

## ***CALL FOR PAPERS***

### ***“New Fathers”***

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A large debate on “New Fathers” has been developing in recent years: many theoretical and empirical researches have examined the impact of fathers’ involvement on children’s developmental outcomes, on the co-parenting relationship and on the development of fathers themselves (e.g. Allen & Daly, 2007). Results have demonstrated that nowadays fatherhood is not only perceived as a duty, but a significant majority of fathers are willing and capable to face the responsibility that fatherhood represents. Cultural models change and any change must be considered and interpreted carefully. As far as the cultural model of father involvement is concerned, the literature shows that changes occur in relation to three main aspects: the ideal roles which fathers should play, the evaluations of involvement, and the benefits of fathers’ interactions with family members’ experiences and wellbeing (e.g. Milkie and Denny, 2014). More specifically, a considerable number of studies has lately focused on such issues as: the effect of father involvement on children’s cognitive development, emotional development, social development and physical health; the modification of the mother’s role in the father’s involvement; the co-parenting relationship and its effects on child development outcomes; effects of family income on child development outcomes and father involvement on work; the father’s capacity of balancing work and family.

Many other aspects are also investigated as references to fatherhood in areas of study such as Psychology, Education, Sociology, Family Health, Nursing, Family Law. The purpose of the present IJFS ‘call for papers is to gather research studies conducted on the topic of “New Fathers”. Contributions concerned mainly with empirical research and based on a multidisciplinary perspective, using both qualitative and quantitative methods, are especially welcome. Articles based on a theoretical approach are also taken into consideration.

- Allen, S. & Daly, K. (2007). *The effect of father involvement: an updated research summary of the evidence*. Report of the Centre for Families Work & Well-Being, University of Guelph, Canada.
- Milkie, M.A. & Denny, K.E. (2014). Changes in the cultural model of father involvement descriptions of benefits to fathers, children, and mothers in *Parents' Magazine*, 1926-2006. *Journal of Family Issues*, 35 (2), 223-253.

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