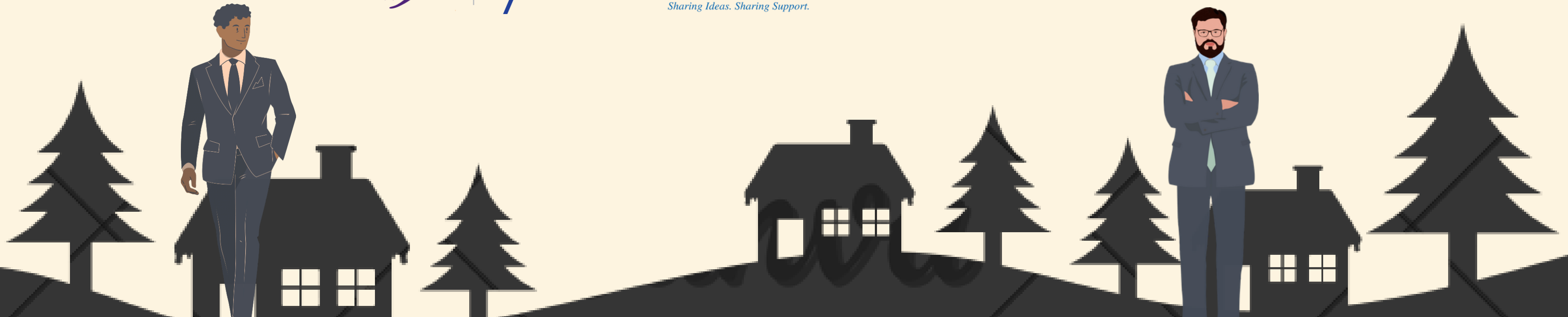




Father 2 Father

Peer Mentorship to Leadership





Your Presenters

Shaun Bramble



Christian Nunez





Christian Nunez




Dad & Me

- Puerto Rican & Dominican  
- Born & Raised in Rhode Island
- Graduated Brandeis University in 2019
 - BA in Political Science, Minor in Legal Studies
- Dad's departure -2023
- Quits job and soul searches
- Now Family Support Partner and Co-Chair of Rhode Island Fatherhood Initiative Inter-State Committee



Shaun Bramble

- **Born in the Caribbean: Saint Vincent and the Grenadines** 
- **Immigrated to Brooklyn in the 1980s**
 - **Studied Food & Beverage Management at Johnson & Wales University**
 - **17 successful years in restaurant management**
 - **Built a rewarding 12-year career in child services in residential and school settings.**
- **Started a new chapter, becoming a proud father of two beautiful daughters**
 - **Family Support Partner and Certified Peer Recovery Specialist at Parents Support Network of Rhode Island**



Caption



Introduce Yourself



- What is your name?
- What agency/department/program are you with?
- What are you looking to get out of this workshop or conference?

