



The Coalition of Fathers and Families NY, Inc.
The NY affiliate of the American Coalition of Fathers and Children

“Working to Keep Fathers and Families Together”

Program Services Effectiveness Summary Coalition of Fathers and Families NY, Inc.

The Coalition of Fathers and Families NY, Inc. is an information provider to the public in the areas of defense of civil rights, health of individuals, protection of families and children and marriage, with the objective of lessening the burdens of government and provides these services through a network of peer support counselors, individual member, county coordinators and through its officers and board of directors. For the calendar year 2004 we served 6250 individuals through our web page providing 36,400 pages of information; 192 individuals were served at public meetings; 1000 individuals were served through electronic contact and 200 individuals through phone contacts.

For 2004 we had total expenses of \$3988 with \$3891 spent for compilation and distribution of educational information (98% of donations were returned as service to the community). The nature of the remaining 2% of expenses was for office support to provide those services. We also advocated on behalf of the over 2 million non custodial parents in NY (25% of the population) with public policy makers for social and political change and provided informational materials to them. Expenses are incurred on generally and even basis month to month and are distributed across New York State proportional to population (FaFNY County Coordinators handle incidental expenses they incur themselves with no aid from the Association). Expenses are spent on producing and distributing educational information to the public as requested and all monies stay in the service area (New York State).

FaFNY has members in 19 counties in New York State and has service providing volunteers in 17 counties in New York State providing service to that county and surrounding area. Additionally as much information is made available electronically through the web page at FaFNY.org and through list serve s and e-mail contacts services have been provided to each county in New York State generally proportional to the population of that county. Expenses are used to maintain these means of distribution of information and county coordinators donate use of their personal electronic and other, means of communication in providing service to the public.

FaFNY currently uses no paid staff. Program services are coordinated and provided by the Association President James Hays. Mr. Hays has a background in the social sciences and is employed as an Environmental Conservation Police Officer with the NYS DEC. He is additionally certified in Critical Incident Stress Management; has been a peer support counselor for fathers in crisis due to family dissolution for the past 10 years and holds a baccalaureate degree in Father and Family Studies in addition to other degrees. Mr. Hays serves as principal researcher also. Information is produced in electronic formats for ease of distribution and to reduce production and distribution costs. We served 7642 individuals on the \$3957 in expenses providing informational services to

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each individual at 52 cents each due to the use of fixed cost electronic means of communication and the support of our county coordinators.

FaFNY maintains an office at 241 Sugarhill Rd., Rexford, NY 12148 with a local phone number of (518) 383-8202 and an e-mail address of DadLobby@localnet.com and a local mailing address of PO Box 782, Clifton Park NY 12065. Listing of the local phone is under the name of the Association President as he provides an office for use by the association. Due to reliance on electronic means of communication for production and distribution of service FaFNY relies on its web page and electronic links on the internet to reach individuals. It is hoped that FaFNY can open a father center in Troy, NY this coming year and will list that phone and address at that time. We can be contacted at 1-800-978-Dads and further information obtained on our organization through our national affiliate, The American Coalition for Fathers and Children, at ACFC.org.

For the future FaFNY expects to open a Fatherhood Institute at Troy, NY and have requested funding from the NYS Senate through the Office of Children and Family Services. This facility will act a base of operations for services to the public. We have seen gradually increased support each year since 2002 and expect to secure public and private sector funding to enhance public donations (such as SEFA) and membership dues in the Association and grants to support our development and distribution of programs free of charge to the public.

FaFNY is committed to keeping administrative costs below 5% of donations to maximize community benefit on donations to the organization.