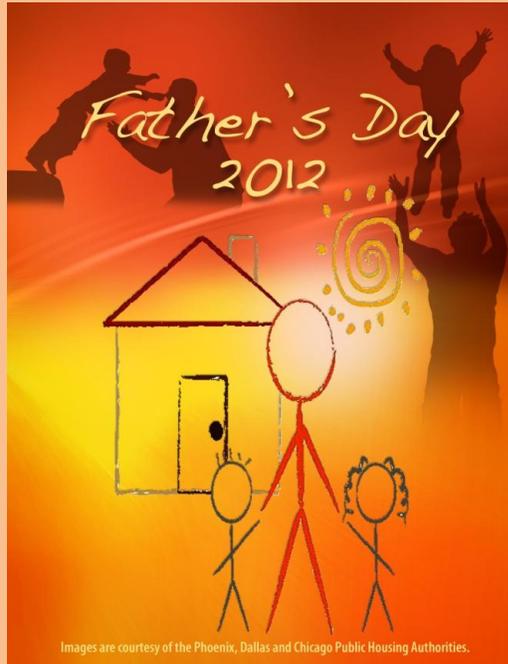


Father's Day Brief

This is the **Thirteenth** in a series of weekly e-mails to keep you informed about everything Father's Day 2012



Reminders: - As you move forward with your Father's Day event plans, please keep in mind the following:

- **PHOTO RELEASE** -- We at HUD are continuing to build a portfolio of Father's Day success! Be sure to take plenty of photos – especially of fathers with their children! These photos & videos may be used on our website or in promoting this initiative. Attached is a photo release for parents to sign--you may copy and use or you may simply add a signature release to your registration sign in sheet to ensure permission.
- **IT'S OKAY TO BRAG** – Tell us how successful your event was, and share your photos and flyers by going to PIH_Fathers_Day_2012@HUD.gov.
- **MEDIA** -- Please be sure there is someone designated in your office that is knowledgeable about your event and can answer media calls. There may be inquiries about where your event is being held, what resources are available, etc.
- **POST SURVEY** – Don't forget to return to our registration site to take our post survey after June 16th! Be sure to keep track of data such as the number of men, women and children in attendance, number of event sites, resources offered, etc. – and don't forget to include the name of your PHA!

Cato June Public Service Announcement – Encourage resident participation at your event by playing the below public service announcement by Cato June, former NFL linebacker for the Indianapolis Colts. This video may be played in areas you deem high traffic for residents, particularly dads—we want them to attend your event!!!

Cato June, Shares his Greatest Moments as a Father

<http://youtu.be/eoxyFldtS8I>

Everything is Big in Texas!

Everything is “**Big in Texas**” including Father’s Day 2012 events hosted by Public Housing Authorities under the jurisdiction of the Fort Worth, Houston and San Antonio Office of Public Housing.

Over 40 Public Housing Authorities in Texas will host amazing Father’s Day events during the month of June 2012 for children and their fathers who live in public and assisted housing. The purpose of these events is to encourage and support the bonding of fathers and their children. Father’s Day 2012 will bring together fathers of all ages and their children to celebrate fatherhood and family. With the support of many volunteers and community organizations, these events will offer fun games, great entertainment, and delicious food and resource materials on free social services. The public housing authorities are excited to join HUD again this year in support of this important and very worthwhile national initiative.

The Dallas Housing Authority’s 2012 Father’s Day Celebration will be held on Thursday, June 14, 2012, at the Hamptons at Lakewest, a property of the Dallas Housing Authority, located at 2425 Bickers Street, Dallas, TX from 5:00 p.m. to 7:00 p.m. Residents, especially children and their fathers will be offered an afternoon of free food and activities. Fathers will also be afforded the opportunity to receive valuable information, resources and services from education to health care to job training and employment. The event is designed to involve, encourage and support relationships between children living in public housing and their fathers. Outreach has been made to over 20 vendors to participate and include: ANTHEM Strong Families; Skillful Living, Inc.; Dallas County Community College District-West Campus; Environmental Protection Agency (EPA); H.I.S. BridgeBuilders; West Dallas Community Centers, Inc. and Rose Washington with Stream Energy; Lakewest Shopping Center Vendors: State Farm Agency (Luis Rivera), Pizza Hut, David’s Store, Clean Cuts, AutoZone, Family Dollar Store, Bell Cleaning & Laundry, Access Dental, PA, Neighborcare Medical Clinic, 99 Cents & Up, Store Fiesta Gas& Station Fiesta Mart, Inc.; and Teesia Tiny Tots Day Care, with focus on education, relationships, employment training and employment, and Life skills.

