**Case Study: Shifting Your Mindset Dads Programme**

**Executive Summary:**

The following case study explores the transformative impact of the Shifting Your Mindset Dads Programme on Jamal Brown, one of the youngest fathers and a participant facing challenges in fatherhood. While the specifics of Jamal's experiences are accurate, the insights and outcomes are framed to demonstrate the program’s potential benefits.

**Background:**

Jamal Brown, introduced to the Shifting Your Mindset Dads Programme by a friend, found solace and support within challenges in fatherhood. His journey reflects a significant positive transformation through the program.

**Objectives:**

1. **Impact on Well-being and Personal Growth:**
2. **Insights and Skills Gained**
3. **Navigating Stressors and Relationship Dynamics**
4. **Influence on Interaction with Child**
5. **Impact on Child's Emotional Well-being:**
6. **Community Events and bond-strengthening**
7. **Positive Changes in Child's Behaviour and Attitude**
8. **Overcoming Challenges and Boosting Confidence**

**Methodology:**

Qualitative data was collected through interviews conducted with Jamal Brown.

**Findings:**

**Question 1: In what ways do you believe attending the Shifting Your Mindset Dads Programme has positively impacted your own well-being, personal growth, or overall satisfaction as a father?**

***Answer:*** Shifting Your Mindset, it’s all in the name. That’s how they have helped me and others. Being a community helps everyone come together, so there are fewer gatherings nowadays. It’s especially great for the kids to confide in and spend time with their parents.

***Outcome:*** Jamal experienced improved well-being, a sense of community, and enhanced quality time with his children.

**Question 2: Can you share specific insights or skills gained from the Shifting Your Mindset Dads Programme that have not only enhanced your parenting but also had a positive influence on your personal and professional life?**

***Answer:*** There have been a few activities that I believe are compound to living and go hand in hand, gardening and cooking. These activities have been exercised within the group and have been a great deal of fun. Plus, it helps the kids watch a time-lapse of what putting in hard work can do in cooking and gardening. There has also been the photo shooting, which I wasn’t too sold on until I was involved, and I had a wonderful time.

***Outcome****:* Jamal gained insights into gardening and cooking and found unexpected joy in photo shooting, contributing to his overall skills and experiences.

**Question 3: How has the Shifting Your Mindset Dads Programme influenced your ability to navigate and manage stressors in your life, and in turn, how has this affected your interactions and relationships, both within your family and beyond?**

***Answer****:* ⁠I have been suffering from bad mental health problems, and I don’t like to bring it to anyone, but I just wanted to make it aware that the individuals behind this have helped me numerous times when I was on the brink of losing my mind and now I believe I have better management of it all, it has allowed me to realise where it is okay to set my boundaries where I am able and should be willing to put my foot down where and when I’m being wronged.

***Outcome****:* Jamal developed better stress management skills, learned to set boundaries, and improved communication, contributing to a safer environment for his children.

**Question 4: How has your involvement in the Shifting Your Mindset Dads Programme influenced your communication and interactions with your children?**

***Answer****:* Being able to have an outlet where I, as someone who isn’t involved with many people, can observe and witness for myself. I’m not alone, and others are going through the same. I believe this helps to recognise my son's behaviours and actions more, seeing a lot of other parents handle and deal with the same thing, which isn’t something I got to experience leading up to joining SYMS.

***Outcome****:* Jamal's interaction with his child improved, and he gained insights into effective parenting strategies through observation and shared experiences.

**Question 5: Can you share specific instances where you've applied the strategies learned in the program to create a positive impact on your child's emotional well-being?**

***Answer****:* ⁠I have been helped to take a better look at myself, which has, in turn, helped me recognise my son's behaviours, and I believe I handle dealing with them differently now.

***Outcome****:* Positive changes in Jamal's parenting approach positively impacted his child's emotional well-being, fostering a deeper connection.

**Question 6: In what ways has the Shifting Your Mindset Dads Programme influenced your ability to navigate and manage stressors in your life, and in turn, how has this affected your interactions and relationships, both within your family and beyond?**

***Answer:***  The program instilled patience in me as a young father. I've learned to approach situations thoughtfully, surrounded by a supportive community. This change has allowed me to engage more effectively with my son.

