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Request free online review copies of Dibble programs for your team and your partners.

Request a Review Copy...

June is LGBTQ Awareness Month!

Find resources to support LGBTQ youth on our website.

Read more here...

Online Teaching Toolkit

Thanks to the expertise and input of our clients, we have developed an Online Teaching Toolkit for Love Notes and Relationship Smarts PLUS. If you are a Dibble client and would like to see the lesson-by-lesson strategies for teaching the content on a virtual platform, please email RelationshipSkills@DibbleInstitute.org for access. As we learn from each other, we will continually update these resources. This is a collaborative work in progress!

Read more here...
The Marriage Rate Has Remained Stable Since 2010

The U.S. marriage rate has been stable since 2010 after declining nearly 60 percent from 1970 to 2010, according to the first report from the new Marriage Strengthening Research and Dissemination Center. The report reviews recent research on trends in dating, marriage, cohabitation, and divorce for heterosexual couples, and offers important implications for future research and for relationship education efforts, including federally funded healthy marriage and relationship education programs.

Read more here...

Millennials Are Approaching Family Life Differently Than Previous Generations

A new analysis of government data by Pew Research Center shows that Millennials are taking a different path in forming – or not forming – families. Millennials trail previous generations at the same age across three typical measures of family life: living in a family unit, marriage rates and birth rates.

Read more here...

NEWS YOU CAN USE
Defining and Measuring Social Capital for Young People

This one-page brief summarizes a theoretically-informed framework for the measurement and improvement of social capital among young people. It supports a larger project known as Social Capital Assessment and Learning for Equity (SCALE), which focuses on developing and refining useful measures of social capital for programs designed to enhance postsecondary and employment opportunities for young people of color and from low-income backgrounds.

Read more here...

The Virtues and Downsides of Online Dating

On a broad level, online dating users are more likely to describe their overall experience using these platforms in positive rather than negative terms. But users also share some of the downsides to online dating. Roughly seven-in-ten online daters believe it is very common for those who use these platforms to lie to try to appear more desirable. And by a wide margin, Americans who have used a dating site or app in the past year say the experience left them feeling more frustrated (45%) than hopeful (28%).

Read more here...

How Coronavirus Is Changing the Dating Game for the Better

As a biological anthropologist who has spent some 40 years studying romantic love around the world and the brain circuitry of this ancient and universal human passion, Helen Fisher has come to recognize that in some ways, coronavirus has given youth a gift. She examines some of the ways in which coronavirus has changed the dating game, and how those changes might provide some lasting benefits.

Read more here...
Executive Function Skills Concepts and Models Websites

The Center on Budget and Policy Priorities has created three websites that provide training on various Executive Function Skills Concepts and Models: EF Works Library, which houses curated resources for human services programs to learn about and implement an Executive Function-informed approach to service delivery, with a focus on services to adults; Goal, Plan, Do, Review/Revise Online Training Course, a practical research-based framework for setting and achieving goals that draws on insights about executive skills, as well as other aspects of brain and behavioral science; and Wish, Outcome, Obstacle, Plan (WOOP), a science-based mental strategy to find and fulfill wishes, set preferences, and change behavior.

Read more here...

BEYOND COVID: Erin Breeze on Marriage and Divorce

Erin Breeze, founder of Happy Home: Life After Divorce, digs into the pandemic's impacts on marriage and divorce.

Listen here...
Be a Model for Navigating Uncertainty

Parents want to protect their children from the stress of witnessing the fear and uncertainty permeating the world right now. To magically take away the disruption, inconvenience, and impact social distancing is taking on young people’s education, activities, and relationships. The harsh reality, however, is that parents cannot control these circumstances. Instead, the best way to protect children is to shape the lessons they draw from these times. In so doing, they build resilience skills they can draw from throughout their lives.

WEBINAR

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Fatherhood: Building Self-Sufficient and Resilient Families

This is an interactive webinar describing the roles of responsible fatherhood (RF) programming in state and non-profit fatherhood organizations. The State of Ohio RF programming is supported through state TANF and was supported by the 2015 Healthy Marriage/Responsible Fatherhood (HM/RF) grant. Kimberly Dent addresses useful information for future HMI/RF grantees in addition to how a father’s past trauma influences his future success and challenges.

Pathway, Inc., an RF community organization, is financially supported through the 2015-2020 HMI/RF grant and community partnerships. Avis Files shares the Community-Based RF organization’s approach, including its greatest program challenges and, based on experience, what does and does not work in resolving program issues.

Objectives:

1. Understanding the roles of state and community-based programming.
2. Useful information for future grantees of RF or for those who work in an RF organization.
3. Working solutions to fatherhood program challenges.
4. The necessity of addressing trauma in program planning.

Presenters: Kimberly Dent, Executive Director, The Ohio Commission on Fatherhood, a state agency in the Ohio Department of Job and Family Services/Office of Family Assistance, with a total of 17 years of RF and Child Support services.

Avis Files, Director of Pathway, Inc., Toledo, OH, with over 25 years of experience, including 15 years of RF
**Who should attend:** Fatherhood Executives and Program Directors/Managers/Coordinators, front line program staff, evaluation staff, State and County Department Directors serving fathers and families, Responsible Fatherhood grantees (current and future), Organizations who include fathers in their programs, and organization leaders who want to include or increase father participation.

**When:** Wednesday, June 10, 2020, 4:00 pm Eastern/1:00 pm Pacific

**Duration:** 60 minutes

**Cost:** FREE!

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1) Make a PLAN
   - Know the population and the community you intend to serve and understand everything you can about them – needs, demographics, etc.
   - In the past this has meant delivering services to teens in areas with higher than the national average teen pregnancy rate.
   - Figure out which settings will offer the best opportunities for your grant activity and why. What are the rules and regulations of working in those settings? *(i.e. if working in a school, which class is most suitable for this instruction?)*

2) PICK a PROGRAM
   - Explore the intervention(s) you may want to provide that are best suited for your population and setting.
   - Request free online review copies from Dibble for your team and your partners.

3) Reach out to PARTNERS
   - **NOW** is the time to build relationships with any partners you feel will make your grant activity successful.
   - Brainstorm with them how best to deliver the program, any barriers to participation and how to overcome them, who will be instructing, and best ways to recruit and retain your intended population.

**NOW** is the time to be PLAN, PICK, and PARTNER!

Funds for Organizations in Minnesota, North Dakota, and Western Wisconsin

**Application Deadline:** June 30, 2020

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