

OUR HISTORY

The Hawaii State Commission on Fatherhood was established by Act 156 of the 2003 Hawaii State Legislature.



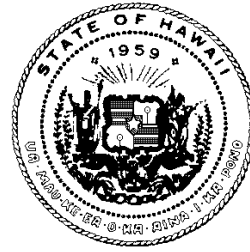
The Legislature recognized the renewed national trend toward understanding the unique importance of fathers in the lives of their children, families and communities.



The Fatherhood Commission serves in an advisory capacity to State agencies. It makes recommendations on programs, services, contracts, policies, and laws relating to children and families. There are eight commissioners representing Oahu, Hawaii and Maui.



The Fatherhood Commission is administratively attached to the State of Hawaii Department of Human Services.



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COMMISSION ON FATHERHOOD



HAVE YOU BEEN A FATHER TODAY?

THE STATE OF HAWAII COMMISSION ON FATHERHOOD

- ◆ Acts as a central clearinghouse and coordinating body for governmental and nongovernmental activities and information regarding the promotion of healthy fathering practices.
- ◆ Identifies and promotes promising best practices that support and engage fathers in the emotional and financial support of their children.
- ◆ Identifies and supports solutions to the obstacles that impede or prevent the involvement of fathers in the lives of their children.
- ◆ Raises public awareness of the importance of father involvement and the consequences of their absence to children.
- ◆ Recognizes outstanding fathers and father programs and services.
- ◆ Recommends policies and practices, both within and without state government, that increase and improve services to fathers and which sustain and reengage fathers in their children's lives.
- ◆ Promotes, fosters, encourages, and financially supports programs designed to educate and train men who are both current and future fathers in effective parenting skills, behaviors, and attitudes, strategies for overcoming personal challenges, and opportunities to be productive responsible contributors to their families.



The State of Hawaii
Commission on Fatherhood
promotes healthy family
relationships between
parents and children
by emphasizing the
important role fathers play
in their children's lives

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MONTHLY MEETINGS

Open to the public



The Fatherhood Commission
meets on the third Tuesday of
each month from 1:30–3:00 pm
at the Hawaii State Capitol **

** Email the Commission Chair
at adessajrc001@hawaii.rr.com
to confirm meeting location

**“FATHER”
IS NOT JUST WHO
YOU ARE . . .
IT’S SOMETHING
YOU DO**