***Outcome:*** Jamal experienced strengthened bonds through community events, fostering a sense of patience and improved interactions with his child.

**Question 7: In what ways has your participation in the program contributed to strengthening the bond between you and your children?**

***Answer****:*  ⁠ It gave me more patience as a young father, which I lacked, and I’m a jumpy person, quick to do things without thought, but it has changed being surrounded by community.

***Outcome:*** Overcoming challenges and gaining confidence positively changed Jamal's child's behaviour and attitude.

**Question 8: Have you noticed any positive changes in your child's behaviour or attitude since you started implementing the concepts from the Shifting Your Mindset Dads Programme?**

***Answer****:*  100% I feel at the best of times, with enough patience, I can sit and talk to my boy and have his attention, which I didn’t get enough of before, I believe. I believe I’ve been quite descriptive above, but overall, I say I learned to love in a more profound way, which may not have been possible before without their support,

***Outcome:*** Jamal overcame challenges, gained confidence, and learned to love more profoundly through the guidance and support of the program.

**Objectives Impact:**

1. **Impact on Well-being and Personal Growth:**

* Enhanced overall well-being and personal growth by actively participating in the Shifting Your Mindset Dads Programme.

1. **Insights and Skills Gained:**

* Acquired new insights and skills through program activities, focusing on gardening, cooking, and photography.

1. **Navigating Stressors and Relationship Dynamics:**

* Developed effective stress management strategies and enhanced relationship dynamics, especially in challenging situations.

1. **Influence on Interaction with Child:**

* Improved interactions with the child by gaining insights into effective parenting through observation and shared experiences.

1. **Impact on Child's Emotional Well-being:**

* Positively impacted the child's emotional well-being through enhanced self-awareness and improved parenting approaches.

1. **Community Events and Bond Strengthening:**

* Strengthened bonds through community events, fostering patience and improving interactions with the child.

1. **Positive Changes in Child's Behaviour and Attitude:**

* Overcame parenting challenges, gained confidence, and witnessed positive changes in the child's behaviour and attitude.

1. **Overcoming Challenges and Boosting Confidence:**

* Overcame personal challenges, gained confidence in parenting, and experienced personal growth through program support.

1. **Learning to Love in a Profound Way:**

* Achieve a deeper understanding of love and its expression in the context of fatherhood.

**Conclusion Summary**

Jamal Brown's journey with the Shifting Your Mindset Dads Programme signifies the transformative impact this program can have on fathers facing various challenges. By actively participating in the program, Jamal found solace in a supportive community and experienced profound changes in his overall well-being, parenting skills, and personal growth.

The program's emphasis on community was pivotal in Jamal's life. It provided a platform for individuals to come together, fostering a sense of togetherness that is increasingly rare in today's society, marked by diminishing gatherings. For children, it became a valuable space for confiding in and spending quality time with their parents.

Participating in diverse activities within the program, such as gardening, cooking, and even photography, enriched Jamal's skill set and contributed to his personal development. Initially hesitant about photo shooting, he discovered the joy it brought, showcasing the program's ability to introduce unexpected yet positive experiences.

Beyond the tangible activities, the Shifting, Your Mindset Dads Programme addressed Jamal’s mental health challenges. The support from the program's individuals during critical moments prevented him from reaching a breaking point, enabling him to manage his mental health more effectively. Importantly, it empowered him to recognise the importance of setting boundaries.

The program's impact extended to Jamal's parenting approach and interactions with his son. Jamal gained valuable insights into effective parenting strategies by providing an outlet for observing and learning from other parents. This newfound awareness allowed him to handle his son's behaviours more effectively, fostering a deeper understanding of his child.

Moreover, Jamal's participation instilled patience in him as a young father, a quality he had lacked before. The supportive community catalysed this change, transforming his quick, jumpy nature into a more thoughtful and patient approach to parenting.

In essence, Jamal's experience with the Shifting Your Mindset Dads Programme demonstrates the program's ability to create a positive, multifaceted impact. It goes beyond addressing specific challenges, touching on fatherhood and personal growth. As Jamal continues his journey, his story demonstrates the program's capacity to empower fathers, enhance family dynamics, and contribute to the community’s well-being.