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# GREATER PURPOSE

# 19TH ANNUAL FAMILIES &

# FATHERS NATIONAL

# CONFERENCE

**FEBRUARY 19-23, 2018**

## GET READY FOR GREATER PURPOSE 2018

- Over 50-Afternoon Workshop Sessions
- Inspirational Evening Closing Gala and Awards
- Fantastic Networking Opening Reception
- Parent – New to Helping Profession  
– Advanced Practitioner Focused Sessions

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18-Featured Morning Talk Presenters

Special Training or Trainers Seminars

Kids at Hope: Child and Youth Development and Education  
Professional Development

The Power Model System: Parenting Development  
Seeking Safety Curriculum: An Evidence Based Trauma  
Informed Care Model

Full Day Specialty Training

Fatherhood Life Coach Program

Fatherhood Practitioner Credential

Nurturing Fathers Curriculum Certification

PREP Version 8.0 Relationship Curriculum Certification

PREPARE/ENRICH Marriage Assessment Certification

ReCapturing the Vision Youth Resiliency Curriculum Certification

**Limited Early Registration is \$329**

Limited Exhibitor Availability

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This event has hosted thousands of diverse professionals and parents throughout the U.S. and globally from Early Care and Education, Family Engagement, Head Start, Child Welfare, Workforce Development, Criminal Justice, Public Policy, Social Workers Marriage and Family Therapists, Fatherhood Practitioners, Parents, Life Coaches, Parent Educators and More...

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Finding A Cause Bigger Than Self

## WHY FATHERS & FAMILIES COALITION OF AMERICA?

Started through a Head Start agency with a grassroots passion to help young mothers & fathers. Over 20-years as a champion to strengthen families, increase children's wellness and advancing the needs of professionals and organizations. Professional development, parent education and support to over 30000 individuals from over 90-nations from tribal nations in Alaska to affiliates in Australia; teachers from Africa to Puerto Rico; passionate leaders from San Francisco to Miami – New York to San Diego and more with a focus on engaging fathers to improve outcomes for children and family-life.



## FINDING A CAUSE BIGGER THAN SELF TOGETHER

- Commitment to Envision
- Affiliate Organizations
- Professional Membership
- Championing the Needs of Children for Father Involvement
- Internationally Attended Annual Families & Fathers Conference
- Local Continuous Quality Improvement Initiatives
- Public Policy: National Town Halls, Capitol Hill Forums & Awareness Campaigns
- National Fatherhood Practitioner Credential Grounded in Evidence Based Practices
- Transformational Fatherhood & Family Life Coach Certification Program
- TheDiSC Behavioral Personality Assessment for Individuals, Parents, Couples and Organizations

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These touching points are just a few items based on taking networking to lasting relationships for the overall improvement of skills for helping professionals working with pregnant parents, infants and young children, families and individuals. FFCA's advanced training programs for practitioners are a source of renewal and inspiration with training recognized in the National Registry of Evidence-based Programs and Practices.

Culturally Competent Practice  
Evidence Based Adult Learning Approaches  
Evidence-Based Communication Approaches  
Father Engagement Evidence-Based Strategies  
Fatherhood Life Coaching vs. Just Life Coaching?  
Impacts of Father on The Wellness of Children  
Increase Fidelity of Practice-Program-Models

Life Span of Fathering  
Methods Fostering Increased Resiliency  
Model Practices Using Effective Program Evaluation  
Practical Exercises for Individual or Group Setting  
Strategies and Evidence-Based Practices and Models  
Trauma-Informed Approaches for Effective Services

Get Involved & Learn More Today...

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*This is more than a conference...  
it's a journey to help others*

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Welcome to our **19th Annual Families and Fathers National Conference** a powerful program that on behalf of our Board of Directors, staff, volunteers, presenters and others I am honored to invite you to register for more than trainings and sessions. *Something new is waiting for all attendees*, at our 19th conference to speak to you right where you are personally to improve outcomes for children and families. When we do all that we can and extend our abilities as individuals, parents or professionals we come to a place of opportunity. Doing everything we know to do keeps us where we are at and stops us from that one opportunity for a breakthrough. Joining us at our **19th Annual Families and Fathers National Conference in the City of Los Angeles, California from Monday, February 19th through Friday, February 23rd** even for just one day, I truly believe you will get that opportunity to go to the next level. At the end of the day, we have options to invest into ourselves or keep doing the same for the same outcomes.

Greater Purpose 2018 is more than a slogan or a tagline for this our 19th annual conference. Every person that has invested any of their talents, teachings, volunteerism, resources or any contribution of the past 18-years is indescribable for the tremendous impacts. Now, Fathers & Families Coalition of America is building off all those 18-years and shifting to host one of the greatest programs from the planning that has led to a collection and **new platform for our national conference**. Shifting from doing everything we know was successful in the past, brings FFCA towards a greater purpose for each attendee. We did not want to miss out on bring each of you more than a conference, more than a training but steps in your journey to make a difference in the lives of others.

I personally know many working with parents are seeking both proven and cutting-edge support to improve as practitioners, teachers, social workers, therapists, Head Start staff, and advanced practitioners and leaders. Therefore, we started by bringing a **new platform for the fulfillment** of this need for improvement. We no longer have a plenary panel keynote session and we have replaced with an exciting and new talk presentation. This new time with all attendees we have **18 Talk Presenters** that will speak into The Impact of Fatherlessness; Fathers Impact Children's' Development; and Social Justice & Models. FFCA has taken a concerted spirit of bringing times to have increased networking times. Therefore, our opening night reception is prepared for an improved networking time, **new luncheon networking by region and a first at FFCA's conference** with an evening time for multiple generational approach for men's development and what are models of improving as a father, man, practitioner and leader with a trilateral approach for this night. We are **bringing new credential workshops** on youth development and marriage curriculum training blended with proven requested curriculum and credential trainings on our pre -and-post-conference days. **New to our program** we have surrounded three premiere institutional training on youth development model, parenting model and trauma informed care model that can be used to reach others (children, youth, young parents, adults and practitioners) to be part of the journey changing lives.

Do not miss out on this conference that will give you **opportunities for a Greater Purpose**. If you examine the entire program, this is an experience you should not miss out on to put you in a place to takeaway and give to others with our customized program. This our 19th annual conference is a masterwork waiting for you to use for yourself. The value of all these speakers and trainers is priceless in one place over 5-day journey that is for you to use for yourself and helping others seeking greater purpose. This conference on a personal, professional and corporately will introduce, one of the greatest programs in America to take advantage for those working with children and families.

We look forward to hosting you and if you need any help, call us for assistance or send a note

**James C. Rodríguez**  
President and Chief Executive Officer

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#### **PRE-CONFERENCE INSTITUTE SESSIONS**

**TITLE: Fatherhood Practitioner Credential: Part One for New and Advanced Practitioners**

**DESCRIPTION:** Working with fathers goes beyond use of a curriculum. The Fatherhood Practitioner Credential training advances the skills of practitioners with a competency-based education approach. This program, developed by Fathers & Families Coalition of America, is a dynamic integrated 16-hour training program built on the core competencies from professional fields such as: Child welfare, early childhood, marriage and family therapists, social work, criminal justice, psychologists, educators, counselors, family service workers and fatherhood practitioners.

Purpose of the FPC is process in the journey of professional development to augment the success of those who are working with fathers and or families. The seven core areas to improve: Fathers Impact on Child Development: Family-Life and Relationships, Understanding Others-Self: Personal Growth, Theories Applied into Practice: Professional Skills, Assessing Motivation, Culturally Appropriate Methods, Effective Use of Evidence Based Teaching Practices, and Evaluating Practices: Professional Competency and Integrity.

The FPC has 23 learning points that are addressed both in the full-day training as well as a post-conference follow up (virtual) and practicum. Some of these 23 learning opportunities include: Advanced Direct Practices Individual or in A Group Setting, Assessments and identifying goals: S.M.A.R.T vs. M.A.P.S, Emotional Intelligence (EQ) Training, Grounding Techniques Promoting Wellness, Impacts of Father Involvement and Wellness of Children, Methods for Increased Resiliency, Motivational Interviewing Techniques, Ethics and Dual Relationship, Transtheoretical Change Model, Trauma-Informed Approach to Systems and Services, The DiSC Profile and others.

FFCA has shifted this to be a two-part training to give additional skill building to enhance the overall experience for this transformational program that is not a training but part of your journey to help others.

Optional material for attendees Fatherhood Practitioner Credential Manual; DiSC Profile (prior or after class), access to ongoing refresher courses and bi-monthly practicum teleseminar cafés.

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**TITLE: Marriage/Relationship Assessment Certification: PREPARE/ENRICH Program**

**DESCRIPTION:** Become a certified PREPARE/ENRICH facilitator. The training includes access to the content needed to become proficient in the use of the PREPARE/ENRICH Program.

Learn to administer inventories, interpret reports and give feedback using skill-building exercises. PREPARE/ENRICH training covers 12 comprehensive sections, includes a Resource Guide, detailed instruction and video clips of live feedback to a couple, One Training = 5 versions: Prepare, Enrich, Parenting, Adoption Foster Care and our new "lite version" P/E Checkup.

You will learn to assess satisfaction levels in 12 relationship categories. Gain personalized insights into relationship dynamics, commitment levels, personality, spiritual beliefs, and family systems.

If you are providing relationship education and or working with couples, P/E is a must to enhance your abilities to assess the relationship with the couples' side by side.

Attendees will receive: 1 Complimentary Scoring; Resource Guide; PREPARE/ENRICH Facilitator's Manual; PREPARE/ENRICH Couple's Workbook; Sample Facilitator's Report; Sample Couple's Report; and access to all training videos.

**PRESENTER: PREPARE/ENRICH**

**TITLE: ReCapturing the Vision Youth Resiliency Certification Training**

ReCapturing the Vision, based in Miami, Florida, has developed proven strategies working with youth, teen mothers, teen fathers and systems of care and support as opposed to the problem-based approach of working with youth who are in-risk and at-risk behaviors. The Youth Resiliency and Development in a Strength Based Model is a curriculum for teachers, social workers, youth service providers and those working with young parents, as well as flexible for parents to participate in proven and research-based approaches to the development of adolescent resiliency. Participants will have a framework for resiliency based program using RCV's curriculum as it pertains to adolescent development and working with youth, adolescents and teen parents for healthier outcomes.