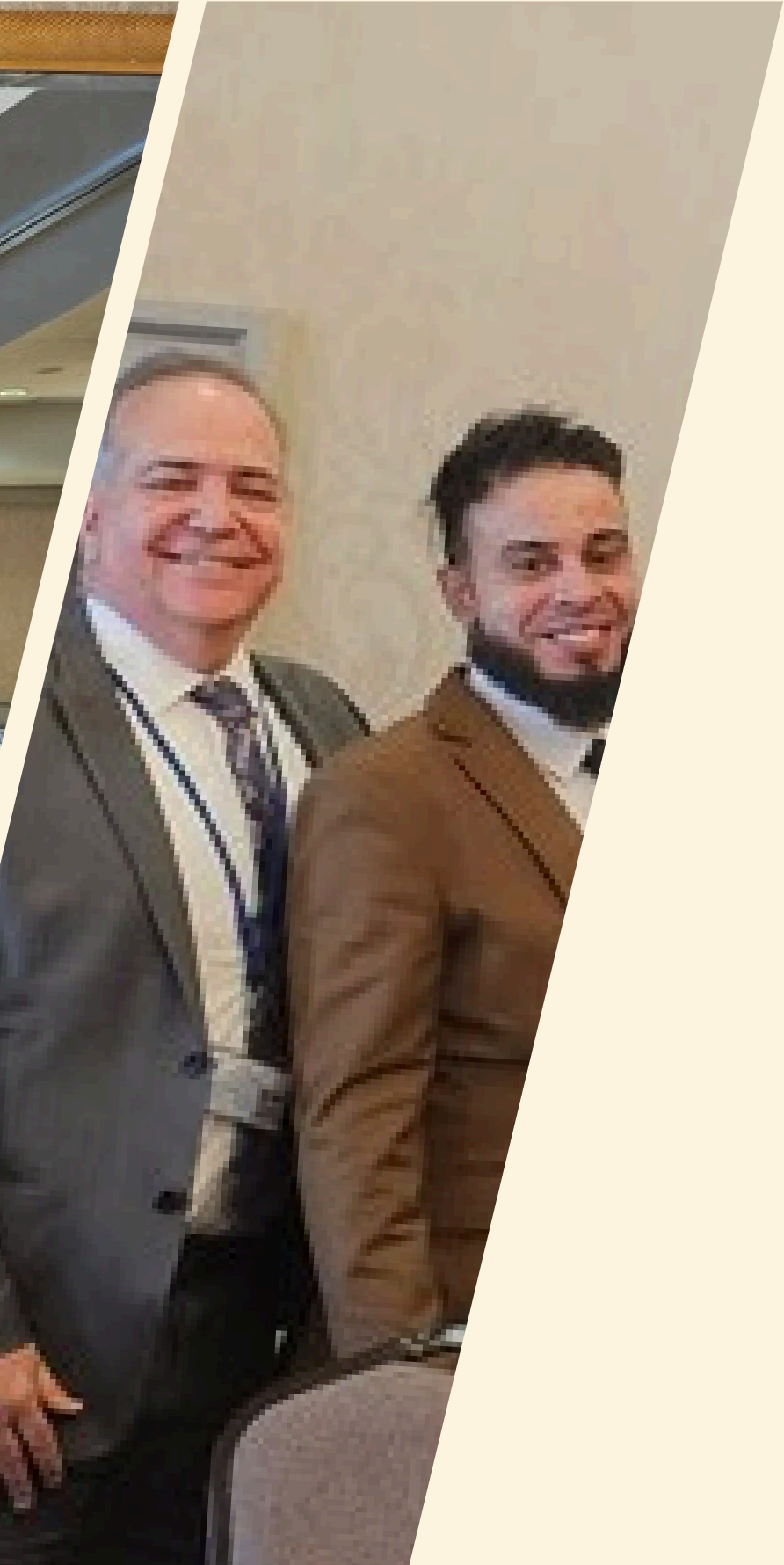
Parent Support Network of RI



Prevent Child Abuse
America



Our mission is to provide dynamic support, education, and advocacy to prevent abuse and neglect, reduce disparities, and work toward universal health, wellness, and recovery.



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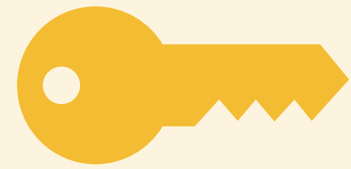
OUR MISSION

We are committed to fostering a **supportive** and **inclusive** community of **fathers** and those that find themselves in a supportive role of a father. Our mission is to **re-empower**, **activate**, **advocate** for, and **inspire** fathers on their journey to be the best they can be for their children, families, their communities and themselves.





Father 2 Father – Keys to Success



Inclusion

- Mission by fathers
- Weekly focus by fathers
- Events by fathers
- Result: Fathers feel this is their group and feel a sense of responsibility to attend and engage





Special Guest Wednesday's

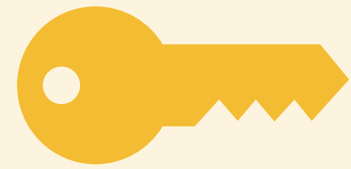


Exercise #1

- Split up into groups of two
- One person at a time - tell a story about a positive male figure in your life, then switch
- Do not interrupt the other person



Father 2 Father – Keys to Success



Active Listening

- Listening without interrupting
- Listening for goals, pains, obstacles and gaps
- Result: To see them is to hear them

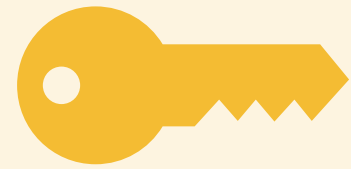


Exercise #2

- Anyone can answer
- Question: What is lived experience?
- Question 2: How does it apply to your work or working with fathers?

