Established in 2013, the Alameda County Fathers Corps (ACFC) is a collaborative effort of First 5 Alameda County, Alameda County’s Health Care Services Agency and Social Services Agency. The mission of the ACFC is to promote and support fathers and father figures to be meaningfully engaged with their children and families, and to advocate for family service providers to provide father friendly services and to assist fathers in strengthening their parenting skills.

Members of the ACFC participate in a 9-month learning community with other male service providers; graduates of the program can become Father Engagement Specialists, Mentors, or Ambassadors. Members of the ACFC also advocate for changes in policies to eliminate barriers to fathers being involved in the lives of their children.

“Through the work of the Fathers Corps, many lives are and will be changed in a very positive way.”

–FATHERS CORPS MEMBER

ACFC PARTICIPANTS ARE FROM THE FOLLOWING PROGRAMS AND AGENCIES

- 4 C’s of Alameda County
- A Better Way, Inc.
- Alameda County Community Development Agency, Healthy Homes Department
- Alameda County Department of Child Support Services
- Alameda County Health Care Services Agency
  - Center for Healthy Schools and Communities
  - Public Health Department, Family Health Services Division, Special Start
  - REACH Ashland Youth Center
- Alameda County Probation Department
- Alameda County Social Services Agency
- Berkeley Unified School District
- Brighter Beginnings
- Centerforce
- California Institute of Integral Studies
- City of Fremont Youth & Family Services
- City of Oakland Head Start
- Family Support Services of the Bay Area (FSSBA)
- LifeLong West Berkeley Family Practice
- Marcus Foster Educational Institute, Role of Men
- Positive Communication Practices
- Save Our Children
- Tandem
- Through the Looking Glass
- UCSF Benioff Children’s Hospital Oakland
- United Way of the Bay Area
- Urban Parenting in America
- Village-Connect
- Youth Alive
During the first year, the ACFC identified and adopted 7 Father Friendly Principles (FFP). The FFP provide concrete steps agencies/programs can take to ensure their services are inclusive and supportive of fathers. The ACFC encouraged members to introduce and take steps towards implementing the FFP at their agencies.