**PRESENTER: RECAPTURING THE VISION**

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**CONFERENCE OPENING SESSION**

**JAMES RODRÍGUEZ, PRESIDENT AND CHIEF EXECUTIVE OFFICER**

**TALK PRESENTATIONS**

**Obie Clayton, Jr., PhD.,** The Edmund Asa Ware Distinguished Professor and Chair of Sociology and Criminal Justice at Clark Atlanta University in Georgia. Since 2011, he has been serving as the Donald L. Hollowell Distinguished Professor of Social Justice and Civil Rights Studies at the University of Georgia's School of Social Work. Previously, he was director of the Morehouse Research Institute and served on the faculty at the University of Nebraska at Omaha and the University of Massachusetts at Boston. He is the editor of *An American Dilemma Revisited: Race Relations in a Changing World* (Russell Sage Foundation, 1996) and co-editor of *Black Fathers in Contemporary American Society: Strengths, Weaknesses and Strategies for Change* (Russell Sage Foundation, 2003). Professor Clayton holds a Master's degree and a Ph.D. in Sociology from Emory University in Atlanta.

**Alisha Griffin,** Director, State of California Department of Child Support Services, has been working in the field for 17 years. She came to child support after many years in public and private family services including child welfare, child protection, rehabilitation and therapeutic service systems. She also has a strong portfolio of experience in direct service programming, policy analysis and development, as well as advocacy focused on quality service delivery to children and families. Ms. Griffin has a Masters in both Clinical and Community Psychology.

**Camille Maben,** Executive Director of First 5 California is responsible for staffing the California Children and Families Commission, in addition to directing the work of the agency and its staff. First 5 California is dedicated to improving the lives of California's young children and their families through a comprehensive system of education, health services, childcare and other crucial programs. Since its creation, First 5 California has brought these critical services to millions of parents, caregivers and children ages 0 to 5.

**Dr. Jacqueline Del Rosario,** ReCapturing the Vision, is known as America's Marriage Coach. Her mantra derives from the idea that the foundation of any society starts in the individual homes of people. In her mission to improve individuals' likelihood for marital success, Dr. Del Rosario also founded ReCapturing the Vision (RTV), a globally recognized nonprofit dedicated to helping the youth and their families overcome negative trends that lead to generational cycles of failure and dependency, a veracity far too common within inner-city neighborhoods of America.

**Anthony Mossburg,** a musician with four original albums in four years left the stability of a full-time job to chase after the only thing that made him feel alive - music. What followed over the next four years

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was a series of accolades, achievements, risks, near misses and setbacks that indefinitely shaped him as an artist and a person. Now, he is squaring his sights on introducing his soulful voice, gutsy lyrics and melodic tones into a new direction that will push his creative talent.

**Rick Miller**, Founder, Kids at Hope, Phoenix, Arizona inspires, empowers and transforms schools, organizations serving youth and entire communities to create an environment and culture where all children experience success. NO EXCEPTIONS! Kids at Hope's vision is that every child is afforded the belief, guidance and encouragement that creates a sense of hope and optimism, supported by a course of action needed to experience success at life's four major destinations: Home & Family, Education & Career, Community & Service and Hobbies & Recreation.

#### CUSTOMIZED AFTERNOON SEMINAR- YOUTH DEVELOPMENT

TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 20TH

#### TITLE: Hopeology 101: An Evidence-Based Curriculum/Model for Youth Development

**DESCRIPTION:** Session I – Unleashing the power of hope-Part 1. This is the first of a 2-part session designed to provide participants additional insights about the principles and practices of Hope. The goal of this 2-part workshop is to provide strategies required to establish a culture of Hope wherein all children become capable of success. No exceptions. Topics covered include:

- Difference between Programs/Curriculum/Climate/Culture
- Planting HOPE – Culture vs. Bureaucracy
- The Three Universal Truths of HOPE- Believing - Connecting-Time Traveling
- Emotional Deposits vs. Emotional Withdraws - The Power of a Moment of Truth
- Bureaucratic Titles vs. Cultural Titles - Understanding Treasure Hunting
- Culture - A Mental Blueprint for HOPE and Success

Session II – Unleashing the Power of Hope-Part 2: Continuation – Rick's presentation is a journey into the dynamic known as Hope. By exploring Hope from a scientific, cultural and spiritual perspective, participants will not only have a renewed appreciation for its power, but equally, they will learn how to share the gift of Hope with others.

**PRESENTER:** **Rick Miller, Founder, Kids at Hope, Inc.**  
Professor of Practice, Sanford School of Social and Family Dynamics  
College of Liberal Arts and Sciences, Arizona State University

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#### AFTERNOON WORKSHOPS

##### **TITLE: Staying Employed by Increasing My Human Capital through Technology Literacy**

**DESCRIPTION:** We often think the toughest part of working is the job search campaign that provided us the employment opportunity, yet so many new employees struggle after being hired due to a lack of technology/computer literacy skills. One of the major obstacles to finding work and staying employed beyond the probationary period is usually not the lack of experience, but the inability to efficiently, effectively and productively perform routine time management, organization and team collaboration tasks outside of the industry specific tasks required by a job. These skill sets can be greatly enhanced through increased technology, computer knowledge and skill sets. This workshop focuses its attention on the following three things: Providing an introductory overview of seven (7) basic categories of desktop software programs; matching workplace tasks with Microsoft Office Suite application titles; and providing several workplace benefits of using each of the applications.

**PRESENTER:** **Troy Burgher**  
*Overland Park, Kansas*

##### **TITLE: InsuredSupport.com for Child Support and Maintenance Payers**

**DESCRIPTION:** Discussion of the number one cause of unpaid child support is unemployment and its devastating impact on a family when it causes garnishment of wages and even incarceration. Once a payer is gainfully employed they are often several months behind on child support, which can result in wage garnishment, which then can lead to suspension of employment and further unemployment. In this workshop, we will share ways to address this horrific situation with an elegant solution. A newly released insurance product insures the payer of child support against unemployment and, for up to six months, will pay from \$450 to \$9,000 per month, directly to the payee, in the event of unemployment.

**PRESENTERS:** **Richard Zizian, J.D.** **Mike Stevenson**  
*San Diego, California* *San Diego, California*

##### **TITLE: Material for Fathers to Use to Mentor their Children**

**DESCRIPTION:** This workshop will provide fathers with easy-to-use tools for mentoring their pre-teen and teenage children. These tools were created by Elevate Your G.A.M.E., an organization that specializes in mentoring urban teenagers. Elevate Your G.A.M.E. has conducted mentoring programs at urban high schools in Compton, Long Beach and South Los Angeles since 2002, mentoring over 1800 youth since its inception. Ninety-five percent of its students graduate high school and many from college. Thus, its mentoring activities and curriculum has a proven track record of effectiveness in facilitating bonding between mentors and students and directing the students to choose positive pathways for their lives. This workshop will equip the attendees with some of these effective mentoring tools.

**PRESENTER:** **Michael Freeman**  
*Los Angeles, California*

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**TITLE: Concentric Parenting: A Road Map of Child & Family Development**

**DESCRIPTION:** Parental positioning in the life of a child is greatly influenced by the plethora of relationships descending on that life and the family. This discussion is based on an inventory of relationships and their value in the life of a child. It is an honest, yet personal and conscious engagement in the parental assessment of relationships and the potential impact on their child and family. Areas to be discussed include: Concentric Mapping; Emotional Intelligence; and Servant Leadership. This workshop will be an action-oriented engagement to stimulate thinking of parents' management of the impact of relationships on the life of their child.

**PRESENTER:** **Gregory Johnson**  
*Cleveland, Ohio*

**TITLE: Trauma-Responsive 101**

**DESCRIPTION:** Trauma-Responsive 101 is designed to provide an understanding of trauma-informed strategies for individuals, or teams, working in the fields of education, law enforcement, social welfare, health and human services, advocacy, behavioral health and other community-based services. This workshop will provide participants with the current research on chronic stress, adversity and trauma, as well as a fundamental understanding of the impact of trauma on children and adults. Participants will also learn to recognize how trauma interferes with their client's ability to access and benefit from services. Trauma-informed practices covered in this workshop will be beneficial to staff/client interactions regardless of the staff's job title or the client's functional level. Participants will also gain an overview of secondary trauma and compassion fatigue strategies.

**PRESENTER:** **Colette Perkins, MS**  
*Sacramento, California*

**TITLE: Understanding Impact of Injury/Violence/Trauma on Mental Health of MBOC**

**DESCRIPTION:** This session will discuss the impact of injury, violence and trauma on mental health and wellbeing among men/boys of color. The speakers will share research. Participants will learn about key mental health issues faced by men/boys of color and discuss community-level strategies that can be adopted and implemented to improve mental health and wellbeing among people of color. Together with participants, speakers will explore ways that people working in violence prevention, public health, mental health, land use, transportation, food policy, education, housing and other sectors can more effectively collaborate to support mental health, wellbeing and community safety. Learning objectives include: Reviewing and discussing mental health data to increase familiarity and knowledge of mental health data; discussion and prioritization of key mental health issues faced by men of color; and identification and listing of steps and strategies that can be developed and implemented to improve mental health and wellbeing among people of color.

**PRESENTERS:** **Dr. Randal Henry** **Blain Watson**  
*Los Angeles, California* *Los Angeles, California*

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**TITLE: Five Principles of Manhood Development**

**DESCRIPTION:** This workshop will focus on the five principles (or 5 Ps) that can be used for church leadership development, church ministries, organizations, etc. Most of us on a personal and ministry level are trying to discover what our PURPOSE is and what we are supposed to be doing in life. If we can discover our purpose, then we can move forward with the plan of our lives. If we can discover our purpose, we can help advance our professional life, but also in how we can impact the lives of others. Purpose is the first P in the leadership principle. That "P" leads us to our POTENTIAL, which is a PROCESS through discovering the where, what, how and when of who we are. The POWER and POSITION are the final Ps that will help us in our leadership formulation.

