



**14th Annual  
At-Home Dads Convention**  
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The National At-Home Dad Network

# CALL FOR PROGRAMS

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Recent research has shown that a father who is engaged and involved in the lives of his children reduces teen pregnancy, child neglect and substance abuse and improves performance in school.<sup>1</sup>

The importance of being an involved father is reaching more and more men explaining why some have chosen to make the sacrifice of leaving the workplace and abandon social norms to become at-home dads.

In creating the National At-Home Dad Network, Daddy's Home is dedicated to supporting these at-home dads and works to improve their lives and those of their families through the At-Home Dads Convention and the support of several websites.

The structure of the convention this year is to have a combination of expert-facilitated discussions and hands-on, how-to workshops. This provides for a more interactive experience that attendees in the past have said improves the value of the convention for them and their families.

*"I have left every convention feeling energized, reminded how fortunate I am to have this opportunity so few dads have, and even more excited about raising my kids."*

- Jim, Boulder, CO  
(6-time convention attendee)

Please consider presenting at the At-Home Dads Convention so these men can continue growing as fathers and improving the lives of their children.



<sup>1</sup> Dr. Kyle Pruett, Yale University Child Psychology Professor in the upcoming documentary "The Evolution of Dad;" Fathers' Involvement in Their Children's Schools. National Center for Education Statistics. Washington DC: GPO (1997); Warren Farrell, PhD, Father and Child Reunion (2001)

## PROGRAM REQUIREMENTS

The most popular sessions at the At-Home Dads Conventions have been facilitated discussions and how-to, hands-on workshops. This year we are asking presenters to tailor their sessions to fit into one of these two categories. All sessions will be about an hour and will have 10-20 attendees.

### Facilitated Discussions

- Presenter will have an expertise in the area for discussion.
- Presenter can provide a short presentation to open the discussion.
- Presenter will take questions and facilitate a discussion among attendees.
- A/V can be available upon request.

### Workshops

- Presenter will have an expertise in the workshop topic.
- Workshop will be hands-on, a role play exercise or present a step-by-step process.
- Presenter will bring materials for all attendees to practice and learn topic.
- A/V can be available upon request.

### PROGRAM IDEAS

Here is a list of some topics that interest at-home dads:

Home Schooling	Kids and Money	Improving Marriage
Stranger Danger	Home Cleaning	Grow At-Home Dad Group
Ask a Pediatrician	Nutrition	Depression and Isolation
Hair Braiding	Sewing	Home Repair
Internet Safety	Toilet Training Techniques	Discipline Role Plays

### CONTACT US

To have your program considered for the 14<sup>th</sup> Annual At-Home Dads Convention, please contact Phil at [ptandrew2000@yahoo.com](mailto:ptandrew2000@yahoo.com) by March 31, 2009.

**“The convention makes you more comfortable with what you are doing and you learn how to be a better at-home dad.”** - Brian, Stockton, CA (2-time convention attendee)



## Why Present at the At-Home Dads Convention?

Your presentation or workshop can have enormous benefits such as:

- Increase the confidence of at-home dads so they can succeed at this challenging and unique opportunity
- Encourage all fathers to be more involved in the lives of their children by learning about men who succeed as at-home dads
- Improve the education of children and lower their risk to child neglect, teen pregnancy, and substance abuse by helping involved at-home dads be better fathers
- Help women grow their careers by supporting the role at-home dads provide as worry-free childcare
- Improve the value of the convention which will encourage more at-home dads to attend
- Become involved in the fastest growing trend in parenting
- Show your dedication to family and a quality work/life balance



**“I have mowed lawns during the summer for extra money so I could afford to travel and attend the convention. It has made a profound impact on my life every year that I've attended since 2002 and has been worth all the sweat and grass stains.”**

- Phil, Lincoln, NE (7-time convention attendee)

## Convention Quotes

### Why it's so important

**“The number of at-home dads has grown by 60% over the last 4 years.”**

- *Today Show* (airdate Apr. 2, 2008)

**“Men who reported high levels of social support reported higher levels of relationship satisfaction (i.e., less distress), and overall were more satisfied in their lives.”**

- Dr. Aaron Rochlen, Associate Professor of Counseling Psychology at the University of Texas-Austin (2007 Study of Stay-at-home Fathers)

**“After six years of relatives, friends, neighbors and strangers constantly questioning my decision and doubting my ability to be the primary caregiver, news of the At-Home Dads Convention was welcoming. Each year I have arrived home from the convention reenergized with a greater sense of confidence, pride and purpose in fulfilling my commitment as an at-home dad for my family.”**

- Hogan Hilling, at-home dad since 1991 and author of *“The Modern Mom's Guide to Dads: Ten Secrets Your Husband Won't Tell You”*

**“I never really saw anything masculine about working at a computer in an office, so when I made that transition to home I never really saw myself as less than a man.”**

- Rick, Austin, TX on the *Today Show* (airdate Apr. 2, 2008)

**“I (attended the convention) to bond with other Dads, have discussions about what we go through on a daily basis ... and find out what to expect as my daughter gets older.”**

- Kirk, Denver, CO (1<sup>st</sup> time convention attendee)