

Caring Dads — Canada's Child-Protection-Linked Programme for Fathers Who Have Used Violence

Gender Equality · Good practice · Canada

Quality score: 89/100

Evidence strength: Strong

Summary

Caring Dads is a 17-session group programme for fathers who exposed children to domestic violence, developed in Ontario, now run in 8+ countries. A two-year evaluation found child-protection re-referrals fell to 20.5% for completers vs 36.0% for waitlisted fathers.

Key dimensions

Dimension	Score
Transferability / replicability	3/3
Impact on gender equality	1/1
Effectiveness	1/1
Efficiency	0/1
Evaluated outcomes	1/1
Sustainability	1/1
Achievement / evidence	1/1
Gender-mainstreaming embedding	1/1
Curator validation	1/1

Evaluated by C-NAPSE

Data sources

[C-NAPSE web research](#) — accessed 2026-08-31

[Caring Dads \(developed with Changing Ways and Western University's Centre for Research & Education on Violence against Women & Children\)](#) — accessed 2026-08-31

[PubMed — Caring Dads quasi-experimental evaluation \(2021\)](#) — accessed 2026-08-31

[Fatherhood Research & Practice Network summary](#) — accessed 2026-08-31

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