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# Funds Distribution Report

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**Recipient Organization:**

**DADS Divine Alternative for Dads Services**

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**Organization's General Goals:**

Give fathers hope by walking together in supportive community, helping navigate relational and legal barriers that separate them from their children and families.

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**Date of Award:**

2025 Q1

**Level:**

\$2,501 to \$5,000

For more information, please read the attached report from DADS Divine Alternative for Dads Services.

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## DADS DIVINE ALTERNATIVES FOR DADS SERVICES

### Grant Report for Q1 2025 14.2

**Purpose:** Giving fathers hope by walking together in supportive community, helping navigate relational and legal barriers that separate them from their children and families.

**Grant Amount:** [REDACTED]

**Purpose of Grant:** The DADS Fatherhood Banquet is our annual celebration to honor DADS participants and welcome donors and local friends to hear about DADS's work. Our event was on June 14, 2025, at the Hyatt Regency Lake Washington. This is our only annual fundraising event, hosting about 350 people, and our fundraising goal is \$350,000 for our 2025 organizational budget.

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Generous funding received from Tulalip Tribes Charitable Contributions was used for our 2025 Fatherhood Banquet, which celebrated all DADS has accomplished in our 27 years working with fathers and families in the Puget Sound region.

On June 14, 2025, our annual banquet was hosted at Hyatt Regency Lake Washington. The banquet included honoring outstanding fathers and presenting the Tommy Jones Award to an exceptional father who had made significant strides in life and achieved reunification with his children. There were 213 people in attendance, and a total of \$191,000 was raised to support the ongoing work of DADS.

DADS continues to give fathers hope by walking together in a supportive community, helping navigate relational and legal barriers that separate them from their children and families. In the past five years, DADS has served 1,724 fathers/parents and 3,961 children. In the first two quarters of 2025, DADS served 250 fathers, of whom 62 percent are new clients, and 569 children. We have seen some wonderful client successes as well as a 33 percent increase in the number of fathers served annually since 2020.

The demographics of the fathers we serve remain steady, including 72% identify as people of color, an average age of 38 years, 34% earn less than \$20,000 annually, and 56% reported a history of incarceration. We saw increases in clients with a history of substance abuse, going from 17% (2020-2024) to 23% (2024), and homeless/unhoused clients increased from 11% (2020-2024) to 14% (2024). We recently started collecting data, which indicated 5% of our clients are immigrants or refugees.

Last year, we also saw continued interest in our Fathering Classes, with 61 participants across four cohorts. In the last five years, fathers have had self-reported outcomes, including 52% reported having reunited with their children and 20% reported having obtained housing and/or employment. As one client said, “[DADS] helps develop a new way at looking at ourselves and be the change we want to see in the world.”

**Thank you for your support in making this event possible and impacting the lives of DADS clients and families.** The banquet had a profound impact on the guests and the fathers as they shared their personal journeys of despair to hope. Below are a few pictures from the event and the table piece shared at the event.



*Figure 1 DADS Founders Marvin and Jeanett Charles*









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# Forging Dramatic & Wide-Reaching Change

## Past 5 Years at DADS

**2,402**

total parents served

**5,224**

total children impacted

**5,000+**

total services provided

Since 2020, DADS' fathering classes have had a **68%** attendance and graduation rate.

**68%**

## Who DADS Supports

**59%**

history of incarceration

**19%**

history of substance use

**82%**

identify as men of color

In the past 5 years, after receiving support from DADS, the number of fathers paying child support increased by **10%**.

## Forging Change

*"[DADS] helps develop a new way at looking at ourselves, and be the **change** we want to see in the world."*

## Widening Reach

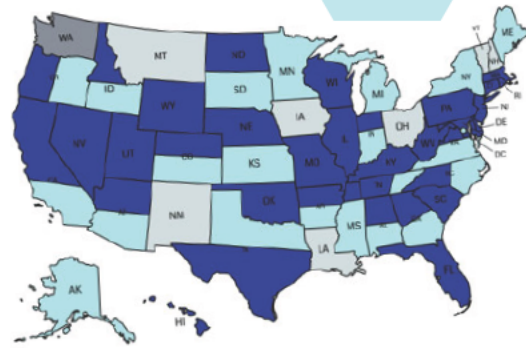
Since 2020, the annual number of **new fathers** served has increased by **33%**, and the number of **children** impacted has increased by **36%**.

72%

of DADS Fathering Class participants said that **decreased isolation** was the best part of the course.

In Partnership with The Capacity Collective

## DADS Across the USA



DADS Office Locations

DADS Outreach Locations

DADS Service Locations

**86%** of the United States has been impacted by DADS

*"We need more programs and offices like DADS!"*



DADS Annual Banquet 2025