

## MISSION

*The Arkansas Fatherhood and Family Initiative: Fathers Engaged and Empowered to Learn (FEEL) will strengthen family foundations and reverse the “absentee father” trend by assisting fathers with the challenges of parenting, as well as, increasing their skills in building and maintaining healthy relationships.*

## VISION

*The Arkansas Fatherhood and Family Initiative: FEEL promotes positive fatherhood engagement by enhancing literacy, job training skills, life skills, and the tools necessary to succeed in order to build capacity to do greater things within their family structure.*

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# Arkansas Fatherhood and Family Initiative:

**F**athers **E**ngaged and **E**mpowered to **L**earn

September 2, 2016

Dear Sir:

I would like to extend an invitation for you to serve as a mentor for our Statewide Fatherhood and Family Initiative: Fathers Engaged and Empowered to Learn (FEEL). The mission for this initiative is to strengthen family foundations and reverse the absentee fatherhood trend by helping fathers to understand the challenges of parenting, as well as, increase their skills in building and maintaining healthy relationships.

Your commitment would include the following:

- ✓ Attending a 3-4 hour mentor training.
- ✓ Meeting with the FEEL Advisory Council.
- ✓ Working with a school to mentor young fathers in high school and/or college twice monthly.
- ✓ Sharing the vision and mission of the statewide fatherhood initiative.

All materials and information will be provided for you free of charge. The work that you agree to engage in will be strictly voluntary, however, we may offer a small stipend for your time and commitment to complete this mentoring process. We will review specific timelines, assignments, and procedures once you confirm and participate in the mentor training.

I have enclosed a fatherhood mentor application for you to complete and return to our office or feel free to e-mail. Once your application has been received, we will contact you with more detailed information regarding next steps.

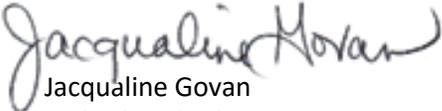
We hope to achieve the following four outcomes:

- 1) We have trained male role models and mentors who train young males in schools and colleges in five locations across the state,
- 2) All young male mentees have knowledge and expertise on how to engage with their children, self-regulations, financial responsibility and stability, as well as, understanding their role in early childhood education and increasing healthy relationships,
- 3) We have baseline research data established for working with young males in school districts and colleges across the state (numbers attended, gender, priority needs of young males, and training objectives outlined and achieved.
- 4) We have a reduction in numbers of males for reversing the “absentee fatherhood trend.

Thank you so much for your time and submitting your fatherhood application.

Please follow the instructions included in the application for submittal. If you have questions or need additional information, please call Jackie Govan at 501-371-0740 or e-mail her at [jackie.govan@arheadstart.org](mailto:jackie.govan@arheadstart.org).

Sincerely,

  
Jacqueline Govan  
Fatherhood Advisor

Enclosure: Fatherhood Mentor Application Form