



EastSide Unified | Unido is a community-driven effort to ensure all children in five Northeast Denver neighborhoods are valued, healthy & thriving by leveling the playing field before they start school.



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F.A.M.I.L.Y. - Fathers And Men Investing in the Lives of Youth

Meets 3rd Tuesday of Every Month from 6-8 pm
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We know it takes a village to raise a healthy child - but our villages cannot be healthy or whole if men are not able to be fully present and engaged in their families and communities.

F.A.M.I.L.Y. (Fathers And Men Investing in the Lives of Youth) is an effort to strengthen connections and coordinate efforts to achieve male and father engagement, systems change, paradigm transformation and ultimately, fatherfull communities.

The cost of father absence has vast impacts upon families, and the strain placed upon many single parent households to provide a nurturing environment for growing children is undeniable.

Father absence has many causes - both emotional and systemic. EastSide Unified | Unido is working to address root causes of many obstacles, including those that get in the way of male engagement - crucial to building a thriving 80205 community.

Visit our website at www.east5ideunified.org to learn more about how we are building a vision of a healthy, valued, and thriving 80205.

More About F.A.M.I.L.Y.

We know children thrive in a variety of family environments and parental arrangements. Yet, according to the U.S. Census Bureau, nearly 1 out of every 4 children in America live apart from their biological fathers, and that rate is higher for African American and Latino children.¹ We are in the midst of a fatherhood crisis – a crisis which amplifies many problems we face as a society.

The cost of father absence is significant and influences whether children have a nurturing environment in which to grow. More than 1 in 3 single-mother families lived in poverty in 2015, and the poverty rate for female-headed families with children was 36.5 percent, compared to 22.1 percent for male-headed families with children and 7.5 percent of families with children headed by married couples.² In the U.S., 30 percent of single-mother homes are food insecure³. In Colorado, the cost of child care in a center for two children is nearly 2.5 times higher than the annual cost of college tuition at a four year college⁴. All of these factors leave less resources for higher education, savings, investments, recreational activity and other opportunities to improve the quality of life for children and their families.

It is not equitable for women to shoulder the primary responsibilities of parenting alone. Nor is it equitable for invested fathers to be denied the opportunity to be involved in the lives of their children.

Join F.A.M.I.L.Y the 3rd Tuesday of every month from 6-8 pm.

- June 20 @ New Hope (3701 Colorado Blvd. Denver, CO 80205)
- July 18 @ New Hope
- August 15 @ St. Charles Rec (3777 Lafayette St., Denver, CO 80205)
- September 19 @ New Hope
- October 17 @ New Hope
- November 21 @ St. Charles
- December 19 @ New Hope

¹ <https://www.census.gov/newsroom/press-releases/2016/cb16-192.html>

² <https://nwlc.org/resources/national-snapshot-poverty-among-women-families-2015/>

³ <http://www.feedingamerica.org/hunger-in-america/impact-of-hunger/hunger-and-poverty/hunger-and-poverty-fact-sheet.html?referrer=https://www.google.com/>

⁴ <http://www.usa.childcareaware.org/advocacy-public-policy/resources/research/costofcare/>