



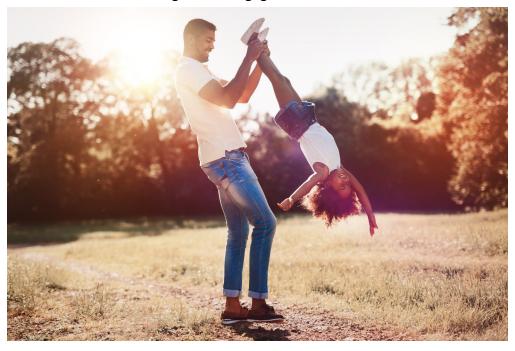
Tip 8 – Make use of time before school.

As part of The Fathering Projects involvement with your school, I will be including helpful tips and ideas for all fathers and father – figures. I hope these tips will help, inspire and encourage all fathers and father – figures to be the best that they can be, as all fathers and father – figures are critically important in every child's life.

More involved fathers and father – figures = better outcomes for children.

- Start work later occasionally and do things with your kids instead.
- Cook a special breakfast for them.
- Take them out for breakfast, one at a time.
- Try to maintain a calm approach despite morning hassles and worries about work.
- Drive/walk them to school and have talk time.
- Take them into school, see where they sit in class, meet their friends and spend time with them.
- Meet their teacher and say "Thanks for teaching my child. How can I help?"
- Ask questions that will encourage your child to share with you not "How was school?" but "What is one good thing that happened at school today?"

The Fathering Project is not a counselling service; we are seeking to inspire and equip fathers and father - figures to engage with their children.



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