Program manager for the Fatherhood Initiative since 2011.
## Poverty in Rock County:

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<th>% of People in Poverty</th>
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<td>15%</td>
<td>24,109</td>
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<td>25.6%</td>
<td>9,435</td>
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<td>15.2%</td>
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<td>13%</td>
<td>746,475</td>
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Source: U.S. Census Bureau, 2011-2015 5-Year American Community Survey
## Unemployment in Rock County:

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Source: WI Department of Workforce Development WorkNet’s rate for July 2017, not seasonally adjusted
PROGRAM AREAS:
- Housing
- Employment & Training
- Health Care
- Community Outreach
- Child Care
WE SERVED

5,153

OF YOUR FRIENDS AND NEIGHBORS IN 2017
Thanks to funding from the United Way, the Fatherhood Initiative was started as a pilot program in 2007.

The Fatherhood Initiative focuses on formerly-incarcerated fathers; 90% of participants previously had contact with the criminal justice system.

90% of the participants are fatherless fathers.

A criminal record can be a serious barrier to employment.
In order to be eligible for the program, men must be fathers 18 years of age or older, with a child support order in place, and a current resident of the area who is either unemployed or underemployed.

- Once enrolled, men go through three phases of training over the course of two months: 1) cognitive thinking, parenting, and life skills; 2) work readiness 3) job search and placement.
- Each week, the men are in session with a case manager from 9 a.m. – 1 p.m., Monday through Friday. We now operate four locations.
- Program staff follow up with participants for a year after graduation.
Outcomes and Impact

In 2017, 80 men enrolled in the program. Of those men:

- 82% completed the program successfully
- 77% obtained employment
- 100% of the men complied with child support upon successful completion of the program.
- Participants had a 9% recidivism rate, compared to 35% statewide, as reported by the WI Department of Corrections.

Photo via Janesville Gazette
66 empty beds in state correctional facilities

$2,310,000 savings to the taxpayers of Wisconsin