

**Perseverance:** *Persistence in doing something despite difficulty or delay in achieving success*

We asked you to adapt, and you did. Now we are asking you to persevere. We know that it is difficult. We know that there is a delay in achieving your goals. We also know that **YOU CAN DO THIS!** We have confidence in you and your abilities. Keep on working through these difficult times. Keep on striving to meet your goals. Keep on working hard. Keep on keeping on.

Remember, we are here to help. Don't hesitate to give us a call. 417-501-8867

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## **-Check Out This Video-**

This music teacher nailed it with her song. She demonstrates how we are all feeling right now. You may even feel like singing along!



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## - Helpful Resources -

- [Springfield, Missouri, free food resources](#)
- [Free Food Pantries, Greene County](#)
- [File for Unemployment Benefits](#)
- [Special Unemployment Link for COVID-19 crisis](#)
- [Legal Services of Southwest Missouri](#)
- [Child Support questions? Contact Rashad Hibler- Family Support Division 573-751-0980](#)
- [Get My Payment - Internal Revenue Service - Track the status of your stimulus check](#)
- [For one-on-one mentoring, please email Lisa at the Good Dads office. She will connect you with one of our "Mentoring Men".](#)



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## **- NPGD SPOTLIGHT -**

### *Inspiration From New Pathways Dads*

### **Meet Jacob Austin**

Before the age of nine, Jacob would say he had a “good childhood.” All that changed when he moved in with his mother when he was nine-years old. Things did not go well. At 11-years old, his mother kicked him out of the house. He was forced to live on the streets. Jacob committed robberies. He manufactured and distributed drugs. At the age of 19, Jacob met the mother of his children. Jacob’s daughter was born when he was 21-years old and his son when he was 23-years old. Jacob’s relationship with the mother of his children was destroyed by eight years of heavy drug use. Jacob was sent to prison in 2018. After his release from prison, Jacob made Victory Mission part of his home plan. Things went well for Jacob—for a while. When Jacob learned that his children had been taken into state custody in Oklahoma, he left Victory Mission. This departure did not go well for him. He relapsed and was sent back to prison. Upon his release in May of 2019, Jacob returned to Victory Mission and has since fought to stop the termination of his parental rights. Jacob realizes that he is not fighting this battle alone. He confesses, “I have succeeded through my faith and obedience to God. With the help of Victory Mission, I have been blessed with my own house. This house will be a home for my kids and me when I finish the program. I am looking forward to regaining full custody of my kids in the next 90 days. All glory be to God!”

Since returning to Victory Mission in May of 2019, Jacob has completed a discipleship program at his church and is looking forward to mentoring others.

Jacob has been employed at Prestressed Casting Co. since August 1, 2019. He works as a union steelman and is a member of the local 663 Heavy Laborers Union.

## **Congratulations Jacob!**



*Jacob Austin, left, receives the keys to his new house from Brian Barkhoff of Victory Mission. This house will become a home for Jacob and his two children.*

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## ***New Pathways for Good Dads*** **- Upcoming Classes -**

It's not too late to join a  
**Fatherhood Development class!**

**Enrollment is now open!**

- **Fatherhood Development** -- Beginning Monday, May 11, at 6:00

p.m. This will be a virtual class hosted through the Zoom app. When it is safe to do so, classes will meet in person at Victory Mission.

For more information or to enroll, call the Good Dads office at 417-501-8867.

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## *This Week's Featured* **- Good Dads Podcast -**

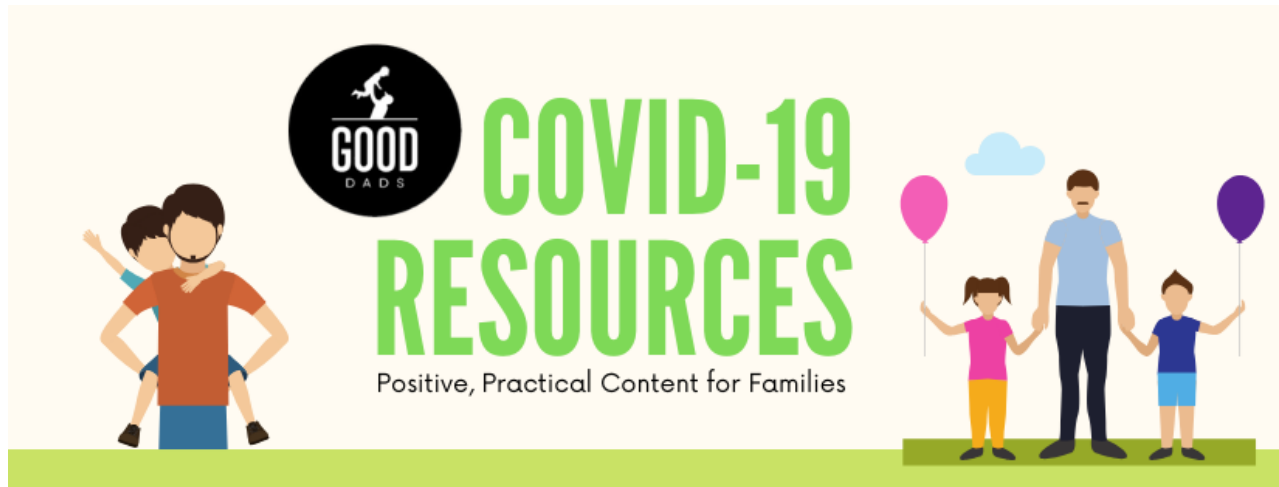
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**Good Dads Podcast | Episode 221 New Pathways - Emmitt "Geno" Farrell**

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# - COVID-19 Resources For Your Family -



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