



Male caregivers are often excluded from the caregiving role. This can leave many male caregivers confused about how they can have a role in caregiving and raising their child/children



MISSION

To strengthen the father's role in raising children with behavioral health needs through education, peer support and advocacy



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Dads M.O.V.E. seeks to provide every parent/caregiver (especially dads) with the tools, support, and training needed to be fully engaged in the recovery of their children.

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DADS M.O.V.E.

Addressing the needs of parents and families using a family centered, wraparound approach





Our History

Dads M.O.V.E. (Mentoring Others Through Voices of Experience) started in the summer of 2011. Six fathers who had met at various events who all had children with behavioral health concerns decided that there needs to be more support for fathers who have children like theirs. At the time there were several family-run organizations that provided education and support, all were female-led and generally focused on moms. While this is great and needed, we decided there needed to be a male-led, father-focused organization dedicated to empowering fathers to be better dads, and more involved in advocating in the systems that serve our families.

We all pooled our money together to file our incorporation and IRS 501c3. Dads MOVE was incorporated in the State of Washington in the fall of 2011. We then offered two fathers retreats a year. As more resources became available, we added training in a variety of topics across the state.



DADS MOVE PROVIDES 1:1 PEER SUPPORT AND MORE TO HELP FAMILIES THRIVE. DADS MOVE IS NOT ONLY FOR DADS. WHILE WE DO STRIVE TO HELP BRING THE MALE PERSPECTIVE, WE ALSO SUPPORT FEMALE CAREGIVERS AND PARENTS WHO WANT HELP WITH THEIR FAMILY.



We Provide

- Trauma informed and culturally aware care
- 1:1 Peer support for parents
- 1:1 Peer support for youth 13+
- Parent/Caregiving support trainings such as:
 - Adult and Youth Mental Health First Aid
 - 24/7 Dad
 - Collaborative Problem Solving
 - De-escalation
 - And many more!
- Drop in groups
- Parenting/caregiving classes
- A holistic family services encouraging and supporting the involvement of dads in their family