the stats

After joining Dad Guild, the number of dads folks felt they could turn to when they wanted to discuss fatherhood topics increased by nearly 240%.

Besides Dad Guild, 80% of respondents said they weren't connected with any other support groups or organizations that offered assistance/support with fatherhood topics.

100% of fathers said they would recommend Dad Guild to another father in the community.

> *"Having a forum to have honest dialogue about the struggles and triumphs of fatherhood has proven to be an incredible resource for me in terms of feeling more a part of my community and feeling like I am not alone in the struggle."*
>
> —PARENT

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engaging fathers
making connections
building healthy communities

who we are

Founded in 2019, Dad Guild is a 501(c)(3) nonprofit organization whose mission is to support and empower fathers by offering opportunities for connection, education, and community engagement.

We've established a network of nearly 500 fathers of young children in Vermont, and engage folks in a variety of activities including playgroups, Dads' Night Out events, books groups, special events, volunteering opportunities, virtual meetups, support groups, and more!

At Dad Guild, we recognize that families come in all shapes in sizes. Our programs are open to anyone who identifies as a father.

In a 2015 Massachusetts General Hospital survey of more than 900 expectant fathers, **1/3 of the respondents answered 'nobody'** when they were asked who they could go to for support and information about fathering skills.

what we offer

We recognize that Vermont fathers have a range of interests and schedule flexibility, and we're committed to providing a variety of avenues to engage as many dads as possible. All programs are offered at no cost to participants.

Playgroups

Dad Guild playgroups are drop-in, super low-key, and a great way to connect with other fathers while kids are playing together.

Dads' Night Out & Dads' Day Out

Fathers (without their children) meet up to engage in a variety of activities in different locations to connect, make new friendships, and share parenting tips with one another.

Warmline

Dad Guild has a warmline (meaning we typically won't pick up, but will get back to you within 24 hours) that fathers across the state of Vermont can access. Need someone to talk to? Looking for some parenting tips? Want some validation that you're doing a good job? We're here for you.

Marco Polo Groups

When the pandemic hit, we had to shift how we offered programming. As a result, Dad Guild Marco Polo Groups were created to help fathers connect with one another, on their own time, and at their own speed.

Book Groups

There's a lot of great parenting books out there, and what better way to read and process them than with a bunch of other dads?! Participants borrow books either from Dad Guild or the Fletcher Free Library, and meet up after a month to talk about what they've read.

Virtual Check-ins

We recognize that geographic location can be a barrier to accessing Dad Guild programs, and our bimonthly Zoom check-ins provide folks with a regular opportunity to connect with one another regardless of where they live.

Dadvocates

Modeling community engagement is so important for fathers, not just for our children, but for the larger communities we live in. At Dad Guild, fathers have helped set up community drive boxes and raised money for Winooski Mutual Aid, collaborated with Let's Grow Kids and Main Street Alliance to advocate for important issues like accessible child care and paid family leave, and raised money to become the Winooski affiliate for Dolly Parton's Imagination Library, resulting in hundreds of books being delivered to kids residing in the Onion City.