

Mississippi Action For Progress, Inc.

Pisgah Head Start Center Daddy & Me Breakfast

It is widely known that both parents are important in all aspects of a child's life and both should contribute. According to the **U.S. Census Bureau** there are approximately 13.7 million single parents in the United States today. 84% of those households are led by mothers. Since both parents play an important roles, ways and methods need to be implemented to get more males involved.

Mississippi Action For Progress, Inc recognizes the importance of male involvement and seeks to support and encourage their participation as male role models in the lives of young children. MAP's Head Start centers sponsor all sorts of programs, projects and events to advance it's goal. The **Pisgah Head Start Center** in Pisgah, Mississippi had an event in line with those efforts; a **Daddy & Me Break-**



Group Participation

fast. Pat Gahagan, Center Administrator, and her staff welcomed the dads into the center as well as the children for this event. Pat talked about how proud they are to have such a high level of participation. "For our breakfast we had 66 men here which is good because we have 64 children." The staff works hard for these events and thoroughly enjoy them. They have such good turn out because they plan well in advance and try to do it at a time that works best for the dads. At this event the dads came in and helped prepare the breakfast and helped serve the children. The dads really love this and are always asking about the next time daddy days is coming up.

Jerry Porter, the contact person for the agency's **Male Initiative** program was there to talk with the dads about their roles and show them how to make kites with their children. This was a big hit with them. Jerry Porter works in association with **Dr. Worth Haynes of Haynes & Associates**. Dr. Haynes is coordinator of MAP's Male Initiative program. This event, as well as others agency-wide, help to provide central attention on male role models and to underline MAP's commitment in this effort.



Kite-Making



Parent Participation

