

If it takes a village, How are our villages doing?

To take a *quantitative measure* of:

- ...How parents of young children feel about the support they receive *for their parenting role* from their communities?
- ...Does support matter?
 - -- from parents' point of view



2,500 part nered mothers and fathers

Knowledge and confidence matter!

- The <u>more knowledgeable</u> parents were about child development,
- And the <u>more confident</u> they were in the parenting role,
- The <u>more positive, less negative</u> was their parenting behaviovo8



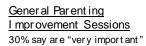
Only 26% of Mothers and 27% of Fathers



The Last Choices...

<u>Par ent ing Workshops</u> <u>re: Behaviour al Challenges</u>

40% say are "very import ant" 15% "used" them



15% "used" them

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The most popular resources

š Universal (not targeted or remedial)



The findings support Charles Pascal's message

- Every parent all parents can benefit from parenting supports.
- We need to normalize the challenges parents face, and remove the stigma that of ten comes with seeking parenting support.
- š While it "takes a village to raise a child," we need our villages to be more effective.

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The challenges of parenting have never been greater

Yet parents do not experience the support they need... from their partners, their own parents, their friends, their neighbors or their community programs and resources.

We are those partners, parents, brothers, sisters, friends, neighbours and service providers...

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Look around this room...

We have the power to transform how parents experience a new kind of supportive village, a village we all want to be part of ...

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...and what could be more rewarding, more worthwhile?

