

Why Prevention Matters – Matt’s Story

Matt: Unique services that we can provide for dads. I think just allowing a dad and giving them the opportunity to be at the table literally and figuratively, knowing that they do belong there, that they do have a role, and their role is important. [00:00:30] But also supporting them and being able to advocate for themselves, advocate for their children and their families. And knowing that it's okay to have a bad day. That parenting's not easy, even on a good day and that we're not perfect. And I think that's unique for all parents, but especially dads who may not feel that they belong there. But I also think on the other end of it, that we should be supporting staff in training and supporting staff to work with dads [00:01:00] in complicated situations and different personalities and different personality traits.

Being able to work with dads and teaching them and allowing them to be dads and to be supportive and also understanding their role. But most importantly, knowing that they do belong there, that they do belong in their children's lives and they can advocate and they can work hard and love their kids [00:01:30] without being nervous or without feeling bad. But just being there. Wishes for my kids, I have a lot of different wishes and hopes. At the end of the day, I want everybody to be happy and healthy. Work hard, have fun, but most importantly, do the things that make you happy and [00:02:00] have a little fun on the way.