

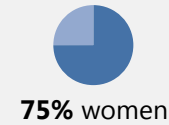
# WORKING WITH FATHERS?

## PRACTITIONERS' EXPERIENCES

Research developed for the **Like Father Like Son Project** and funded by **The Movember Foundation**

### WHO WERE THE PARTICIPANTS?

210 practitioners surveyed online



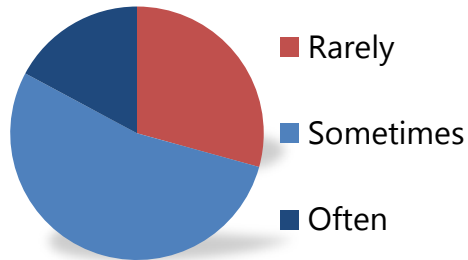
1-50 years of experience with families

39% psychologists  
18% social workers  
12% family support workers

## KEY RESULTS

### 1. ARE FATHERS ENGAGED?

Perceived attendance at programs:



### 2. IS FATHER INVOLVEMENT VALUED?

99% Think father participation is **important**

93% Think programs are **more effective** when fathers are involved

### 3. ARE PRACTITIONERS CONFIDENT WITH FATHERS?



Most are confident in **working** with fathers (67%), **communicating** with fathers (81%) and managing fathers' **distress** (65%)



Fewer are confident in handling **resistance** (39%) and working with fathers who have been **violent/abusive** (22%) or who have **substance-use** issues (27%)

### 4. WHAT STRATEGIES DO PRACTITIONERS USE?

85% **Tell mothers** about the importance of father engagement

53% **Problem solve barriers** to attendance

81% Give **equal attention** to mothers and fathers

49% Offer **separate sessions** for fathers

### 5. WHAT ARE THE BARRIERS?

81% Say **work commitments** impede father engagement

### 6. ARE ORGANISATIONS SUPPORTIVE?

61% Think their organisation **supports** father inclusion

**But only** 41% Of organisations offer sessions outside of **working hours**



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