

How can we help you?

We work closely with families to get them the help they need through referrals to other agencies.

We also run training programs for fathers and couples as part of a study on how to effectively promote father involvement.

How can you help us?

Refer families to us who meet our program criteria and spread the word about our program to your families.

Who sponsors us?

PAPÁS (S.F.I.) is a program of the Santa Cruz Community Counseling Center, www.sccccc.org and is sponsored by the State of California's Office of Child Abuse Prevention.

Where are we?

We are located in the La Manzanita Community Resource Center in Watsonville.



La Manzanita Community Resources

How to contact us

If you have any questions about our program please contact:

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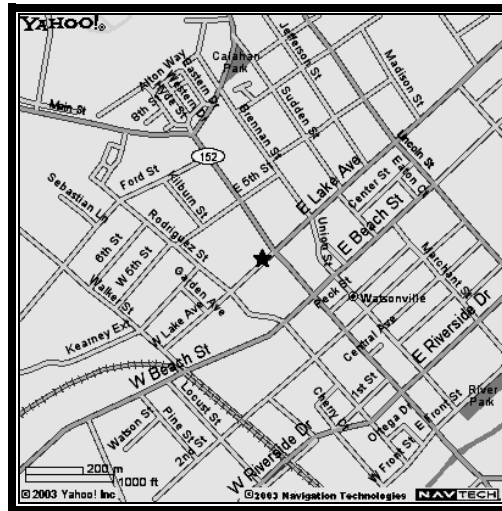
How to refer families

Please mail or fax completed Referral and Release form with contact details to:

PAPÁS, 18 West Lake Avenue, Suite L

Watsonville, CA 95076

Fax: (831) 763-4570



Or simply refer the family to PAPÁS at
(831) 763-3123

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What is PAPÁS?

PAPÁS, Supporting Father Involvement (S.F.I.), is a study that aims to positively increase fathers' involvement in their families.

Our Goals

PAPÁS is a two-year research project that seeks to:

- Increase positive father-child relationships
- Enhance father's relationship with child's mother
- Change attitudes about dads in our community
- Increase men's positive sense of self
- Positively affect fathers' other relationships and support systems
- Make family resource centers more accessible to fathers



How Our Program Works

Families referred to **PAPÁS** that meet the criteria of the investigation will be randomly assigned to one of three groups:

- 1) One, composed of **couples**, will receive a half-day informational seminar about father involvement and receive information about other resources in the community.
 - 2) A second & third group comprised of **fathers** and **couples** respectively, will participate in sessions on parenting, relationships, and health, and will attend fun social events over a 16 week period.
- Childcare and transportation is available for participants.
 - Fathers and mothers of all three groups will be assessed twice a year to monitor their progress.
 - Each parent will be paid **\$50** per assessment for their time.
 - All selected families will have a Family Worker available to them during the two-year study. The Family Workers can provide a variety of support services for the family such as resources and referrals to agencies within the community.

Criteria

We are seeking men who are:

- The biological dad of at least one child of the couple under age 7, including expectant fathers.
- Co-parenting with the mother, or want to be, **and** the mother agrees to participate in the study.

Preference will be given to families with at least one child under 3.

The study will not include:

- Teen parents under 18
- Families with a protective order in place
- Families with an open CPS case
- Families in which either parent is severely mentally ill
- Families with serious substance abuse

Men who do not meet the criteria will be offered referrals to other services.

