

# Activity of Family Rights Group

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## Aims and objectives

Advises, advocates and campaigns for families whose children are involved with, or require, social care services. Provides confidential telephone advice and support for parents and family members. Works to increase the voice children and families have in the services they use, and promote policies and practices that improve children's lives. Established Fathers Matter project in 2004 to: explore the barriers encountered by fathers and paternal relatives whose children are involved with Social Services; identify effective ways of working with fathers and paternal relatives and recommend steps that could be taken by the judiciary, the courts, national government, and statutory and voluntary agencies.

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## Creator/owner/responsible institution

**Name:** Family Rights Group

**Stakeholder:** Civil society organisation

**Area of intervention:** Men and gender equality

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### Activities

Fathers Matter project has been implemented in three phases (2004-06, 2006-2009, and 2009-11). In 2011, FRG launched findings from the first research study in the UK to specifically examine how social workers work with fathers who are domestically abusive. The two year research, built upon previous studies by FRG, which examined barriers to the way in which fathers of children in need, at risk or in care, are involved with Children's Services.

### Materials

- Ashley C. (ed.), with Roskill C., Fraser C., Featherstone B., Haresnape S., Lindley B.(2011) Working with risky fathers: Fathers Matter volume 3: Research findings on working with domestically abusive fathers and their involvement with children's social care services
  - Roskill C., Featherstone B., Ashley C., Haresnape S. (2008) Fathers Matter 2 - Further research findings on fathers and their involvement with social care services; Webpages for fathers at [http://www.frg.org.uk/frequently\\_asked\\_questions\\_for\\_fathers.html](http://www.frg.org.uk/frequently_asked_questions_for_fathers.html)
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## Metadata

**ONGOING:** No

**TYPE:** Awareness-raising campaigns/events, Study / Survey, Policy / Legislation, Counselling / Mentoring / Coaching program

**TARGET GROUP:** Men and Women/young men and young women, Young men (15-25), Adult men

**KEYWORDS:** [men and gender equality](#)