

# BUILDING BRIGHTER FUTURES

With 20% of the US population involved in Child Support Services (children, non-custodial parents, and custodial parents) and 50% of the cases contributing to more than one family, innovative approaches are needed to prevent the need for child support and to increase child-parent connectedness and payment compliance.

Classes that introduce non-custodial parents to the skills needed for respectful co-parenting, more involved parenting, and planning, pacing, and building of future intimate relationships hold such promise. Below is the logic model for Building Brighter Futures, a collaboration between the Los Angeles County Child Support Services Department and The Dibble Institute.

	Goals	Assumptions	Inputs	Activities	Outputs	Outcomes
Child Support Classes	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Increase cooperative, respectful co-parenting</li> <li>• Increase child support compliance</li> <li>• Maintain or increase father-child connectedness</li> <li>• Reduce multiple child support cases with one father</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Parents want to do the best by their children.</li> <li>• Non-custodial parents can learn relationship skills.</li> <li>• Non-custodial parents can learn food-handling skills.</li> <li>• LACSS has access to non-custodial parents.</li> </ul>	<p><u>LACSSD</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Access to non-custodial parents</li> <li>• Caseworkers</li> <li>• LACSS attorney Liaison</li> </ul> <p><u>The Dibble Institute</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Relationship Education Classes</li> <li>• Food Handling Certificate</li> <li>• Employability skills</li> <li>• PT recruiter</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• 16 hrs. of instruction in LN</li> <li>• ServSafe Certification</li> <li>• Participation benchmarks</li> <li>• Bus Passes</li> <li>• Child Support Services education</li> <li>• Local employer guests</li> <li>• Referrals of eligible participants to local YBs.</li> <li>• Pre and Post attitude and behavior surveys</li> <li>• 60 day follow-up with participants</li> <li>• Program data analyzed</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• 30 non-custodial parents receive 16 hours of relationship education.</li> <li>• 30 non-custodial parents earn a ServSafe Certificate.</li> <li>• Report attendance to LACSSD for tracking</li> <li>• Track payment compliance</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Non-custodial parents gain healthy relationship, marriage, and parenting skills.</li> <li>• Non-custodial parents show improved child support payment compliance.</li> <li>• Non-custodial parents take more responsibility for their child(ren).</li> <li>• Non-custodial parents are more involved with their child(ren).</li> </ul>