parenting time for survivors of domestic violence](#) and court engagement.

NTCSA 2025 Training Conference

Albuquerque, NM | June 15–19

Destinee Starcher and partners presented [findings from the Good Life Culture Camp](#), highlighting its impact on youth cultural connection.

Announcements and Staff Activities

We are proud to share that Jessica Pearson was selected as a Fatherhood Legacy Leader through the National Partnership for Community and Leadership's Responsible Fatherhood [Mentoring and Training Academy](#) (RFMA). This recognition reflects Jessica's impact and leadership in strengthening fatherhood initiatives and supporting the next generation of leaders.



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