Abilene Housing Authority is teaming up with La Familia Dental, The Abilene Ruff Riders Indoor Football Team, Atmos Energy and many other local businesses to celebrate Father’s Day in style, with games, raffles, food and fun for all.

Trinidad Housing Authority events will consist of games, a bounce house, bbq, and pie eating contest for kids and dad with ribbons for the winners, etc.

The Housing Authority of the City of Austin (HACA) will be having a *Father Fest and Family Fun Day* on June 16th. Working with faith-based partner, Hopestreet Austin, we will have father/child basketball tournament, male mentor of the year award and lots of resources, food and games. One or more fathers from each HACA public housing site will be recognized at this event. The event will be centered in the Rosewood Neighborhood, as HACA continues to build neighborhood collaborations to strengthen efforts at transformation.

Houston Housing Authority will host a Father’s Day Family Festival to promote fatherhood within public housing communities. The event offers activities that encourage fathers to bond with their family and connection to economic development resources. Numerous community partners will assist the HHA in hosting the following program and activities: Family bonding Make-Me-A-Tie Project – arts and crafts project with youth working with dads to make a tie. Daddy & Me Reading Zone – youth and dads will read electronic books on a Kindle, Family Play Time – family-oriented

games consisting cards, 3 on 3 basketball & games Resource Connection, Get Connected – HHA Service Coordinators will assess general needs of fathers and their families, Employment Fair – hands-on enrollment in online career center offered by The WorkSource, Healthy Marriages & Families Mentoring – outreach & enrollment for upcoming workshops hosted by Avance’s Healthy Marriage Program. (The workshops will be held at Cuney).

Brownwood Housing Authority is having a Father’s Day Breakfast on Saturday, June 16, 2012 at their Authority.

They have planned to have a speaker, door prizes and some hand outs from a couple of agencies.

Munday and Knox City Housing Authority will have the kids make father’s day cards as well as other crafts.

They are also going to let the adults decorate pots and plant an herb garden, and are offering a \$50.00 gift card as a door prize in a drawing just for dads! Teen leaders with their community Bible school will assist with their event.

Frisco Housing Authority is joining with a local church Preston Trails Community Church to help promote Father’s Day this year by helping the children on the property make cards for the male figures in their lives (Fathers, Grandfathers, Uncles and other significant males). They are doing this in conjunction with a day of service which will conclude in activities for the children and lunch for everyone.

Brenham Housing Authority is having the children write essays on how special their Dads are to them. They will have a ceremony with the 1st, 2nd, and 3rd places.

Borger Housing Authority will be hosting a Father’s Day Event on Friday, June 15, 2012 at 12:00 p.m. They will be taking pictures of children that choose to participate and with these pictures will help the children decorate individual cards for their Dads. They will be doing the project with the children on Thursday and those who participate will invite their dads for lunch at the Housing Authority on Friday. At this time they will give them their cards and tell them why they are special to them. They will be also serving a dessert.

Tarrant County is planning Sack, Ball and Egg races, Arts and Crafts (Father’s Day Cards) Face painting, Old Timer’s Car Show, Fire Truck, Cake Walk, Ring Toss, and Tug of War.

The Housing Authority City of Weatherford will have the Father’s Day Event at the Love Street Park. The Housing Authority in coalition with other Agencies will have a Bounce House, a Splash Pad, Hotdogs, Chips, and Drinks and there will be a booth for the children to make Father’s Day cards, face painting, and games. A fishing pond is available for dads to take children fishing.

Want to share what’s happening at your *Father’s Day* event?

Contact the HUD Father’s Day Team at PIH_Fathers_Day_2012@HUD.gov.