

# Male Involvement Opportunities

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## Ongoing Opportunities

All parent involvement activities are planned so both male and female parents are encouraged to participate. Some ongoing activities include:

- Monthly Parent Committee Meetings
- Home Visits
- Classroom Field Trips
- Parent/Teacher Conferences
- Annual Parent Activity
- MUSCLE

## Leadership Opportunities

- Parent Committees
  - Policy Council
  - Education Committee
  - Health Advisory Committee
  - Male Advisory Panel
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# Muscle

*Men Understanding Small Children's Learning Experiences*



The SIUC Head Start MUSCLE program recognizes the contribution of fathers and father figures who read to children. The reading activities take place in classrooms. Recognition is earned on the following schedule:

Item	# of Visits
MUSCLE Certificate	1
Storybook	2-5
Child's T-Shirt	6-10
Male Adult T-Shirt	10+ Times

## Male Advisory Panel (MAP)

A group of father/father-figures and community volunteers who meet at least three times per school year. The purpose of MAP is to:

- Enhance the experiences of children enrolled in Head Start by supporting male caregivers in their role
- Plan program-wide male involvement activities
- Provide input to Head Start about the needs/interests of fathers/father-figures
- Learn about topics of interest to fathers/father-figures
- Help fathers/father-figures of preschool children to meet and get to know each other

**Researchers have found that dad's involvement in school, whether it's attending a conference or chaperoning a field trip, has a positive influence on their child's performance, even if they don't live with the child.**

*For more information or to volunteer contact your center director  
or call Shannon at (618) 453-6448 or (618) 997-2216.*

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