

DADZ 4 KIDZ

The purpose of the Dadz4Kidz Program at Coastal Carolina University is to provide more positive male role models in every child's life. This program is designed to have Coastal Carolina University coaches (who are fathers) team with other fathers (or dads, grandfathers, uncles, father figures) to volunteer in their child(ren)'s school and to show their daily dedication, awareness, determination and support to improve education; to promote academic achievement and good citizenship within the community, school and classroom; and to enhance study skills and time-on-task behaviors for children's overall personal and academic success.

We are looking for positive male role models (dads, grandfathers, uncles, father figures) to:

- Play at or monitor recess
- Read a book to or with a child or a class
- Help with homework
- Chaperone a field trip
- Assist in a classroom
- Greet or assist children at the bus line
- Monitor the lunchroom or eat lunch with your child
- And so much more!



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Nationally, the number of children living in father-absent homes has increased 270 percent since 1960.

Research shows that hard-core crime; school dropout rates, substance abuse, teen pregnancy and poverty are directly related to father absence.

(National Fatherhood Initiative, Father Facts, 4th ed., 2002).

Dedication to the school and home for the improvement of the educational aspirations of all children, especially their own.

Awareness of their role and responsibility in society and the community to nurture the environments in their child(ren)'s life at home, in school and throughout the community.

Determination to play a key role in the developmental process and provide opportunities that will enhance the lives of the children within their community to guarantee their success.

Support, through your actions, the school; its administrators, teachers and staff; their community and home environment; and their family and child(ren).

For more information, contact the Coastal Carolina University Biddle Center for Teaching, Learning and Community Engagement at 843-349-2665 or BiddleCenter@coastal.edu.

The Dadz4Kidz Program at Coastal Carolina University is held in conjunction with A Father's Place located in Conway, S.C.