

Darn **Good** Dads



Do you know any Darn Good Dads?

The Circle of Care is launching a county-wide team of men who will be trained over the coming year to strengthen families by fostering constructive engagement of dads in the care of their children. Dads throughout the Greater Valley Area are welcome! For more information and/or to RSVP contact Adrian Carpenter at (334) 768-4091 or visit us online at DarnGoodDads.com.

DARN **GOOD** DADS KICK-OFF EVENT

Date: Thursday, September 14th

Time: 7:00-8:30 pm

Location: Bradshaw Library

Free pizza will be provided.

Featuring Special Guest: Richard Carter

Lanett's 2A State Championship Basketball Coach

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RECRUITING DARN GOOD DADS

VALLEY — The Circle of Care Center for Families in Valley is launching a countywide project consisting of a team of men who will be trained over the coming year to strengthen families by fostering constructive engagement of dads in the care of their children. The kick-off event for “Darn Good Dads” is Thursday, Sept. 14 from 7 until 8:30 p.m. at the Bradshaw Chambers County Library.

“Those attending will be provided free pizza and an introduction to the program,” said project director Adrian Carpenter. “Lanett High School’s defending 2-A state championship basketball coach Richard Carter will also be sharing the importance of the role dads play in the success of their children.”

The Circle of Care is committed to the principle that helping to increase father involvement in children’s lives will significantly strengthen families in the Greater Valley Area. Research clearly shows that children who grow up without a dad actively involved in their lives experience higher rates of depression, alcohol and drug abuse, failure in school, teen pregnancy, criminal activity and incarceration, adult poverty and other lifelong challenges. The establishment of Darn Good Dads is designed to increase involvement of fathers in their children’s lives by focusing on issues specific to the needs of men and the challenges they face in fulfilling their role as parents.

Members of Darn Good Dads will attend free monthly trainings on topics essential to effective paternal interaction such as: What it means to be a man; discipline; communication; working with mom and co-parenting; and much more. The primary objective of the trainings is to intentionally support fathers and discuss how to relate the training content to mentor other fathers throughout the community. Another important objective is to help create more “father friendly” services and activities.

The Circle of Care hopes to attract an energetic team of dads who will commit themselves to the mission of the project. For more information, contact Adrian Carpenter at 334-768-4091, or go online to DarnGoodDads.com.