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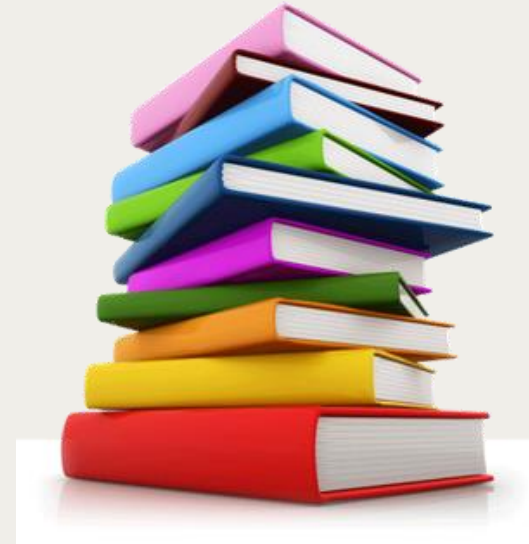
**Social Work
Coffee Breaks**

Improving social work practice with fathers



Why I decided to research fathers in social work

- Practice dilemmas
- Personal context
- Evidence from research



Barriers to effective practice with fathers

- Negative attitudes towards fathers
- Focus on mothers
- Policy context for practice



Case studies

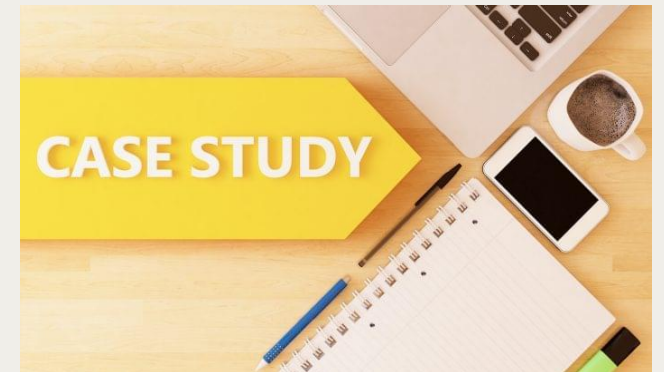
Father one

Finding out about fathers through a genogram interview



Father two

Asking fathers what they think about the system and what could be better



Conclusion of the research: top tips!

- Find out about fathers
- Be self reflexive - challenge your own assumptions about fathers
- Consider power and the position you hold within the dynamic
- Gender differentiate
- Strengths based approach



Useful resources

Fatherhood Institute (2013) Engaging with men in social care: a good practice guide:

<http://www.fatherhoodinstitute.org/wp-content/uploads/2013/03/FAT-91768-FI-SafeGUarding-A4-16pp-aw1.pdf>