**PRESENTER:** Cedric Nelms  
Carson, California

**TITLE: The Do's and Don'ts of Foster Care**

**DESCRIPTION:** In this workshop, the presenter will give a brief overview of his life to include overcoming obstacles and how he made it through the system with the help from people just like his participants. Participants will be given a worksheet called the Do's and Don'ts of Foster Care followed by a question and answer session and networking.

**PRESENTER:** James Poindexter  
Spring Valley, California

**TITLE: Using Fathers' Perceptions of Engagement to Inform Classroom Practice**

**DESCRIPTION:** Many early childhood programs (ECPs) aim at providing support to parents and increasing parent engagement as it has positive influences on children's developmental outcomes. Despite the growing body of research on father engagement in the early childhood years, little is known about fathers' perceptions of their engagement with their children and their children's ECP. This workshop will provide practitioners and families a glimpse into fathers' perceptions of father engagement and ways to encourage father engagement in early childhood programs. Based on a qualitative study on Head Start fathers' perceptions of their engagement, this workshop will be father and family friendly and provide concrete strategies for all early childhood professionals who wish to increase father engagement in their program. The use of real life narratives from fathers will make this workshop meaningful and engaging for attendees.

**PRESENTER:** Dr. Meredith Jones  
Wilmington, North Carolina

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#### **TITLE: NOW WHAT?! Emerging Co-Parenting Model: Lessons Learned Legacies Leveraged**

**DESCRIPTION:** Revolutionary and strength based, this father/family engagement curriculum model of support was designed to address the unique realities of never-coupled parents. Never a committed couple, in 2017, the presenter, Naomi, and Ricky bravely committed to become the voice of parents everywhere who find themselves in similar positions of loving and raising a child with someone they may know very little about. Their story is far from a fairytale, but after 12 years the litigation ended and the two are now fully dedicated to building public awareness of this growingly common family dynamic to the national stage using the organically developed family engagement model: NOW WHAT. Using their celebrity status, this bold and dynamic duo have the expertise and experience to candidly address a significant social issue of today - co-parenting as never-coupled parents

**PRESENTERS:** **Naomi Natale, MSW, ABD**  
*Smyrna, Georgia*

**Ricky Davis, former NBA Professional**  
*Houston, Texas*

#### **TITLE: Child Support 101 - Learning the Basics**

**DESCRIPTION:** The presenters in this workshop will describe the Child Support Program from case opening to establishing an order, and from enforcing an order to case closure. In between these services are managing payments, accruing arrears and interest charges (if any), modifying support orders and requesting the services of another state or country. Attend this workshop to learn more about the overall process, what options may be available based on unique circumstances and how to better explain this program to your clients.

**PRESENTERS:** **Leon Hunt**  
*Riverside, California*

**Kelly Little**  
*Charlotte, North Carolina*

#### **TITLE: Oregon Department of Human Services Child Welfare Father's Panel**

**DESCRIPTION:** This is a special workshop with fathers with children in the State of Oregon's Child Welfare System. Oregon participants will host a Father's Panel at the conference. The fathers who have a history of Child Welfare involvement and/or substance abuse issues. Our intent with the fathers is to educate the audience on how best to work with fathers involved with Child Welfare.

**PRESENTERS:** **Shari Clark, J.D., and Tim Phipps**  
**State of Oregon Department of Human Services**  
*Portland, Oregon*

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**TITLE: The Power of a Father's Dedication in Your Family**

**DESCRIPTION:** The Power of a Father's Dedication- The number one determining factor of a son or daughter launching into their adult identity and having a deep confidence as modeled by a father's dedication. This workshop looks at the consequences of a fatherless generation where dads have abandoned their roles and responsibilities, even if they are physically still in the home.

**PRESENTER:** **Neil Campbell**  
*Calgary, Alberta, Canada*

**TITLE: Constructing Father/ Fatherhood Classes for Latino Dads in Washington DC**

**DESCRIPTION:** Presenter will talk about his experience as a leader of fatherhood classes in Washington, DC using the 24/7 DAD Curriculum at Bell Teen Parents and CDC, which in the case of Latino father is a valuable link between fathers and childcare centers. Presenter will discuss support for fathers, guidance and training to improve the relationships with children and couples. Some of the addressed themes will be parent-teacher relationships, rights and obligations of parents, mediation, problem solving and leadership, among others. In addition to motivating fathers to help their children, participants receive information on how to spend the money (family budget), prevention of child abuse, drugs and even legal and health issues. Fatherhood classes can be a setting where Latino parents can be trained to be leaders and representatives of school and community.

**PRESENTERS:** **Alvaro Llanos** **Ana Ayala**  
*Washington, District of Columbia Washington, District of Columbia*

**TITLE: Grandma, Daddy and Me, Intergenerational Family Partnerships**

**DESCRIPTION:** This session will be lively and interactive. Information will be provided on the benefits of working together intergenerational, to maintain children in their family of origin or a near kinship family. Parents, grandparents, aunts, uncles, friends and practitioners will obtain the strengths needed to design, support and propose an acceptable intergenerational placement solution. Methods of group family problem solving, shared responsibility models and peaceful conflict resolution will be presented and practiced (time permitting). Participants will get an opportunity to address their own strengths and challenges and brainstorm potential solutions with other participants. Participants will be provided with resources needed to propose, support, implement and maintain solid intergenerational families.

**PRESENTER:** **Dr. Diana Culver**  
*Coolidge, Arizona*

**TITLE: Mentoring Program for Out-of-School Children of Incarcerated Fathers**

**DESCRIPTION:** A myriad of challenges faced by children of incarcerated fathers and other youth in at-risk situations include: Damaged self-esteem; cognitive difficulties; emotional problems such as anxiety, anger, sadness and emotional withdrawal; mental health issues including depression, eating and sleeping disorders; behavioral problems such as physical aggression; educational difficulties including truancy and diminished academic performance; increased likelihood of involvement in the juvenile and criminal justice systems; and trauma,

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i.e., post-traumatic stress disorder as a result of witnessing the parent's arrest and incarceration. This program/organization will expand its partnerships for integrated service delivery and use basic education instruction for High School Equivalency Test (HiSET) development classroom instruction and skill-based design as an evidenced-based practice and reduction strategy to mitigate risk factors for out-of-school youth ages 16 to 24.

**PRESENTER:** **Anthony Kelley**  
*Baton Rouge, Louisiana*

**TITLE: Juvenile Justice: What Have We Learned About Detention**

**DESCRIPTION:** This workshop is designed to look at an overview of the raise the age movement sweeping across the country. We will look at whether raising the age that juveniles can be held responsible for their actions has increased the burden of these cases on the juvenile court. We will also look at the positive outcomes for the youth involved in these opportunities. We will explore the effect this has had on the way juveniles view the punishment or lack thereof. In addition, does this affect them at all because they see adults as being soft on crime? These points, and more, will help us answer the question of - Juvenile Justice, what have we learned about detention?

**PRESENTER:** **Bruce Trammell**  
*Waterbury, Connecticut*

**TITLE: The Mis-bereavement of the Racialized Black Male Grief Experience**

**DESCRIPTION:** One of the many disturbing aspects of grieving is experiencing a variety of unexpected or seemingly uncontrollable emotions and/or physical sensations. This process can look vastly different for Racialized African American Men compared to others. This presentation is designed to provide an overview to consumers, mental health professionals and other community providers in learning how to view grief reactions in Black men. In addition, effective ways to assist Black men in their grieving process will be addressed. The presentation will also focus on practice elements and techniques for providing grief counseling services to Black men. The goal of the presentation is to teach, inform and encourage others to provided appropriate clinical services to Black men who are experiencing loss.

**PRESENTER:** **Allen E. Lipscomb, Psy.D, LCSW**  
*Northridge, California*

**TITLE: A Father's Heart - A Caring and Loving Dad**

**DESCRIPTION:** Men, our children's futures and our families' futures are being directed by our actions or even our inactions. As fathers, we need to realize just how powerful we are. Fathers have been given a tremendous power to influence the lives of families. They need them to be the dad who will have a positive influence on their lives as men who will guide and help them become the men and woman. We will discuss community-based and interfaith strategies for the increase of nurturing.

**PRESENTER:** **Sam Mehaffie**  
*Blue Spring, Missouri*

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### WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 21st

9:00 A.M. TO NOON

### GENERAL SESSION TALK PRESENTERS

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**JAMES C. RODRÍGUEZ, PRESIDENT AND CHIEF EXECUTIVE OFFICER**

### TALK PRESENTATIONS

### WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 21, 2018

9:00A.M. TO NOON

**Professor Thalia González, JD.**, Occidental College, Los Angeles, California, teaches and writes in the fields of restorative justice, juvenile justice, education, civil rights, domestic human rights, law and society, and public interest practice. Professor González is a nationally recognized expert in the field of school-based restorative justice and her work on disproportionality, the school-to-prison pipeline and restorative practices has been utilized by school districts, county safety councils, community-based organizations, academic institutions, think tanks and bar associations.

**Debra Samples** is the Regional Program Manager for the US Department of Health and Human Services, Administration for Children and Families, Children's Bureau. She and her team provide oversight to states and tribal federal child welfare programs in Arizona, California, Hawaii, Nevada and the outer pacific territories. She brings over 30 years of child welfare experience and brings a wealth of knowledge regarding the policies and requirements needed for grantees to operate the federal welfare programs. Ms. Samples received her MA in Psychology from Middle Tennessee State University in Murfreesboro, Tennessee.

**Kimberly Dent**, Executive Director of the Ohio Commission on Fatherhood, Columbus, Ohio, has more than 13 years of government service and has held various positions with the Ohio Department of Job and Family Services. Director Dent does extensive community outreach and public speaking about the message that promoting responsible fatherhood is much less costly than paying for the consequences of

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father absence. When fathers acquire the skills, they need to be responsible fathers, children are better off and better positioned to build their own strong families. Families are better off because of a father's love, care and emotional and financial support. Taxpayer dollars are saved as families are more likely to be well functioning and self-sufficient.