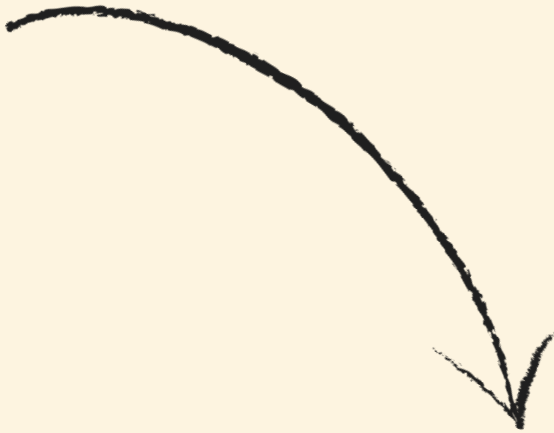


Father 2 Father – Keys to Success



Lived Experience

- Knowing how to use your lived experience (like a toolbelt)
- Helping fathers see they are not “too far off”, they are qualified
- Result: Empower fathers to be leaders and active community members



Inclusion

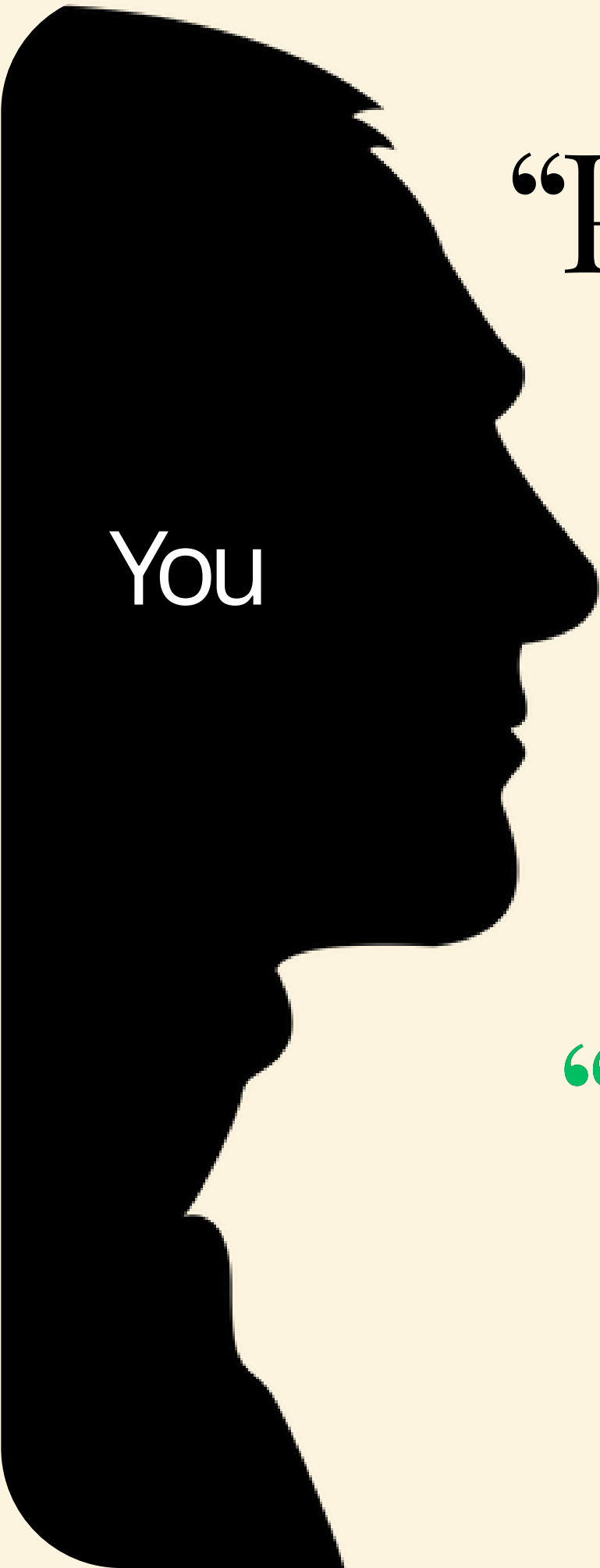
Active Listening

Lived Experience



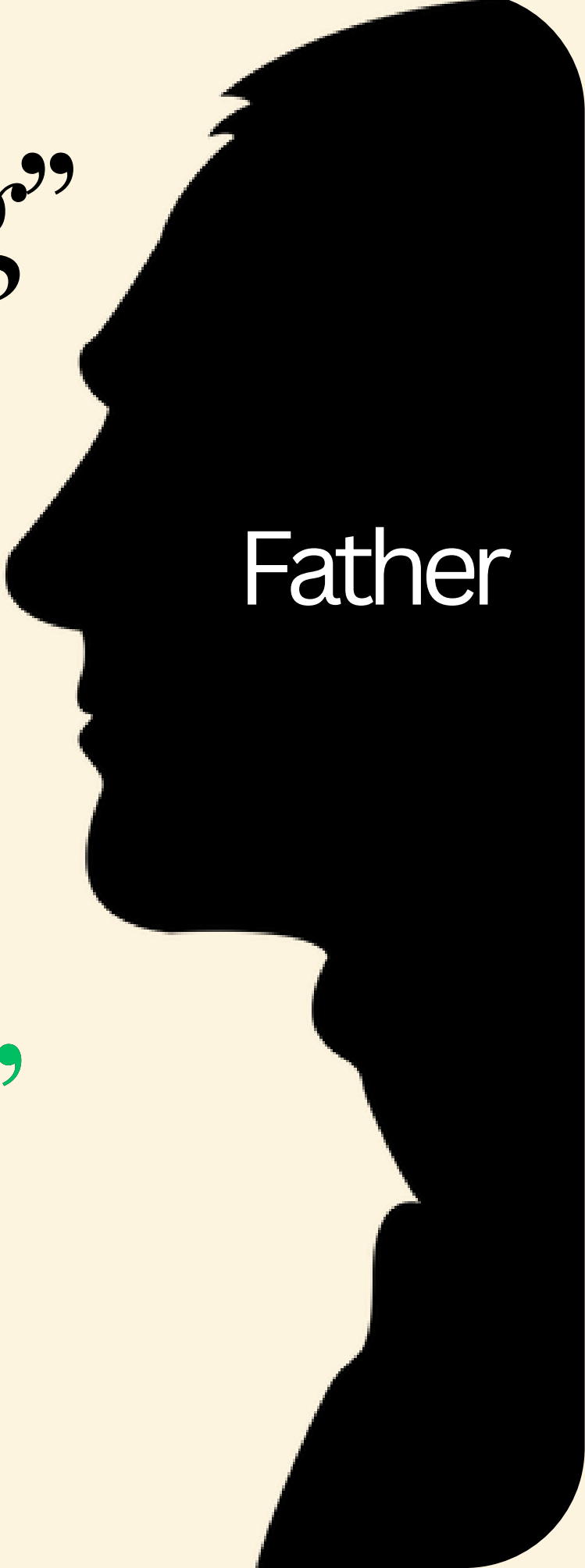
A close-up photograph of a hand stirring a thick, dark brown sauce in a stainless steel pot on a stove. The hand is holding a metal spoon, and the sauce is bubbling slightly. The background is dark, suggesting a kitchen setting.

The Secret Sauce



You

“Prove me wrong”



Father

“Prove me right”

A silhouette of a person stands in the center of a dark tunnel, looking out through a large, arched opening. The light from the opening illuminates the person's outline and the surrounding tunnel walls. The background outside the tunnel is a bright, sunlit outdoor scene with trees and foliage.

Rhode Island Fatherhood Initiative

Visual Diagram



Relaunched September 25'



MISSION

The Rhode Island Fatherhood Initiative was formed to increase father engagement and improve outcomes for children and families statewide.

Steering committee



The Why...

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- 1 in 4 children in the United States live without a father in the home — about 18–19 million kids (Fatherhood.org)



- 1.11 million residents in Rhode Island
- 203,000 children rely on healthy families
- ~200,000+ fathers and father figures statewide
- 4,700+ single fathers raising children
- Only a handful of father-specific support groups statewide
- Fewer than 1 in 5 parenting programs nationally are designed for fathers



