

Getting Ready for Calling All Fathers 2025

Powerful Conversations with Fathers

The Head Start State Collaboration Office and the Arkansas Fatherhood and Family Initiative are proud to present another great opportunity for fathers to come together. There will be three Fatherhood sessions for 2025 so please mark your calendars for an invigorating, and powerful hour of conversation! We invite all fathers, mothers, grandparents, aunts, and uncles to join us and to interact with all participants for these informative and fun sessions!

Please save the dates for the upcoming FREE virtual events.



May 13, 2025

11:30 am-12:30 pm

Representative Jeremy Wooldridge

Rep. Jeremy Wooldridge is serving his second term in the Arkansas House of Representatives. He represents District 1, which includes all of Clay and portions of Greene and Randolph counties. For the 95th General Assembly, Rep. Wooldridge serves as Vice-Chair of the House Public Health, Welfare, and Labor Committee. He also serves on the House State Agencies and Governmental Affairs Committee. Rep. Wooldridge is the Chief Executive Officer of Crowley's Ridge Development Council. He graduated from Crowley's Ridge Academy, and from there he went on to receive a bachelor's degree in business administration and a master's in social work from Arkansas State University. He previously served as Justice of the Peace for Greene County District 10. Rep. Wooldridge also serves as a board member of United Way, Mission Outreach, the NE Fire District, and the Arkansas Community Action Agencies Association. He resides in Marmaduke with his wife, Stephanie; together they have two minor children, Jax Henry and Knox Harrison. They attend the Church of Christ. In his spare time, Rep. Wooldridge enjoys spending time with his family, going camping, fishing, hunting, and watching sports on television.

Get ready for the greatest hour of powerful conversations ever!

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THE IMPORTANCE OF FATHERS

24 Million children in America grow up without their fathers at home.

Research has shown:

- ✓ The quality of a father-child relationship can help protect against risky and anti-social behaviors for boys.
- ✓ Father involvement has a strong influence on the quality of a child's peer relationships.
- ✓ High levels of father involvement have been found to increase academic achievement among school-aged children.
- ✓ Levels of caring and closeness by fathers is strongly associated with higher self-esteem for adolescent boys.

When a child is raised in a father-absent home, he or she is:

- ✓ 4 times more likely to live in poverty.
- ✓ 2 times at greater risk of infant mortality.
- ✓ More likely to go to prison (1 in 5 prison inmates had a father in prison).
- ✓ More likely to commit a crime.
- ✓ 7 times more likely to become pregnant as a teen.
- ✓ More likely to face abuse and neglect.
- ✓ 2 times more likely to suffer obesity.
- ✓ 2 times more likely to drop out of high school.
- ✓ More likely to abuse drugs and alcohol.

(Sources: US Census Bureau, fatherhood.gov, fatherhood.org)

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Please register for each session using the links below:

May 13, 2025-11:30 am-12:30 pm Featuring Representative Jeremy Wooldridge

https://us02web.zoom.us/meeting/register/tZllceuoqzMsG9zj2Pi-7_zt5TKSONcaf1yj

August 12, 2025, 11:30 am-12:30 pm

<https://us02web.zoom.us/meeting/register/tZAqcOqtrzwsH9Py6pNNneSrLBScxR9ws0pJ>

November 11, 2025, 11:30 am-12:30 pm

<https://us02web.zoom.us/meeting/register/tZltd-qsgT4oHtwLS1Cibe3biYWaIQWSI5hh>

These sessions will be recorded and placed on our website at <https://arheadstart.org> !