**Dr. Delia Robinson Richards** is an expert in early childhood education and is the Program Coordinator and Associate Professor at the University of the District of Columbia, Washington, DC in the College of Education, School of Early Childhood Education. She has presented at many education conferences in the United States, the Caribbean and Central America. She is a Fulbright Scholar who developed and implemented an early childhood program at the University of the West Indies in St. Augustine, Trinidad. Her research is on multiple intelligences in the early childhood curriculum, identifying the perceptions of black fathers about the responsibility for their children's education, urban education (a perspective from University students) and children's first experiences in school. Dr. Richards is an Associate Professor in Early Childhood Education and CEO of BEEK3 (Beyond Expectations in Education), an educational consulting company that provides services to educators, families and caregivers of children between the ages of 3 to 8 years or from Prekindergarten to Third Grade. Dr. Delia Robinson Richards' Bachelors, Masters and Doctoral degrees are in early childhood education.

**LaTasha C. Watts** is an Award-Winning Child Advocate, Speaker and Author of "I'm Not Broken Just a Little Twisted." She spent her entire childhood in the foster care system; living in a variety of foster homes, until eventually "aging out" of the foster care system at the age 18. After exiting foster care, Ms. Watts would then find herself struggling to survive; facing poverty, homelessness, and multitude of health issues, including battling cancer.

However, despite her adversities, she maintained a determination to change the negative outcomes of children in the foster care system and beyond. Currently she has over 15 years of experience in working with youth, families and professionals in a variety of settings. She prominently holds the positions of Founder and Executive Director of The Purple Project and The Aging Out Foundation, both dedicated to addressing the needs of current and former foster youth. She is also Founder and CEO of Cummings Watts & Associates, a child welfare consulting and professional training firm, and serves as the CEO for Speak Up Speak Loud, a nationwide personal branding firm.

Ms. Watts has received numerous recognitions, including Proclamations from Ohio Attorney General Mike DeWine and former Ohio Governor Ted Strickland; all in honor of her immeasurable contributions to the foster care and adoption communities. She has worked on multiple nationwide charity campaigns and has been featured in several magazines and textbooks.

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#### CUSTOMIZED AFTERNOON SEMINAR: POWER MODEL | WORKING WITH CHILDREN AND PARENTS

**1:00P.M. TO 4:30P.M. POWER OF PARENTING MODEL INSTITUTE  
BY DR. KAY BENNETT | SPECIALITY TRAINING**

#### **TITLE: The Power Model System for Parents and Parenting**

**DESCRIPTION:** Disruptions in childhood developmental stages are due to a variety of environmental conditions including dysfunctional parents, experiences at schools, traumatic events, prejudices, among others. As a result, we find ourselves unable to cope with daily experiences in working conditions, relationships and parenting. Thus, as parents we can find ourselves being reactive when responding to our children's needs. The Power Model System™ is an education methodology encompassing a variety of activities enabling the individual to non-judgmentally become aware of their authentic emotions, automatic mental defenses, spiritual beliefs and resulting physical behavior. It is a self-discovery process enabling individuals to change from within becoming balanced emotionally, mentally, spiritually and physically. With internal harmonious balance, parents will have joyful lives and raise children having the same joyful nature. Participants will leave the workshop with a complete personal blueprint of their authentic emotions and defense system, which will significantly affect quality of life.

**PRESENTERS: Dr. Kay Bennett Eugene, Oregon Raymond Castonguay Tucson, Arizona**

#### **1:00P.M. TO 4:30P.M. AFTERNOON WORKSHOPS**

#### **TITLE: Understanding The New Social Society of Today's Youth**

**DESCRIPTION:** Understanding the New Social Society of Today's Youth: Social Media, Texting, Apps & More, is a fun and interactive workshop designed to educate professionals, supportive staff, parents and foster parents on the various ways that youth are communicating and socializing. Attendees will be given a variety of tools that will educate them on the basic language and trends of social media, apps, texting and the internet. Attendees will also gain the knowledge on how to effectively approach and connect with their youth, clients or students as it pertains to technology, and how to create a positive and safe communication environment.

**PRESENTERS: LaTasha C. Watts Shaker Heights, Ohio Candace Jones Shaker Heights, Ohio**

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**TITLE: In Today's World, Fathers Make a Difference!**

**DESCRIPTION:** Presenter, Tom Krause, 20-time Contributing Author of Chicken Soup for The Soul book series including Chicken Soup for Father's Soul presents this workshop. In this heartwarming/humorous motivational presentation, the audience will learn the three lessons fathers teach that makes a difference in the lives of their children forever.

**PRESENTER: Tom Krause**  
*Nixa, Missouri*

**TITLE: Strategies to Transition Young Children with Special Needs to School**

**DESCRIPTION:** The workshop will provide fathers with strategies to transition their young child with special needs from home to school. Fathers will identify ways to increase play and social skills that are needed to get along with peers. Strategies to help young children adjust to a new environment with unfamiliar people and new rules will be explored. Young children must get used to daily routines that involve circle time, group lunch, recess and the dreaded naptime. Merging home and school routines are necessary to help young children adjust to the school day. Sharing toys or classroom materials can cause misunderstanding in the classroom. Strategies to handle disputes with other children will also be explored. Strategies will be examined to help your child take turns. Strategies will be provided to help fathers make their child with special needs transition to school pleasant. Most importantly, fathers will identify simple steps to documentation.

**PRESENTER: Dr. Annette Miles**  
*Washington, District of Columbia*

**TITLE: Re-Branding for Re-Entry: Supporting Fathers Re-Entering the Workforce**

**DESCRIPTION:** Many disadvantaged fathers who are motivated to re-engage in the support of their children may find themselves with the additional complication of chronic unemployment. This may be due to low educational achievement, low work skills or other challenges in their past, such as incarceration or substance abuse rehabilitation. "Re-Branding" is a common strategy that has been used successfully by troubled companies, celebrities and professionals, but rarely applied to the reentry population where it could provide surprising results. This workshop will help mentors, counselors and coaches understand key evidence-based cognitive concepts, as well as tactical strategies that can help fathers "re-launch" their brands after years of disappointment. Learn how you can help fathers gain the confidence and skills they need to become successful in re-entering both the workplace and the lives of their families.

**PRESENTER: Andrea Brown M.Sc.,**  
*Dabville, California*

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**TITLE: Children's First Experiences in School - A Reflection for Parents and Teachers**

**DESCRIPTION:** Children are products of their environment. When children are enrolled in school, they bring with them what they have learned from their home environment. This could be positive or negative and it may fit into their new learning environment or it may not. It becomes the task of the teachers and staff to help children adapt to their school environment by applying certain methodologies. Some teachers tend to forget that the children in their classrooms may not come from the same environment as the teacher. It becomes critical therefore, that teachers accept all children for their individuality and that the teachers be reminded that in a single household, children from the same biological parents and with the same child-rearing practices, may have some similarities to their siblings, as well as differences.

**PRESENTER:** **Dr. Delia Robinson Richards**  
*Washington, District of Columbia*

**TITLE: Interactive Program Supporting Parent-Child Bond. The First Step Toward Reunification**

**DESCRIPTION:** A parent's message is a first step in the reunification of incarcerated parents, children and families. This workshop, based on the book, A Parent's Message, aligns with goals of in-place corrections parent educational programs and supports the incarcerated parent's identity as a parent – not as an offender – while fostering respectful kin and other caregiver relationships. A Parent's Message initiates and maintains continuing communication between parent and child using tear-out messages sent by mail. The format is suited for voluntary facilitated groups and/or self-study. Presenters will discuss how this program works, how it is implemented, how they train and the new developments made in reversing the message from child to parent.

**PRESENTERS:** **Dr. Ruth Clark** **Pastor Clay Rojas**  
*Auburn, California* *Auburn, California*

**TITLE: Creating a Memorable Youth Experience Via Sports**

**DESCRIPTION:** According to many criminology experts, the most effective approach to reducing youth crime is to steer young people away from negative social activities before they become involved in criminal activities. It is impractical to make the assertion that organized youth sport alone can reduce the levels of youth crime in Indianapolis because there are various complex and multidimensional causes of youth crime in our society. Organized sport programs can, however, contribute to reducing youth crime by giving young people a positive identity, feelings of empowerment and by helping youth acquire leadership, teamwork and self-governance skills under adult supervision.

**PRESENTER:** **Emil Ekiyor**  
*Indianapolis, Indiana*

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**TITLE: Putting a Face on the Absent Fathers**

**DESCRIPTION:** This workshop will share processes and results from 14 years overcoming these “collateral consequences.” This workshop will use video and first-person stories to illustrate how some grassroots, urban organization (Divine Alternatives for Dads Services) gives men hope and the navigation skills to overcome barriers to personal responsibility and family wholeness. A combination of real life experience and a tailored curriculum serve at D.A.D.S. to assist men in “coming out of survival” so that they can address child support and parenting issues, employment and housing stability, as well as nurturing the special relationship between a father and his children. This workshop focuses on the importance of the “basement work” essential for preparing men to overcome the difficulties they will undoubtedly face as they work through child support issues, parenting plans, pre-employment strategies and relationships with authority. Attendees will also learn the most practical approaches to men in crisis.

**PRESENTER:** **Marvin Charles-Cotton**  
*Seattle, Washington*

**TITLE: Managing in the New Age of Child Support**

**DESCRIPTION:** This workshop is intended to explain the evolution of how child support has evolved in Charlotte NC, to be family centered. Our primary focus and objective is to provide selfless service that is holistic and “strengthens families” while also helping fathers to understand their rights, get support and escape the struggles of underemployment and unemployment, while also connecting with their children through targeted efforts. The workshop will share how we partner with various organizations to provide a two-generational approach that is focused on eliminating generational poverty and investing in fathers to increase the probability of ending the economic mobility issue that exists in Charlotte.

