

## Parent Voice AZ

The AZ DCS Parent Advisory Collaborative (PAC) encourages fathers to play a substantial role in raising their children. So, in our efforts to celebrate fatherhood, we enrolled a panel of very involved and courageous fathers to share their thoughts and feelings on parenting.

Edward Casillas—PAC member

Quickly responded to the question “what do you love about your kids? About being a parent?” Ed commented, “Everything! I love everything about my kids! My 24 year old is feisty and has no fear to speak her mind. My son has a loving heart as evidenced by the mentor program he has been involved in from 5th to 7th grade. My youngest is an advocate and naturally advocates for the underdog. All three are loving, passionate, and caring. Being a parent is tough and I love it all but the kids are watching everything. All children in the family are different and have various roles and personalities in the family composition.

Allan Stockellburg—PAC member

We asked “What great memories have you recently made with your kids.” Allan stated, “Creating memories is tricky. It has been my experience that when I try to create a memory it sort of falls flat or gets sabotaged. We put so much hype into one experience or we feel if the slightest thing goes wrong the whole memory is ruined. Creating memories creates a lot of stress and not a whole lot of result. However, I find that when I turn the phone, computer, and TV off and relax into my parenting by being 100% present with my kiddos and let them lead the experience some really beautiful interactions happen that create lasting memories. It is not the trips to Peter Piper’s or Castles-n Coasters that stay with them forever. It is the spontaneous pillow fights, the spontaneous kite flying and the goodnight kisses.

Jeremiah Caldwell—PAC member

“What is your greatest strength and weakness as a parent?” “My strength is being present with them, being physical and mentally with them, at times not giving up on them, getting sober and teaching them life skills that I can show them.” Jeremiah reported he feels his greatest weakness is “time management, balancing work and children.”



*Felix Fornino— What top values I feel most compelled to instill in my children?*

Loyalty – to your family, friends, your commitments and to your word.

Honesty – tell the truth and don’t lie or deceive anyone.

Compassion – do not be judgmental. Place yourself in another person’s shoes and look at life from their perspective.

Integrity – Be a positive force for others to model.

Respect – you cannot receive respect unless you show respect. Is a two-way street.”



Join Allan Stockellburg from Parent Aid and Edward Casillas from Family Involvement Center for a weekly discussion between dads about all things dad. New videos will premier every week Monday.

Check them out at [facebook.com/parentaidtucson/videos](https://facebook.com/parentaidtucson/videos).

You can see the full listing of Parent Aid classes at: [parentaid.org/calendar](https://parentaid.org/calendar).

## Resource: Father Matters

Our vision is to see men become more effective, more active, and more involved in their role as fathers with their children.

Services we offer include, Job Readiness Training and Job Placement services, Family Law and Child Support Legal Education and Court navigation services, Parenting Classes, Mentoring services, Housing referrals, Supervised Parenting Time services, Benefit Application Assistance (SNAP, AHCCCS, Cash, Rental/Utility Assistance), DCS case navigation, Support Services (Food Boxes, Emergency Diaper and Wipes, Bus Cards, Eyeglasses voucher, Lifeline phone service, Clothing and Duplicate AZ ID voucher). person complete the goal.

For more information, please visit our website: [www.fathermatters.org](http://www.fathermatters.org); or give us a call at 602-774-3298 .



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