



PROGRAM OVERVIEW

Introduction to WATCH D.O.G.S.®

WATCH D.O.G.S.® (Dads Of Great Students) is an innovative program focusing on education and safety in schools by using the positive influence of fathers and father-figures for a two-fold purpose:

- (1) to provide an unobtrusive fathering presence, and
- (2) to provide a positive and active role-model for students at the school.

Fathers, stepfathers, grandfathers and uncles are asked to spend at least **one day** at their student's school volunteering. They will support the school through:

- monitoring the school property,
- working one-on-one or in small groups,
- reading,
- flashcards,
- homework,
- sports referees,
- listening ears, or
- for whatever needs to be done to **PLANT SEEDS OF SUCCESS** in the lives of the students.

WATCH D.O.G.S.® is a father involvement program offered by the National Center For Fathering (www.Fathers.com) and has been recognized by the U.S. Department of Education and the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services. **WATCH D.O.G.S.®** has been involved with the U.S. Department of Education's P.F.I.E. (Partnership For Family Involvement In Education). A United States Congressman has recognized the program on the floor of Congress as a program that "can be a great tool in our efforts to prevent school violence and to improve student performance because it can increase parental initiative and involvement in their student's education." *Congressional Record*, February 7, 2000 page S392.

In October 2006, **WATCH D.O.G.S.®** was invited to participate on the panel for the White House Conference on Safe Schools with Margaret Spelling, the U.S. Secretary of Education. Ms. Spelling stated, "You know, your model is so simple that it can be put in place in rural America, inner-city America, any place, any kind of school."

