



Parent-child relationship

Engagement questions to help fathers feel connected to their child and promote confidence and a positive relationship

How would you describe your relationship with your child?
How do you think your child would describe their relationship with you?
What is important to you as a father?
What kind of relationship do you hope for with your children?
What would you like your children you learn from you?
How do you hope your children remember you when they look back on this time?

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How is your use of violence affecting your relationship with your children?
How do you think your violence is affecting how your children feel about you as their father?
How might your violence be affecting your children, in ways that aren't obvious to you?
How have you responded in the past when you've realised how you have affected your children?
What might be some future steps you can take in relation to your violence that would help your relationship with your children?



Emotions and behaviours

Engagement questions to help fathers understand and respond to their child's behaviour and develop language for emotions with them

Could you tell me a bit about your child?
What do they enjoy doing?
What are they good at?
What is it you appreciate about your child?
What happens for your child when they're upset?
What is it you find a bit challenging about them but still appreciate?

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What do you notice about your children that shows you they are worried about what might happen next?
How do their emotions and behaviours change in response to your violence?
Have there been times when you have stopped your use of violence when you've noticed how it's affecting your children?
How do you respond when you're finding your children's emotions and behaviours difficult? What is that like for them?
What might be some future steps you can take in relation to your violence that would help your children's emotions and behaviours?



Routines

Engagement questions to highlight/encourage the development of routines and rituals in children's lives

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What activities do you enjoy doing together?	How do you think your violence gets in the way of your children's routines and activities?
When do you find it the best time or days to do things with your child?	How do you respond when you're finding your children's routines difficult or inconvenient? What is that like for them?
What does your regular week look like with your child?	What might be some future steps you can take in relation to your violence that would help with your children's routines and activities?
What kinds of routines or regular family rituals do you have?	
How does your child go with managing daily routines like doing homework, going to bed or getting organised for school or sport?	
Do you have any small traditions in your family that you try to maintain?	



Communication (and meaning making)

Engagement questions to support fathers in understanding the impact of adult issues on their child

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What opportunities do you get to spend time talking with your child?	What have you noticed about how your violence is affecting how your children talk or interact with you at times?
What are the best times for you and your child to talk about things?	How do you think your children make sense of your use of violence?
Are there particular activities they like to do that helps them to talk?	What sorts of conversations have you had with your children about the violence?
What do they like to talk about?	To what extent do you think your children might feel as though they are to blame for your use of violence?
What are some things your child says or does to help you understand what they need?	Are there conversations you have had which have helped the children understand that the violence is not their fault in any way?

Engagement questions to support fathers to develop a consistent and positive support network for their child

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Support networks for the child

Who does your child enjoy spending time with outside of immediate family?	How has your use of violence limited or undermined the significant relationships in your children's lives?
Who supports you as a family?	What effects do you think this has on your children?
Who would also appreciate the same things about your child as you?	Have there been connections your children have been able to keep, despite your use of violence? What has made this possible?
Does your child have any close friends or a group of friends?	What would you like for your children's connections with important people in their lives? How can you support these connections?
As their parent, what's it's like for you to know your child has these friendships/relationships? How come?	
Are there things you do to support your child's friendships in any way?	

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