



FATHERS MAKE A DIFFERENCE NEWSLETTER

Being involved with your child makes all the difference in the world

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David Bryant and the Rangel family

24/7 Dad® Graduation

On Friday, January 22, 2016 the Texas Home Visiting Program of Hays County had an event that drew important officials in their county. The Mayor of San Marcos, a San Marcos city council woman, and many others VIPs were in attendance to help celebrate the graduation of Roberto Rangel for completing the 24/7 Dad® A.M. program. His wife, Lauren, said the group helped him so much and that he looked forward to coming week after week.

During the ceremony, Roberto was presented with a proclamation from the Mayor acknowledging successful completion of the program, showing dedication to his children and his self-improvement, becoming a role model in his community, and increase in the habits of good fathering and father involvement. Mayor Daniel Guerrero proclaimed January 22, 2016 as Roberto Rangel 24/7 Dad® Day. Local businessman and keynote speaker, Ray Bryant, motivated those in attendance to be the best version of them they can be for the greater good of their children.

The Texas Home Visiting Program of Hays County is so proud of the 24 year old father of four. Roberto plans to help co-facilitate the next 24/7 Dad® group in San Marcos which begins February 18, 2016. Our Kyle group begins February 23, 2016.



Keynote Speaker— Ray Bryant



Mayor Guerrero, Roberto Rangel, and son

“This group helped my husband so much. He would look forward to attending the 24/7 Dad® group each week.”

- Lauren, Hays County

Discipline vs Punishment Talk Show/ Workshop

On February 8th in Wimberley and February 9th in San Marcos, Father Engagement Specialist David Bryant will be facilitating this exciting workshop and talk show.

Have you ever thought about what to do with your children when they do something wrong? Do you yell, scold them, spank them, or put them in timeout? Some dads don't do anything for fear of hurting the child or treating them like their fathers treated them.

Come be entertained and educated as we explore some of the proper steps and techniques to use with children of all ages. The event starts at 6pm at the public libraries in both cities.

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Give us a call for more information about our services and program.

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Celebrating the Small Victories *by D. David Bryant*

Do you recall what it felt like when you made a big play for your school football team, playing street football, or even on a video game? Do you remember what it felt like when you changed that flat tire, landed your first job, or got a smile from the girl you liked? Do you remember how you felt when your child stood up by himself for the first time or said dada?

In this month of February, as many prepare to cherish their loved ones, I want to remind us to take time to relish and celebrate the small victories, not only in our children's lives, but ours as well. It is important that we praise our children and encourage their efforts on a weekly or monthly basis. I believe it is also equally important to celebrate our own small victories; to take stock in how far we have come in being a man, a dad, a person.

Last week, I experienced a small victory that did not seem much like a victory at that time. It was a Monday night and my truck had stopped running 3 days prior. I added more gas to it and nothing. We tried to jump start it and it did not start either. I thought I would push the truck back up in the driveway to park my other vehicle behind it. As I put the truck in neutral, instead of me pushing the truck up in the driveway, gravity and the truck decided to push me back into the street a bit. After the truck stopped I tried to push it again. I pushed once and it moved. I pushed twice and it began to go further. I pushed one last time and VICTORY. It moved up just enough to let me know it was possible, but that I could not do it on my own. After looking for help in the dark night in my neighborhood, I reluctantly asked my wife for help. Together, we were able to get over the bump and incline I could not do alone. In the mist of pushing alone, by myself, with all my might, what felt like a losing effort was truly a victory. Keep pushing dads! Keep striving! Get help when you need it and celebrate the small moments of progress. It goes along way in the life of fatherhood.



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Save the Date!

Celebrating Fatherhood!
A Conference Organized by Central Texas Agencies

San Marcos Activity Center
501 E. Hopkins
San Marcos, Texas 78666

May 28, 2016 9-4 pm



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