**PRESENTERS:** **Kelly Little**  
*Charlotte, North Carolina*

**Donald Manns**  
*Charlotte, North Carolina*

**TITLE: Building Community Capacity to Maintain Father-Child Engagement During Imprisonment / Re-entry**

**DESCRIPTION:** From the academy to the streets, this workshop focuses on ways to bring about more effective and efficient delivery of programs to help maintain a healthy father-child relationship during imprisonment and re-entry. This workshop will discuss how community organizations and universities can partner to build more cohesive and comprehensive strategies to meet the needs of incarcerated fathers and their children. As a group, we will discuss strategies to coordinate our efforts in ways that afford more incarcerated fathers access to programs and allow for a greater variety of services. At the end of the workshop, participants will start the process of building a network of resources between community organizations and universities that will help fathers stay connected to their children during incarceration and re-entry.

**PRESENTERS:** **Dr. Katrina Akande**  
*Auburn University, Alabama*

**Dr. Kenya M. Cistrunk**  
*Mississippi State University*

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#### **TITLE: Decolonizing Education, Rebuilding Culture and Understanding Historical Trauma**

**DESCRIPTION:** The workshop focuses on its impact on families of American Indian communities. This workshop will take participants on a journey in decolonization through activities that bring about a clear understanding of the need to change educational practices with native children and families. Participants will learn strategies to align Native cultural values, traditions and activities. This session involves active participation by attendees and will involve many activities designed to build capacity on bringing about systemic changes to Native education. This workshop will explain how historical trauma has impacted the way practitioners are trained to work with American Indian Families.

**PRESENTERS:** **Melissa Harris, M.Ed.,**  
*Catawba Tribal Nation, South Carolina*

**Professor Edwin Santin-Gonzalez**  
*Arizona State University*

#### **TITLE: The Fast & Furious Man - An Adventure in Relationships**

**DESCRIPTION:** This session will examine why men are fast and furious when it comes to cars, sports, pleasure, women and money. The presenter will reveal steps on how men can become fast and furious in their marriage and family relationships. This workshop will take participants through the adventure men can take in experiencing an exciting, loving and rewarding marriage. Session will focus on new and meaningful ways men can grow and stay together in their relationships and will give insight into the thrill of why men cheat on their spouses and think this behavior is okay. Men will be empowered with practical and spiritual tools to help them become fast and furious in staying on track in their love relationships. This will be an interactive workshop that will incorporate a mix of live music and fun.

**PRESENTER:** **Kevin Toney**  
*Porter Ranch, California*

#### **TITLE: Best Practice Model for New & Expectant Fatherhood Services**

**DESCRIPTION:** Ohio Commission on Fatherhood's New Beginnings for New Fathers uses evidence-based curricula to provide programming in parenting, healthy relationships and economic stability to new fathers with infants under one-year, expectant fathers, as well as young fathers (age 16-25) with children of any age. Comprehensive case management and job development provide wraparound services and complement the classroom-based component. An overview of this best practice model will be presented, followed by techniques and skill

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building from multiple presenters in the following specific areas: Effective components of fatherhood programming and anticipated outcomes; effectively engaging teen fathers in evidence-based fatherhood programming in a youth corrections institution (challenges and opportunities); and helping fathers navigate the legal system (an outline of common legal issues faced by fathers and best practices in addressing those issues, including proper information for clients and the professionals serving them and making those many legal systems "father friendly").

**PRESENTERS:** **Kimberly Dent**  
*Columbus, Ohio*

**Judy Strayer**  
*Columbus, Ohio*

**TITLE: Midwest at Its Best - Show Me Strong Families**

**DESCRIPTION:** This session will share challenges, successes and strategies from a home visiting program in St. Louis, Missouri working with a targeted population (teens, single parents, foster parents, grandparents parenting, incarcerated parents). Presenters will share how their own experiences, coupled with the evidence-based curriculum, help them partner, facilitate and reflect with their families. It is important to us that parents' strengths are recognized and that they feel empowered by their relationships to choose what to do with the information they receive. Many things, including their goals, their perspectives and their ways of being as a family will inform their choices at any point in time. Learn how we go from chasing families to successfully meeting with them twice a month, setting goals, building trusting relations and school readiness. Participants will gain new strategies and tools on how to successfully partner, facilitate and reflect with their families.

**PRESENTERS:** **Randall Hinton**  
*St. Louis, Missouri*

**Dallyda Tachi-Banda**  
*St. Louis, Missouri*

**TITLE: The High-Powered Dad: Making Power Moves to Build Your Legacy**

**DESCRIPTION:** The High-Powered Dad is an ideal that all fathers should strive to achieve. By making three Power Moves daily with his family in mind, each father will be on his way to be the superhero his family needs. Power Move 1: Finding ways to connect with his children. This is much more than just being physically present. It is about getting on their level and opening to them to create an open, two-way avenue of communication for the duration of the relationship. Power Move 2: Addressing health and wellness. To create a long and productive fatherhood experience, it is necessary to address fitness regularly. Power Move 3: Demonstrating respect to the mother of your children no matter the level of the relationship. In doing so, we are shaping how our sons treat women and modeling what our daughters will accept and expect.

**PRESENTER:** **Tory High**  
*Columbus, Ohio*

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**TITLE: Parenting Boys, Building Men: Chipping Away at Toxic Masculinity**

**DESCRIPTION:** This year, Kendrick Lamar dropped the album Damn. On the track "Feel" Lamar begins the track by repeating "Ain't nobody praying for me." The fact that boys and men feel this way is heartbreaking. This workshop unveils how we can reshape the power and strength of our boys to cultivate hope, when throughout life what boys see and experience destroys optimism. The workshop highlights strategies that help boys remain grounded as mainstream culture attempts to dull and overwhelm their mind, body and soul encouraging grit and arrogance as indicators of mature masculinity. The current crisis of leadership our culture and society is facing demonstrates that traditional patriarchy has degraded the integrity of our men, despite its promise of power. Strategies are contextualized to include understanding how to nurture and protect boys when the pleasures of childhood do not apply equally to his joy. This workshop demonstrates there is a better way.

**PRESENTER:** **Dr. Baranda Fermin**  
*Grand Prairie, Texas*

**TITLE: Impacts of Incarceration**

**DESCRIPTION:** This workshop will stress how emphasizing the role that fathers, especially young fathers and fathers returning to their communities from incarceration, should perform in raising their sons and daughters. The workshop will teach participants how to implement this while building the character traits, both in fathers and in their children, which will lead them to become positive contributing adults in whatever field of endeavor they will pursue as adults and not end up in jails and prisons contributing to the mass incarceration of African Americans, Hispanics and other minority groups.

**PRESENTERS:** **Judge Arthur Burnett, Sr., (Retired)**  
*Washington, District of Columbia*

**Dwayne Meeks**  
*Denver, Colorado*

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**The Power of a Father in Your Family-Part II**

**DESCRIPTION:** Father Son/Daughter Rite of Passage planning workshop. In this session, participants will be given a detailed and step-by-step plan to put on a Night of Becoming where fathers create a rites of passage and with their daughters the identity and destiny of their daughters. We will also give fathers a blueprint of how to organize a Rite of Passage weekend with a group of fathers and sons. This workshop is based on our experience in putting on these ROPs and Nights of Becoming all over North America.

**PRESENTER:** **Neil Campbell**  
*Calgary, Alberta, Canada*

**5:00P.M. TO 7:00P.M. A SPECIAL EVENING SESSION FOR MEN**

**TITLE: A True Story of Building Legacy: Today**

**DESCRIPTION:** Eighty-five years ago, legacy of the first African-American Mayor for a city in Los Angeles County, one of the few black engineers to work on NASA Space Programs, leadership for Department of Defense and ordained and elevated as Bishop, Henry Hearn will use this open night to examine how men can cancel the negative outcomes from yesterday and avoid holding onto those past choices that have impacted their development. Man-up is the subtitle to address the methods that have prevented building legacies through self-interest that limit the satiability to build positive legacies that, in turn, are given to others to promote more for others beyond a man and overflow into families and communities. This is an opportunity to come together as men and examine inwardly and collectively how to strategically be a channel to champion others by improving self. This is an open session with a place of empowerment, fellowship and legacy-building. This is the first time Fathers & Families Coalition of America has offered a time for all men (presenters, attendees, guests, speakers and leaders) to go deeper into self for others. Presenter, Bishop Henry Hearn's desire with his co-facilitator, James Rodríguez, is to pour into men and all who participate. Attendees will get a complimentary pizza dinner.

**PRESENTERS:** **Bishop Henry Hearn with James Rodríguez**

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**THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 22ND**

**9:00A.M. TO NOON**

**GENERAL CONFERENCE SESSION**

**JAMES C. RODRÍGUEZ, PRESIDENT AND CHIEF EXECUTIVE OFFICER**

**GENERAL SESSION TALK PRESENTERS**

**THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 22, 2018 9:00A.M. TO NOON**

**Lisa Primus, LMSW**, is a Senior Associate working to advance the Center of the Study of Social Policy's public system reform efforts, focusing on the use of data and research to inform policy, decision making and best practices. She is part of a team responsible for monitoring and providing technical assistance to child welfare systems operating under federal consent decrees to improve practice for children and families. Ms. Primus also leads projects to promote well-being outcomes for adolescents, expectant and parenting young in foster care, their children and families, with a focus on promoting the protective and promotive factors that children, families and communities need to thrive. She is a graduate of Columbia University and has extensive experience working within the child welfare and homelessness fields.

**Walter Simpkins**, Executive Director, Community Fathers, Inc., is a certified Fatherhood and Healthy Relationship practitioner and holds certificates as a New York State Domestic Violence counselor for the Batterers Association, as well as a Bridges Out of Poverty facilitator. Mr. Simpkins has touched many lives throughout the capital region. He has been instrumental in changing the way fathers are looked at and respected in family court. He has helped restore hope to the family dynamic in our area. From what began as a once per week support group, has now flourished into a full-service fathers' program. Mr. Simpkins is an inspiring individual, electrifying in speech and comforting in his presence. He is single-handedly helping to restore families, "One Father at A Time."

