



South Carolina Center for Fathers and Families

Empowering Fathers to Become Great Dads

Engaged fathers help children and families thrive. The South Carolina Center for Fathers and Families (SCCFF) strengthens father-child relationships by helping dads overcome barriers to becoming responsible, nurturing and actively involved parents.

Through education, employment coaching and legal guidance, SCCFF helps fathers reconnect with their children, strengthen their families and build greater stability. SCCFF also serves as a strong voice for fatherhood, advocating for policies that support dads and remove barriers to create more opportunities for everyone.

By the Numbers in 2025

- **3,400+** fathers served in all **46** counties (reaching **192%** of its goals) with nearly **3,900** children positively affected by services to their fathers

- **\$416,815** in new income earned through job placements
- **17** offices statewide
- **\$6.25** million five-year HHS fatherhood grant
- **\$1.55** million in avoided state incarceration cost
- **\$115.8** million potential boost to South Carolina's economy from these gains

Working to Elevate Fatherhood

SCCFF grew out of a statewide initiative launched in 1997 by the Sisters of Charity Foundation of South Carolina to reduce child poverty by re-engaging fathers with families. Operating as a public-private partnership with the S.C. Department of Social Services, the initiative showed great promise. SCCFF was established in 2002 to sustain and expand the fatherhood initiative. Today, it provides a unique national model in guiding the work of several local fatherhood organizations across the state. SCCFF is one of the nation's largest, longest-running statewide fatherhood networks, working to elevate fatherhood because it's a proven way to lift up children and families.

Mission in Action

South Carolina Center for Fathers and Families reflects Catholic Social Teaching by strengthening the bond between fathers and their children. By encouraging love, responsibility and presence, the ministry helps children and families build greater stability and hope.



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