

Do your on-line word-count of this page: <https://www.childwelfare.gov/topics/famcentered/engaging/> I did. Notice a singular includes the plural unless followed by something else (like an "-"). So here's the tally (including titles); FATHER - 1x. Mother 0x. NOT ONCE! Family - 46 times. Of these 39="family," and 5 "family-" (hyphenated), & 2 "family," Most occurrence were also active links.



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(webpage wordcount, cont'd.) "Parent - 18x. Not only was the actual program interest in "Fathers" downplayed even at this menu level referring to "Families" but whereas next level, the absence of the word "father" or words referring to fathers (such as "Dads") on next level will be more than compensated for, while throughout ALL levels, word-usage, it's "Where's MOM?"

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# Engaging Families

Image Filename shows why this image: "ChildWelfareInfoGateway ~2nd-level Submenu(under FamilyCentered PRACTICES) Engaging Families~ page only says ~fathers and paternal family~ ONCE (2017-Feb16 at 2PM.png"

In family-centered practice, families are recognized as experts in determining what is best for themselves and their children. Agencies and professionals enter into partnerships with families and youth, who are given equal voice in all aspects of policy, program, and service design; decision-making; implementation; and evaluation. Family engagement is a prerequisite for helping the family achieve its goals.

Only the 3rd level under "TOPICS" leads to: "<https://www.childwelfare.gov/topics/famcentered/engaging/fathers/>"

The following resources address how to understand and fully engage families in child welfare services and include State and local examples.

- Fathers and paternal family members
- Children and youth

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(Are we to be handled in public policy as just throwaway gestational, baby incubators, or gateways to increased father-engagement?)

## Spotlight On

**Developing and Sustaining a Parent Partner Program Podcast**  
Child Welfare Information Gateway (2016)

**Family Engagement Inventory**  
Child Welfare Information Gateway

**Parent Partner Program Navigator**  
Capacity Building Center for States (2016)

**Family Engagement: Partnering With Families to Improve Child Welfare Outcomes**

### The Child and Family Practice Model Program Manual

California Partners for Permanency (2016)

Includes three manuals detailing the implementation of the Child and Family Practice Model (CFPM), created by the California Partners for Permanency through a Permanency Innovations Initiative (PII) grant. Together, the three PII program manuals help to build a