**Ronald B. Mincy, Ph.D.**, Maurice V. Russell Professor of Social Policy and Social Work Practice, Columbia University, New York teaches Introduction to Social Welfare Policy; Program Evaluation; Economics for Policy Analysis; and Advanced Methods in Policy Analysis, and directs the Center for Research on Fathers, Children and Family Well-Being. Dr. Mincy is also a co-principal investigator of the Fragile Families and Child Wellbeing Study and a faculty member of the Columbia Population Research Center (CPRC). He came to the University in 2001, from the Ford Foundation where he served as a senior program officer and worked on such issues as improving U.S. social welfare policies for low-income fathers, especially child support, and workforce development policies. He also served on the Clinton Administration's Welfare Reform Task Force.

**Jeffery M. Leving, LTD**, The Law Offices of Jeffery M. Leving, Chicago, Illinois. Mr. Leving is a Chicago divorce attorney and author who specializes in matrimonial and family law. He is known primarily for his vocal advocacy of fathers' rights and hosts two radio shows. His television and radio commercials are well known in the Chicago area. More than 30 years ago, Mr. Leving helped pioneer the Fathers' Rights Movement when he discovered a gap in the judicial system. It was at that point that he started seeking equality and due process for fathers everywhere. Mr. Leving's accomplishments include the co-authorship of the Illinois Joint Custody Law, Illinois Virtual Visitation, Right to DNA Testing Notice, and Unlawful Visitation or Parenting Time Interference Laws. He also delivered testimony before both branches of the Illinois Legislature on Joint Custody, Grandparent's Visitation and Child Support Accountability bills.

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**Dr. Baranda Fermin**, Professor, University of North Texas at Dallas. Her work is embedded within community development and her life experiences make her a champion for living a life of service, cultivating peace and building platforms for advocacy. As the daughter of an immigrant, an Army dependent child, first generation college student and a woman who has lived with grace and humor through domestic violence, infertility and pregnancy loss, she is no stranger to navigating transitions and working through challenges until they lead to success. Her career in research, writing and training focused on issues of social identity and citizenship, navigating urban social environments and barriers, mental health and wellness access, and urban education innovation from cradle to career. Dr. Fermin is an advocate, storyteller and builder with a track record of successful system innovation, capacity building and revitalization. Her current work builds resilience and capacity in faith communities and social justice work by evaluating and designing strategic solutions for sustainability, scalability and stability. Dr. Fermin focuses on the issues that immigrants and the children of immigrants face concerning persistence and completion of education is going to be a key part of her talk presentation and afternoon workshop for teachers, parents and staff.

**NOON TO 1:00P.M. LUNCH ON YOUR OWN**

**1:00P.M. TO 4:30P.M. CUSTOMIZED AFTERNOON SEMINAR- TRAUMA INFORMED CARE TRAINING**

#### SEEKING SAFETY TRAINING FOR TRAINERS BY INNOVATION TREATMENT|SPECIALITY TRAINING

**Seeking Safety:** An evidence-based model for trauma and/or substance abuse—with a focus on men.

**Summary:** The goal of this presentation is to describe Seeking Safety, an evidence-based model for trauma and/or substance abuse (clients do not have to have both issues). In this webinar, we will focus on application of the model to men. Anyone who attends can implement Seeking Safety in their setting if they choose to. Seeking Safety teaches present-focused coping skills to help clients attain safety in their lives. It is highly flexible and can be conducted in any setting by a wide range of clinicians and peers. There are up to 25 treatment topics, each representing a safe coping skill relevant to trauma and/or substance abuse, such as "Asking for Help", "Creating Meaning", "Compassion" and "Healing from Anger". Topics can be done in any order and the treatment can be done in few or many sessions as time allows. Seeking Safety strives to increase hope through emphasis on ideals; it offers exercises, emotionally-evocative language, and quotations to engage patients; attends to clinician processes; and provide concrete strategies to build recovery skills. In this training, we cover (a) an overview of Seeking Safety; and (b) key points on clinical implementation. Assessment tools and national resources are also provided. Learning methods include PowerPoint, video, exercises and discussion.

*This is a limited RSVP accessible special training hosted by Fathers and Families Coalition of America. The first 50 paid registrations requesting this training to fully use seeking safety will be admitted with a waiting list thereafter. Must call 424-225-1323 to reserve space. Limited access*

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#### 1:00P.M. TO 4:30P.M. AFTERNOON WORKSHOPS

##### **TITLE: Learning to Change: What They Don't Tell You About Transitions.**

**DESCRIPTION:** Change is inevitable, constant and requires vision. Many leaders are struggling to find solutions to enhance the "change evolution cycle" or prevent the "change failure cycle." By efficiently planning for change, leaders empower themselves, empower program participants, and empower their organization and stakeholders in ways that proactively serves outcomes. Large and small-scale change strategies are necessary for legislative changes (e.g. WIOA), employee engagement, participant transitions, partnership development, community engagement and more. Participants will: Understand the value of change management strategies and the value add to organizations, program participants, staff and stakeholders; understand and communicate the complexity of the change; and capitalize on real-time changes happening in your organization to accelerate learning.

**PRESENTER:** **Sherida Morrison**  
*Windsor Mill, Maryland*

##### **TITLE: Power Source Parenting In the 21st Century**

**DESCRIPTION:** Researchers and educators have long agreed that when parents get involved in all areas, children try harder and achieve more at school and home. Too often parents are ignored or viewed as part of the problem, rather than a resource or prevention focus. Parents who developed the skills to encourage their children delay the use of drugs and alcohol help develop positive attitudes towards life and contribute to the personal growth and academic success of their children. This interactive parenting session will explore the importance of parents as prevention agents. Participants will review and discuss the impact of parent involvement as a prevention instrument. Participants will also interact with each other in a live parenting group session, drawing upon research base and personal experiences from different members of the group during the session.

**PRESENTER:** **Rodney Hamright**  
*Rock Hill, South Carolina*

##### **TITLE: Breaking the Penal Chain. Molding the Links of Family**

**DESCRIPTION:** This workshop will focus on best practices in working with families of incarcerated individuals and exploring the challenges of reentry. It will explore the mental, financial, social and psychological challenges and the stigmas of the Scarlet Letter F(elon). It will seek to merge the understanding of the challenges of the incarcerated and the external challenges faced by the impacted family. As challenges are internalized differently between adults and children, modules would differentiate the challenges of that of children and adults. It further will explore ways that incarcerated individuals can maintain a force of influence even when presence and resources are limited.

**PRESENTER:** **Talibdin El-Amin**  
*St. Louis, Missouri*

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**TITLE: 7 Steps to Raising a High Achiever**

**DESCRIPTION:** Your child's college education and career future require early planning and careful preparation. As early as Kindergarten, it is important to be aware of key skills, strategies and habits that will positively impact your child's performance in school. This presentation will teach step-by-step strategies that parents can immediately implement at home to help their children excel in Elementary, Middle and High School. It will show parents how to position their children for academic success. Foundational skills learned in Third-Grade math will affect a student's performance in 8th grade math, which will impact their college major and, ultimately, their career choice. There is a trickle-down effect in how a student's performance in earlier grades will affect the outcome of their educational and career aspirations. This presentation will show parents how to position their children for success by instilling the right behaviors, mindset, values and practices to help their children soar.

**PRESENTER:** **Dr. Nicole Ambe**  
*Carson, California*

**TITLE: Mentoring as a Component of Reentry: Considerations from the Field**

**DESCRIPTION:** What does high risk mean? How can community-based organizations collaborate with corrections? What do mentors need to know about parents returning from incarceration? This workshop will review our recently released publication, mentoring as a Component of Reentry, which answers these questions and poses more. This workshop will give a basic overview of reentry, discuss what we have learned from the field of reentry mentoring programs with an emphasis on those working with young parents and engage participants in developing strategies for incorporating mentoring into a re-entry program. The presenter will also lead a discussion on future considerations for mentoring parents returning from incarceration.

**PRESENTER:** **Ronin Davis**  
*New York, New York*

**TITLE: The Detour Theory: Learning to Move Past Myself**

**DESCRIPTION:** The family is the most important unit of society. The family is not only the basic societal unit, it is also the basic sexual unit, the basic child-raising unit, the basic communication unit and the basic all-around fun and friendship unit. For children to learn teamwork and togetherness, their parents and guardians must first learn to function as a unified team. The cycle of poverty "a lack of something; the state of being poor" is only destroyed when one acknowledges there is a cycle that is not positive or beneficial in your growth. When one has effectively confronted themselves, then the process of redefining "to reexamine or reevaluate especially in the view of change" takes place.

**PRESENTERS:** **Jesse Sanders**  
*Columbus, Ohio*

**Da'Juan Miller**  
*Columbus, Ohio*

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**TITLE: Rippling Effects of Silent Family Violence: Assessing Family Secrets**

**DESCRIPTION:** This presentation will focus on the victim's abusive family origin dynamics, various family assessment strategies, disclosure and confrontation risk factors and "crisis intervention." Workshop will also focus on provision for emergency psychological care to traumatized victims to help them return to an adaptive level of functioning and prevent (or mitigate) the "silent negative impact" of psychological and emotional trauma, planned and professional intervention skills, and prevention keys to preparing victims to break the silence. Participants will be able to identify characteristics of an abusive family origin, family origin secrets, family/victim problems when approaching for disclosure and confrontation issues. Factors relating to codependency, addictive abuse behavior, generational religious belief systems, legal/protection awareness and ascertaining the truthfulness of a victim's disclosure will be addressed for effective prevention assessment, reporting, personal, family and public safety.

