

Appendix E: Outreach to fathers to schedule semi-structured discussion time

This is intended to be shared with program staff who will invite fathers on behalf of the SIRF study team; the study team will not have PII (including contact information) for fathers in each program.

Hello! [name the program] has been partnering with [MDRC](#), a nonprofit organization, to learn how to better support fathers in our program. The project is called Strengthening the Implementation of Responsible Fatherhood Programs, or [SIRF](#). [Name the program] is one of 10 fatherhood programs involved in this project for the last year or so. You can learn more about the [SIRF study here](#). Or you can reach out to MDRC by email (SIRF@mdrc.org) or call the SIRF hotline at (877) 375-9340.

As part of this project, the SIRF team would like to hear about your experiences with [name the program] and what the program could do to better support your goals. Your responses will help the program to better engage fathers in their services. Your responses will also be combined with those from the other programs participating in the project to come up with ideas for how fatherhood programs nationwide can be better in the future.

The SIRF Team would **like to schedule a one-hour meeting with you and other fathers from your program.**

The discussion is scheduled for [day, date, time, location]. Please consider attending to share your thoughts!

Discussion participants will each receive a \$20 gift card as a token of the SIRF team's appreciation.

You do not need to prepare anything prior to the meeting but here is a list of topics the team may ask you about:

1. About you and your first interaction with the program
2. Being recruited into the program
3. Enrolling into the program
4. Participating in the program on the first day
5. Staying engaged in the program
6. Influence of program on your life

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