

# To join the programme, participants must...

CARING DADS\*\*

Early Help

**Families in Focus** 

- Have a child aged 0-16 years
- Commit to attend 17 weekly sessions
- Agree to participate in the initial planning meeting
- Have regular contact with your child
- Be willing to explore your role as a father
- Be referred by a professional (e.g. allocated social worker or organisation) and have an identified worker who will be supporting you for duration of programme

#### **Contact with mother**

Child/ren's mothers will be contacted to advise them of the aim and content of the programme to support healthy future coparenting.

Father's/male carer's confidentiality will be respected.

#### The Facilitators

Each of the facilitators have extensive experience of working with children, fathers and their families and are accredited Caring Dads facilitators

# The Caring Dads Programme starts

Tuesday, 10<sup>th</sup> October 2023,

for the duration of 17 weeks ending 13<sup>th</sup> February 2024.

**Time:** 6 – 8pm

Venue: St Pancras & Somers Town

Living Centre, 2 Ossulston St,

**NW1 1DF** 

Dinner will be provided each week!

#### **Contact details**

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Supporting fathers and male carers to build stronger relationships with their children & other parent



# What is Caring Dads?

Caring Dads aims to help men whose relationship with their children or children's mothers is problematic. This may include over-controlling, emotionally harmful behaviours, fathers who have been absent or those who have hostile, highly conflictual or harmful relationships with the children's mothers.

# The programme offers...

- A unique opportunity for men to connect as fathers.
- An opportunity to increase men's awareness of child-centred fathering.
- A chance to learn how to strengthen the father - child relationship.
- An opportunity to increase men's awareness of responsibility for harmful and neglectful fathering behaviours and its impact on children.
- A chance to develop skills to manage frustrating situations in healthy ways.
- An opportunity for men to improve relationships with the mothers of their children.
- The chance to begin to rebuild trust with children and plan for the future.



### A few questions?

- Would you like a closer relationship with your child?
- Do you sometimes question how well you know your child?
- Do you sometimes feel so angry with your child you feel like blowing up?
- Are you concerned about the way you discipline your child?
- Do you have a difficult relationship with the mother of your child? Do you want it to be different?

If you answered "Yes" to 2 or more of these questions, then Caring Dads may be a useful programme for you.

Please speak to the person who is working with your family about getting a place on the programme.



#### What other Fathers have said...

"By completing the programme you will have learned skills that you never knew you had in you to become a better parent"

D., March 2023

"I didn't expect this feeling like a support group. I will miss that" G., July 2023

"I appreciated your laughter and positivity over past 17 weeks, the energy you give out has made an impact and I'll carry a lot of your words for years to come."

B., July 2023