**PRESENTER:** **Dr. Sandy Murphy**  
*Humble, Texas*

**TITLE: Best Practices: Recruiting Fathers to Your Program, Resources & Tips**

**DESCRIPTION:** Join us to discuss lessons learned from fatherhood work in community-based settings, and learn about tips and resources to better engage and serve fathers. Experienced Fatherhood Practitioners will engage attendees in an interactive discussion about what it takes to effectively recruit fathers to your program. Presenters will share lessons learned from over 20 years of practical experience working with hard to serve fathers. Participants will also learn about free resources available through the National Responsible Fatherhood Clearinghouse ([www.fatherhood.gov](http://www.fatherhood.gov)), social media platforms, and products written to advance the fatherhood field. Topics will range from non-traditional recruitment activities to group facilitation keys to improve retention rates among fathers in program.

**PRESENTER:** **Patrick J. Patterson, MSW, MPH with James Worthy**  
*Fairfax, Virginia*

**TITLE: Fatherhood Program Building, A 2- Generational Approach**

**DESCRIPTION:** This workshop is about fathers creating and running their own program in addition to coping with the changing demographics of servicing younger and younger fathers. To accommodate this, Community Fathers Inc. has developed a two-generational approach to the overlooked adolescent pregnancy problem caused by the early puberty crisis. By creating a "Young Father's Home Visitation Program" and a "Retired Fathers Corps", we team fathers who are now retired from the workforce to mentor young fathers under age 21. This approach helps the continuity of experience in the community and allows the elder wisdom to be passed on to the next generation of fathers that will continue to eradicate fatherlessness.

**PRESENTERS:** **Walter Simpkins**  
*Schenectady, New York*

**DC Dunkel**  
*Schenectady, New York*

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**TITLE: What Really Goes into Child Support Calculations?**

**DESCRIPTION:** The presenter will explain the laws and circumstances that must be considered when calculating support [in California]. It will confirm or dispel myths about how custody and visitation changes the dynamics, and if support is calculated fairly whether you are the mother or the father.

**PRESENTER:** **Selis Koker**  
*Rancho Cordova, California*

**TITLE: From a Fatherless to a Father-full Society**

**DESCRIPTION:** With one out of every three children living apart from their fathers, our society is during a fatherhood crisis. Many researchers assert that negative outcomes for children correlate more strongly to “fatherlessness” than to any other variable. Yet, when people speak of “responsible fatherhood” it is usually about “deadbeat dads” who must “man up” and pay their child support. While there are dads who are disengaged from their children’s lives by choice, this is a largely exaggerated notion. The fact is that there are innumerable men who would want nothing more than the opportunity to parent their children, but are hindered by a gate-keeping mother or hostile human service or family court system. We will explore the implications of father absence on children, mothers and communities. Strategies for engaging fathers will also be discussed toward the noble end of achieving a father-full society.

**PRESENTER:** **Jason Vitello**  
*Aurora, Colorado*

**TITLE: Community Driven Development Involving Corporations and Nonprofit Organizations**

**DESCRIPTION:** Organizations dedicated to meet the needs of released offenders are in what is often referred to as the prisoner reentry industrial complex. The efforts of currently available support organizations fall short of demand. Most prison and reentry programs do not have the capacity to provide culturally responsive programs that address the varied needs of formerly incarcerated individuals, such as housing, finances, employment, family reunification and physical and mental health conditions (Western et al., 2001, p. 45). Investing in community driven re-entry programs is a critically, socially responsible and ethical decision (Clyde & Karnani, 2015; Pelozo & Shang, 2010) appropriate to the vision and mission of corporate social responsibility (CSR) programs and community-based organizations (CBO). The purpose of this workshop to identify a management model on how CSR programs and CBOs can play a role in providing for the self-sufficiency and developmental success of their people returning from incarceration.

**PRESENTER:** **Charles L. Perry, MPA**  
*Washington, District of Columbia*

**TITLE: Engaging Fathers as Stakeholders in their Children’s Academic Achievement**

**DESCRIPTION:** The workshop presents an inside look and brings to the forefront some of the most pressing issues surrounding the challenges and biases around fatherhood engagement and the families

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who are at risk of being marginalized because of economic obstructions and focuses on the need to reaffirm the advantage of fathers inside the family arrangement. Workshop will also include recommendations on how fathers can encourage and motivate their children to develop positive values, achieve and reach their potential and conveys an approach for fathers and educators to appreciate the value of each other's position as stakeholders in children's academic lives, while being committed to meticulous relationship structure that has become a crucial part of tomorrow's youth development. The workshop includes recommendations for school leaders, educators, policymakers, community stakeholders, parents, families and others concerned about the state of fatherhood engagement in academic settings.

**PRESENTER:** **Dwayne Meeks**  
*Denver, Colorado*

#### **TITLE: Recruiting a Diverse Group for Research with Nonresident Fathers**

**DESCRIPTION:** Family scholars often lament the difficulty of recruiting fathers to participate in research studies. It has been noted that this task is particularly difficult when seeking to recruit a diverse sample of nonresident fathers. This workshop will share resources with participants for successfully engaging and recruiting nonresident fathers into a research study without using mothers as the primary source of entry into the family system. The strategies that will be explored in the workshop are those that were employed to recruit nonresident fathers into the "Engaging Nonresident Fathers in Family Centered Practice Project," a qualitative needs assessment of nonresident fathers in North Carolina. Fathers in the study ranged in age from 22-66 and included men from different racial/ethnic backgrounds and differing socio-economic statuses.

**PRESENTER:** **Qiana Cryer-Coupet**  
*Raleigh, North Carolina*

#### **TITLE: Project Re-creation a Tool for Fathers and Their Youth**

**DESCRIPTION:** Fathers want their children to become happy, healthy and successful adults. We currently have scores of youth who have the cognitive potential to be successful adults, but are not. Many of our youth are not transitioning into successful adults because they lack the skills to deal with their personal, family, peer, community and institutional challenges. Project ReCreation is a tool fathers can use to guide their youth in acquiring the attitudes, beliefs, values, perceptions and behaviors necessary to reach their worthy life goals and dreams. Because Project ReCreation utilizes original music and videos as textbooks, it is entertaining and very engaging. Fathers can use Project ReCreation's projects, discussion questions and activities to interact with their youth in a meaningful way to discover, own and personalize the tools their youth needs to transition into a happy, healthy and successful adult.

**PRESENTER:** **Dr. Ricardo McKinney**  
*Victorville, California*

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**TITLE: Started Young and Growing Wise Beyond My Years**

**DESCRIPTION:** Parenthood is a blessing whether it happens “old” or young. However, there are massive responsibilities that are accelerated when our boys and girls become young parents. This session engages our boys with adult-spirited dialogue to showcase why their roles are important no matter what their background. Participants will learn the truth about manhood and how manhood is not physical, but mental and spiritual. Participants engage within small groups and share meaningful perspectives while creating action plans for their situations. This session will teach practical business concepts and leadership techniques. The participants will utilize their strengths while exposing their insecurities in a healthy manner while learning to face their fears.

**PRESENTERS**     **Howard Lee, III**                     **Miquel Jackson**  
*Dubuque, Iowa*                                     *Dubuque, Iowa*

**ANNUAL DR. RAMON AND DR. YOLANDA NIEVES FAMILY AFFAIR GALA & AWARDS  
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**6:00P.M.                     OPEN NETWORKING & RECEPTION LIVE JAZZ ENTERTAINERS**

**6:30P.M.                     DINNER & AWARDS: FLAMENCO PERFORMERS**

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- FAMILY OF THE YEAR
- LEADER OF THE YEAR

**8:30P.M. TO 11:30P.M.**

Dance Instruction 101- Dancing for all: Salsa, Merengue, Danza, Plena, Bomba, Bachata and Cha-Cha with a Mix of Neosoul



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#### **POST-CONFERENCE SPECIALITY ADVANCED PRACTICE TRAININGS**

##### **TITLE: Fatherhood Life Coach Certification: Part 1:20 for New and Advanced Coaches**

**DESCRIPTION:** Why are Evidence-Based programs-practices-models important? Practicing effective skills working with individuals should not be taken lightly. Fathers & Families Coalition of America, in collaboration with Life Impact, LLC, have developed the first Fatherhood Focused Life Coach certification. We ensure to deliver culturally appropriate, effective and sustainable practices that are a good fit for the targeted fathers and families being served by our diverse graduates. This dynamic and cutting-edge program is rooted in standards based on proven strategies and evidence-based interventions. Over the program training, we have woven the Fatherhood Practitioner Credential by Fathers & Families Coalition of America, Trauma Informed Care training by FFCA and inclusion of the Seeking Safety Model with a business development plan wrapped around a Transformational Coaching Training.

The coaching-centered training is approximately 20 hours of training with a continuum of over 60 hours of training and practicum. Life Impact has created training from three nationally recognized life coach training of trainers that include: Coach Training Alliance, \*(CTA) Relationship coaching with Relationship Coaching International \*(RCI) and certification with New Life Story, Mentoring Wellness Mindsets Coaching as developed by Dr. David Krueger, M.D. \*(MentorPath).

The unique strategy for this life coaching certification program goes deeper with trauma informed care evidence-based training, motivational interviewing training, emotional intelligence training and more for a comprehensive blueprint of coaching training infused into this program to focus on the needs of fathers, children and families. The program takes the Ecological Perspective, Family Systems, Strength-Based, Resilience Model and Empowerment practitioner strategies to advance skills as a Fatherhood Life Coach.

Participants will receive: The Fatherhood Practitioner Credential, Impact Shift Personal Growth Training and Trauma Informed Care training; Resource Guides; Participant Manual-Workbooks; access to all training videos and DiSC profile with detailed report.

**PRESENTER: FATHERS & FAMILIES COALITION OF AMERICA & LIFE IMPACT, LLC**

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**TITLE: Nurturing Fathers Curriculum: Training for New/Advanced Practitioners**

**DESCRIPTION:** The Nurturing Father's Program is recognized by SAMHSA National Registry of Evidence-based Programs and Practices as a proven effective curriculum that teaches nurturing attitudes and skills to men. What the research says: The overwhelming conclusion from the large amount of available research and evidence is that children and families greatly benefit from the presence and participation of a Nurturing Father. Specifically, "participants in The Nurturing Father's Program improved in their understanding of the developmental capabilities of children, improved in ability to demonstrate empathy towards the needs of children, improved in the reported use of alternate strategies to corporal punishment, increased understanding and acceptance of the needs of self and children, and increased in the value placed on children feeling empowered". ("Parental Attitudes and Behavior of Participants in The Nurturing Father's Program", Daire A.P., Greenidge, W.L., & Johnson, N.M.). In a separate research study, these outcomes were validated for African-American, Hispanic and Caucasian fathers. What the NFP graduates say: "...a fantastic journey/ education into learning healthy fathering". "...the most valuable tool for me and my family's success and unity". "Forget all the books, audio, and what your family and relatives have said and take this course." "This program really changed my life."

