Southwark Logic Model

Context	Activities	Mechanisms	Outcomes

Context

Contextual factor 1: Social care agenda - importace placed on fathers to engage with children.

Contextual factor 2: Southwark has a high number of single dads and are lacking in terms of parenting support, ie. Barnados offer has been discontinued.

Contextual factor 3: Men are not being included in plans and feel their voice is not being heard.

Contextual faction 4: SPG is a voluntary programme and thus fathers have to be somewhat motivated from the outset.

Entrance criteria: Male with a child residing in Southwark. Can be a self-referral for those struggling with engagement. Referrals can come from multiple agencies, majority social care.

Activities

Activity 1
Pre group engagement

Activity 2
The Southwark Parenting Group - 10 week programme, 3 hours a week for fathers or males with parental responsibilities. Ends with a 'graduation'. 2 group faciliators. Held outside of statutory services offering a space for fathers to share, connect and learn. Combines an unstructured and open element with a set curriculum designed to improve parenting skills and relationship management.

Activity 3
Programme completion

Mechanisms

If it is not a self-referall then fathers/figures must be aware they have been referred prior to SPG making contact. Contact by SPG must be made within 2 weeks of the referral being received. This may be by phone but a home visit is preferable.

Fathers are then invited to attend the group coffee morning where they will be introduced to the groups and its content/aims

Fathers who want to join the programme sign a letter of engagement. By week 4 the group closes to new members so as not disrupt the dynamic or progress

Materials content are applicable and appropriate for fathers across the board, irrespective of race, soci-economic status and literacy level. Materials are designed with those in mind who cannot read/write.

No more than 15 in a group at any one time. Referrals are often trurned down due to capacity. Those who do not get in are prioritised for the next cohort.

Fathers are aware this is not a stattuory service and the programme is designed by/for fathers

The location must be accessible and appropriate in order to maintain distance between fathers group and stat services to promote trust

Fathers feel they are listened to and understood. Safe and secure environment which is open and honest. Allows men to talk and connect.

The first hour of each session is explorative and somewhat ustructured - exploring why fathers feel isolated and frustrated. The rest of the session is structured and subject specific.

Programme focuses on the relationship with partner, child and services. This is designed to improve skills, knowledge and self-awareness.

Flexible approach to timings and offered alternative groups if not appropriate.

Programme is developed with fathers to ensure content is engaging and to improve voluntary uptake/attendance.

Fathers are aware of entitlements and services available

Understanding emotions and improved behaviour management

Fathers are more engaged with statutory services

Fathers have increased confidence

Fathers have reduced isolation

Fathers have increased knoweldge of childs developmental needs

Outcomes

Father/figures feel there is appropriate support for them in the borough

Improved relationship with partner and ability to co-parent

Decrease in the number of domestic abuse incidents

Improved parental skills

Childs developmental needs are met.

Improved relationship with child

Increase in number of fathers with duty of care in the borough

Increase number of Positive male role models in the borough

Decrease in number of looked-after children

Potential for serious conflict - as Southwarks residents father/figures often know each other and if they don't get on this can cause problems

The group can fuel a hatred against females as they bond over the struggles that females cause them to go through