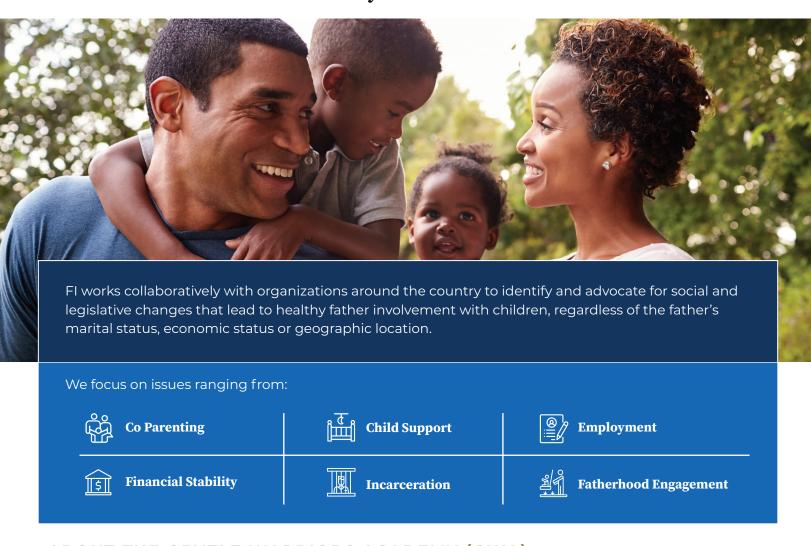




# Fathers Incorporated (FI) works to change the current societal and cultural definition of family to be inclusive of fathers.



## ABOUT THE GENTLE WARRIORS ACADEMY (GWA):

Gentle Warriors Academy (GWA) is the service delivery arm of Fathers Incorporated. GWA is designed to help adult fathers (ages 18 and older) incorporate practices and behaviors for managing the responsibilities of being parents/co-parents and partners.

GWA does this through facilitating classes around responsible parenting, healthy marriage/relationships, economic stability and grant-funded participation supports using a 40-hr/10-week cohort-based approach.

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## **FIRE GRANT:**

In 2020, FI was awarded a Healthy Marriage Promotion and Responsible Fatherhood Grant from the Administration of Children and Families Office of Family Assistance (OFA).

This 5-year grant will allow FI to serve over 900 fathers in the 7 counties in the metro Atlanta area.

Our service delivery model will engage the participants in a 10-week cohort-based approach where facilitators will teach our "Next Level Fatherhood" curriculum and provide wrap around services through case management and referrals. While our target participant will be between the ages of 18-24, we have the opportunity to serve fathers up to 40 years old if they have a child 16 years of age or younger.

It is the intent of GWA to ensure each cohort is diverse (i.e. first time fathers, age, marital status, court involvement, care-giving status, etc.). Utilizing our referral partners and wrap-around services will allow us to designate cohorts that will be rich in difference, background and experience.

Key Program Schedule	Dates 2021
Recruitment and Engagement	January 2021 – Ongoing
Pilot Cohort of 10 – 15 fathers	Jan 2, 2021 start
Intake, Enrollment, and Assessment of Needs	February 2021 – Ongoing
Case Management	March 2021

## **Our Services**



Central to the program service delivery and evaluation phases are GWA's case management services and life coaching.

These services ensure that the individual needs of each participant is assessed and addressed quickly and appropriately.

It also provides additional supports to program participants as they will have access to both case managers and life coaches.

## **NEXT LEVEL FATHERHOOD CURRICULUM:**

The curriculum and subsequent training are adapted from research and evidence-informed Fathers Incorporated trainings to provide a comprehensive and culturally relevant product geared towards parents in low income communities.

This 10-module program is designed to empower, add value and transform dads to contribute to the strengthening of their children and families.



of all dads agree that the day that their child was born was one of the best days of their lives.