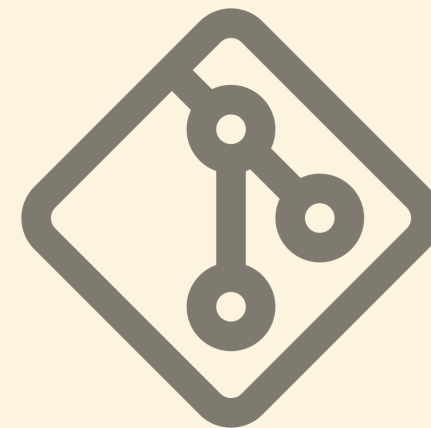
Inter-State Agency Panels

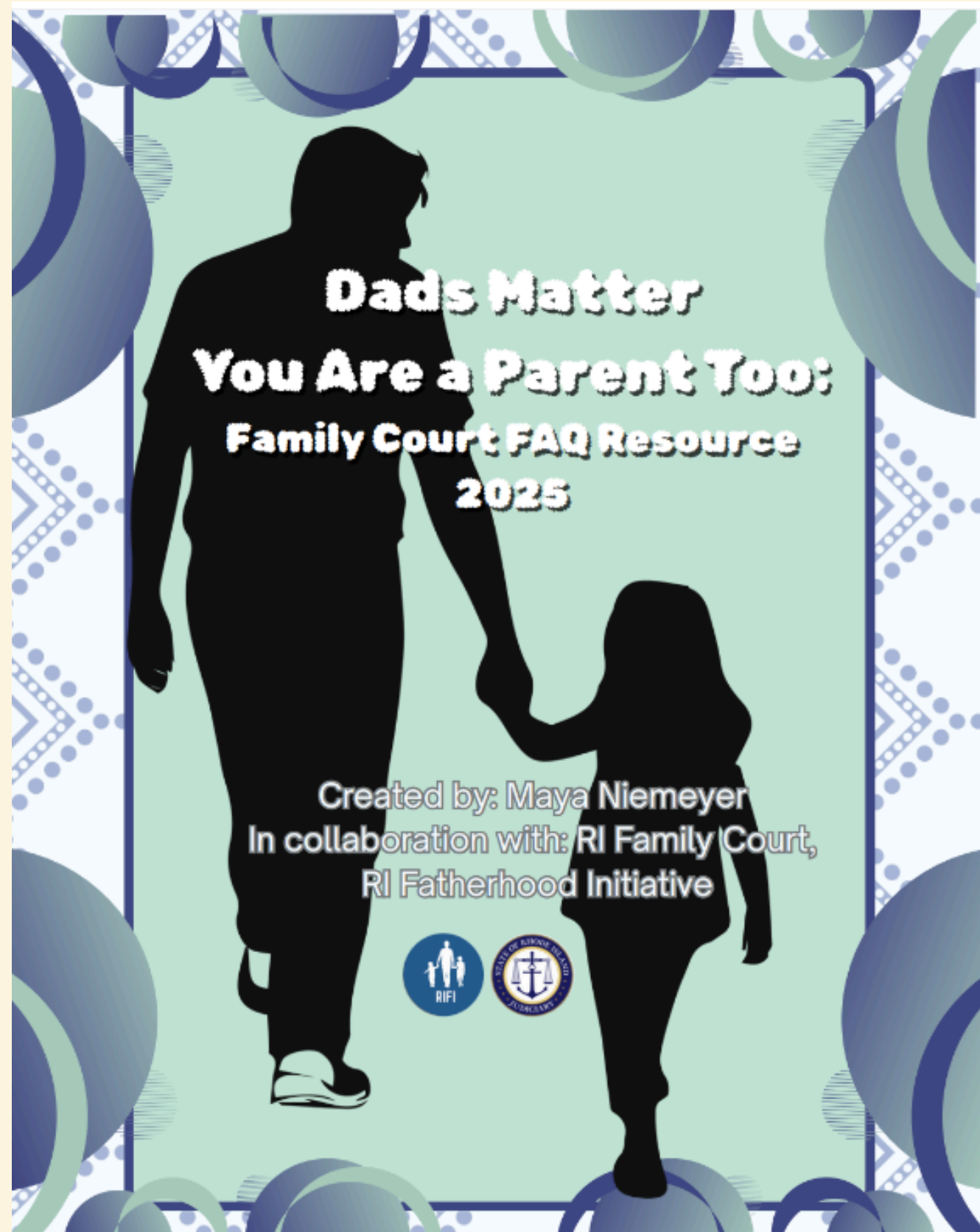




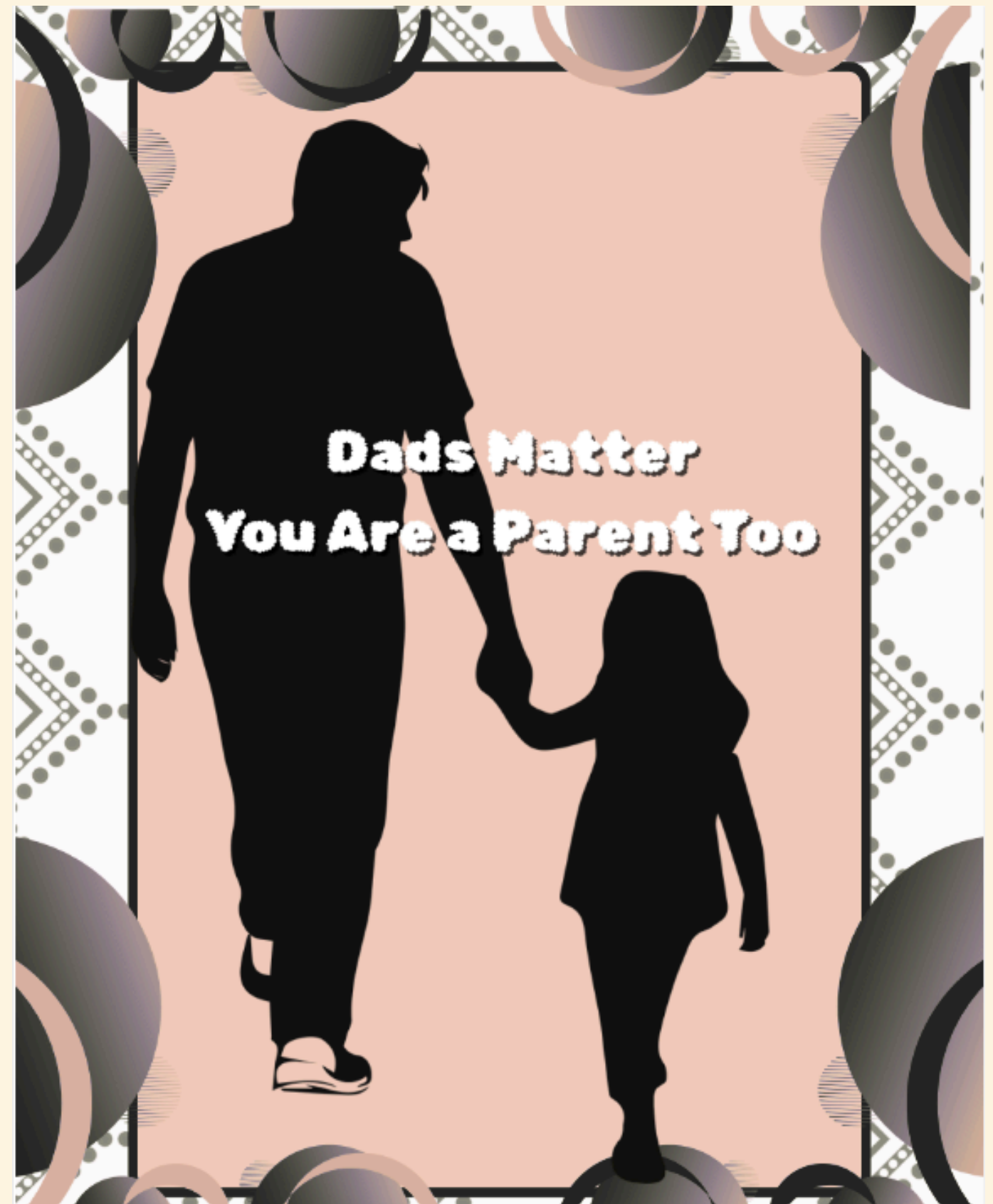
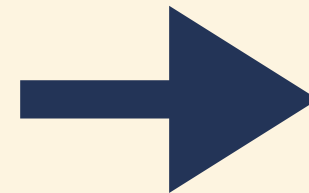
2026 Strategic Priorities

- Connect Fatherhood Champions
- Connect and create Resources
- Build Father Leaders





Family Court



Child Support

Building Leaders

1. Source Leaders from Father Groups

a. F2F, Caring Dads

2. Father Leadership Application

a. Fathers can choose,

i. Group work, policy work, recovery coach or family support partner





CARING DADS



Caring Dads is a 17-week program designed to help fathers improve their relationships with their children. We utilize group sessions and individual support to foster self-reflection and accountability in fathers.

OUR APPROACH:

Our evidence-based curriculum focuses on understanding the impact behavior on children, developing empathy, and learning practical parenting and communication skills. *See a list of session dates on page 2

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Fatherhood Initiative

The Department of Children, Youth and Families obtained feedback that told us staff often struggle with navigating the engagement of fathers, especially when mother's refuse to identify them, they are missing, or are incarcerated. As a result, the Director authorized a new Department-wide procedural memo be developed and distributed to renew the focus for staff on the importance of engaging with missing parents, specifically fathers.

Happening in Rhode Island



Father 2 Father: Peer Support to Father

Leadership

- **Follow** keys to success when building fathers group
 - Inclusion, Active Listening & Lived Experience
- **Find** your future leaders and activate them
- **Tell** fathers their life is a powerful resume
- **Hold** true to the prove me right mentality

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You can make a difference





Thank you!!

We are happy to answer any questions

