

# The Responsible Fathers Report

April 2026



## A Message From Our Founder

Hello, RFI Supporters!

Our Spring Semester is well underway, and we have 5 classes in full swing. Our seasonal report is full of great news made possible by your generosity. Thank you for your continued support of RFI and the families that we serve. You are making a big difference in many lives!

### Did You Know?

*The rate of incarceration of women and the severity of the offences are both increasing. This is happening in Talbot County and throughout the nation, and adds additional importance to our classes for incarcerated mothers.*

With Thanks,

Corey Pack, RFI Founder/Lead Facilitator

## Spring Semester Update

**Inside Out Dad** and **Understanding Dad for Moms** are both held at the Talbot County Detention Center. Inside Out Dad meets twice per week, while all of our other classes meet once weekly. **24/7 Dad** meets at both the Neighborhood Service Center in Easton and Delmarva Community Services in Cambridge. We are now in the second year of our **Youth Engagement Program**, and are working with 4 boys and 1 girl this semester at Mace's Lane Middle School in Cambridge.

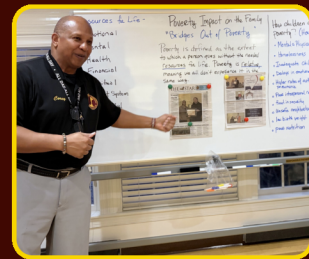
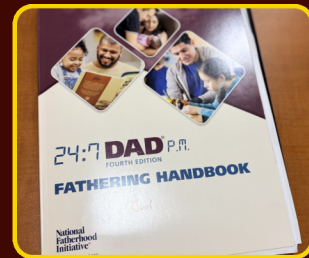
Our 24/7 Dad classes are participating in two exciting workshops this semester. The first is a financial workshop with World System Builder. They will work with our fathers to help them with the financial fundamentals so that they can build a strong foundation for their families and their futures.

We have also partnered with the Department of Labor to hold a resumé workshop in April. Not only will our dads have assistance in writing their resumé, but we will be uploading all relevant employment documents for each participant to a thumb drive that they can take home. This will help our dads be fully prepared when an employment opportunity presents itself.

In June, the 9 fathers in our Inside Out Dad class will be participating in a re-entry workshop. This will be a multi-day experience during which several of our partners will join us to help our dads understand and overcome common barriers to a successful transition home.

Congratulations are in order for two of our spring semester class participants. One has just been named Employee of the month, and another recently became a Certified Addiction Counselor.

**All of this is possible thanks to your partnership!**



# Welcome New Advisory Board Members

As our program grows, we are thrilled to expand our Advisory Board. This group of distinguished community members provides counsel on strategic and financial matters, and offers oversight of our programs and spending. Please join us in welcoming four new Advisory Board members: Joe Brummell, Kirk Howie, Yvonne Freeman, and Valerie Davis. They join existing members Dr. Charles Pinkett and Captain Antoine Patton. We would also like to thank outgoing member Andy Hollis for his years of support. We will continue to partner with Andy in his new capacity as the Executive Director of the Neighborhood Service Center.



**Dr. Charles Pinkett**



**Capt. Antoine Patton**



**Joe Brummell**



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## New Additions!

In addition to our new Advisory Board members, we would also like to welcome Melissa Busch to our team! Melissa is training to become a facilitator, and is joining Corey for our Understanding Dad for Moms class at the Talbot County Detention Center. We are also working with Dena Barnwell, a Doctor of Public Health graduate from Morgan State University, as she completes her research on real-world implementation of evidence-based programs in correctional settings. Corey meets with her monthly to discuss our programs at the Detention Center, and she is planning to visit our classes before the end of the semester.

## Thank You, Donors!

We are incredibly grateful to each and every one of you who has generously supported our program. We are proud to partner with you to strengthen families across the Mid-Shore! Please join us in giving a special shout out to the following organizations, who have recently invested in our mission!



We also want to send a huge thank you to everyone who has stocked our RFI closet at the Neighborhood Service Center, including a recent enormous donation by the Iota Chapter of Omega Psi Phi Fraternity, Inc. Our closet is currently overflowing with great clothes for our dads, so we will not be accepting additional donations for the time being. We will keep you posted as the clothes head to new homes and we have more room!



## Save The Date!

We are very excited to announce that the very first Eastern Shore Fatherhood and Re-entry Conference will be taking place on October 17<sup>th</sup> at The Harry & Jeanette Weinberg Intergenerational Center in Cambridge. The event will include speakers, breakout sessions, a vendor exhibit, and more. Mark your calendars, and stay tuned for more details!

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