**What I say: "Every child deserves a Nurturing Father!"**

Attendees will receive a meaningful and memorable learning experience to become a Nurturing Fathers Program Facilitator!

**PRESENTER: NURTURING FATHERS PROGRAM**

**TITLE: Prep Version 8.0: Relationship and Marriage Curriculum Training**

**DESCRIPTION:** The PREP Approach is based on research in the field of relational and marital health and success over the past few decades, with much of the specific research conducted at the University of Denver since 1980 when The Center for Marital and Family Studies was opened. Drs. Markman, Stanley, Rhoades and Blumberg, as well as a host of colleagues and research assistants, have been studying what happy couples do right and what unhappy couples do wrong, for decades.

One focus of this work has been how to take this information and teach couples the skills and attitudes associated with relational success. Because of its roots in sophisticated research and an engaging approach, PREP has received a great deal of attention from couples, religious leaders, marriage counselors and the media (including segments on Oprah, 20/20, 48 Hours, NPR, and many others, and including articles on PREP in The New York Times, The Los Angeles Times, The London Times, USA Today, Health Magazine, Redbook, Psychology Today, Readers Digest, The San Francisco Chronicle, Parade Magazine, The Wall Street Journal, etc.).

Most people desire a satisfying relationship that lasts a lifetime. On average, people who are in a committed relationship such as marriage live longer, have better health and do better financially (see Waite & Gallagher, 2000). Yet, couples marrying today still have about a 50-percent chance of getting divorced (Raley & Bumpass, 2003). What starts out as a relationship of great joy and promise can become the most frustrating and painful endeavor of a lifetime. The damaging effects of destructive marital

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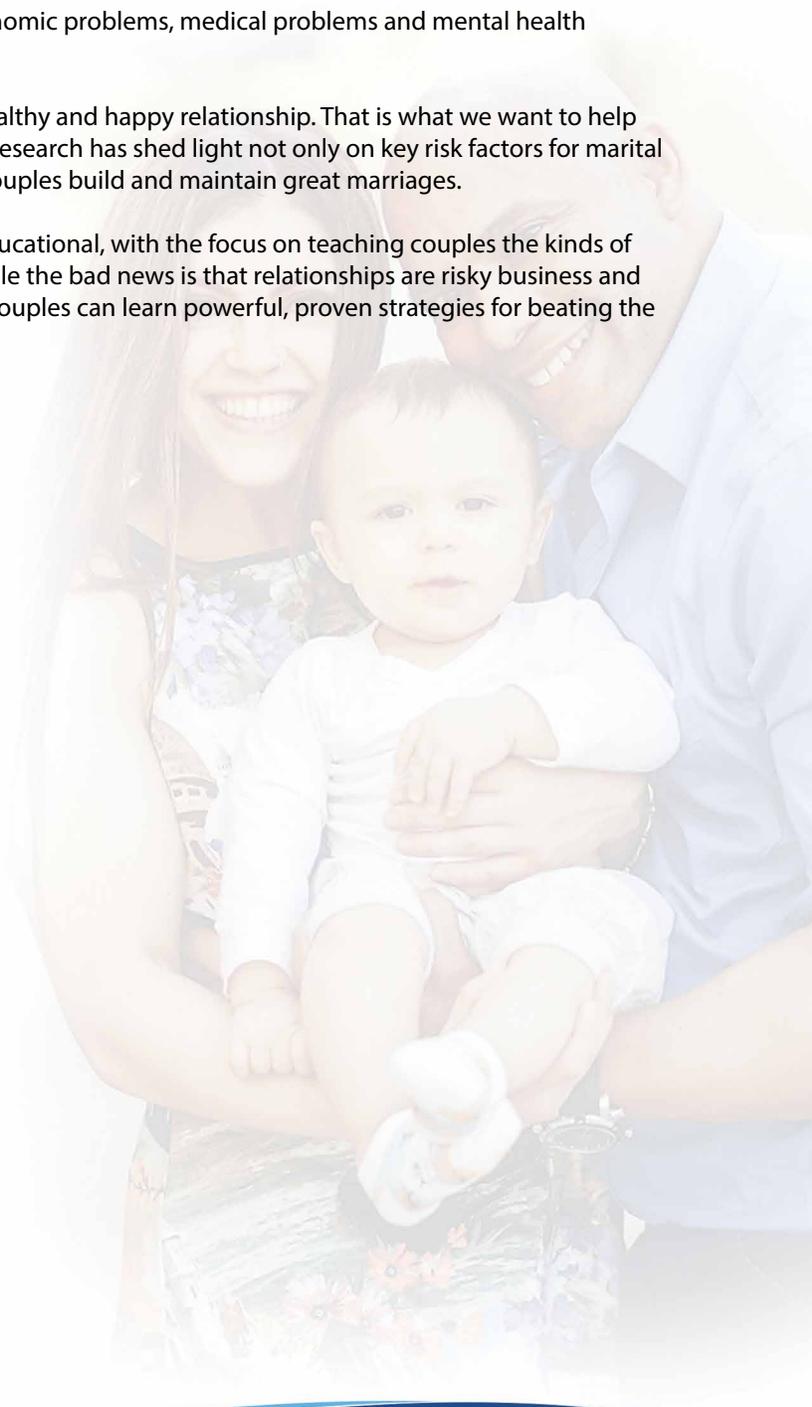
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conflict and divorce on spouses and children include economic problems, medical problems and mental health problems.

The best of all options is to be securely committed in a healthy and happy relationship. That is what we want to help couples do. And while there is much more to be learned, research has shed light not only on key risk factors for marital failure, but also on the most promising avenues to help couples build and maintain great marriages.

The learning model employed in the PREP Approach is educational, with the focus on teaching couples the kinds of attitudes and actions that make for relational success. While the bad news is that relationships are risky business and the costs of failure are staggering, the good news is that couples can learn powerful, proven strategies for beating the odds.

**PRESENTER: PREP, INC.**



### EVENT HIGHLIGHTS

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#### CONFERENCE REGISTRATION:

We thank you for your interest in participating at our conference! FFCA has an online Conference Registration/Enrollment system. Below is the fee schedule of the entire event. Extra fees will be included, depending on your choices in the conference registration form.

#### **WHAT IS INCLUDED IN FULL CONFERENCE REGISTRATION?**

Morning Talk Sessions, Afternoon Specialty 3.5-hour Sessions and Afternoon Workshops

#### **WHAT IS INCLUDED IN ONE-DAY REGISTRATION?**

Fees vary based on day of enrollment for Morning Talk Sessions, Afternoon Specialty 3.5-hour Sessions and Afternoon Workshops

#### **SELECTING ONLY PRE-CONFERENCE DAY (MONDAY, FEBRUARY 19, 2018)?**

You must include a One-day registration fee with the fee of the training program

#### **SELECTING ONLY POST-CONFERENCE DAY (FRIDAY, FEBRUARY 23, 2018)?**

You must include a One-day registration fee with the fee of the training program

#### **SELECTING FROM BOTH PRE- AND - POST CONFERENCE TRAININGS?**

You must select a full-conference registration fee

#### **SELECTING AS AN EXHIBITOR?**

This is for a one (1) six-foot skirted table. If you have a large display and it consumes two spaces, then two exhibiting fees will be assessed. The registration is for one (1) person only.

#### **SELECTING A BAG INSERT EXHIBITOR OPTION?**

This is for one product no bigger than 8.5 x 11 sized insert or other products.

#### **ATTENDING OUR GALA?**

We are going to have a powerful gala with speakers, performers, couples, fathers, families and leaders. New 2018! We are keeping our event ticketing pricing less than the host hotel dinner charges to stay in the Federal per diem meal rates with speakers for an allowable program. MORE.... we have created a 50% discount for children under 13-years of age of guest and/or attendees. STILL MORE... We will have a Latin Dance; therefore, we have special international dancing instructors to help you dance the after awards night away.

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**RATES ENDING DATES**

	<b>EARLY</b> 1/21/18	<b>REGULAR</b> 2/14/18	<b>LATE</b> 2/19/18
Full Conference Attendance Registration	\$329	\$359	\$429
One Day Attendance Registration	\$159	\$179	\$229

**PRE-CONFERENCE PROGRAMS: FEBRUARY 19, 2018** + Full Conference or One-Day Registration  
Fees do not vary based on date of enrollment

- 1. Fatherhood Practitioner: \$160
- 2. Youth Development & Resiliency Credential: \$125
- 3. Marriage Assessment Certificate Training: \$125

**POST-CONFERENCE PROGRAMS: FEBRUARY 23, 2018** + Full Conference or One-Day Registration  
Fees do not vary based on date of enrollment

- 1. Fatherhood Life Coach Certification 20-Session Program: \$1979
- 2. Nurturing Fathers Program Curriculum Training of Trainers: \$269
- 3. PREP Version 8.0 Relationship Program Curriculum Training of Trainers \$300

**EXHIBITOR FEES:**

	<b>EARLY</b>	<b>REGULAR</b>	<b>LATE</b>
One table with one individual's registration	\$350	\$400	\$500
Bag Insert (one-item)	\$169	\$189	\$229

**ANNUAL GALA & AWARDS:**

	<b>EARLY</b>	<b>REGULAR</b>	<b>LATE</b>
Adult age 14 and over	\$39	\$49	\$79
Children under 13 are reduced rate	\$19	\$19	\$39

**REGISTRATION PROCESS:** Registrant must select either "full or one-day" registration attendance to select the additional activities (pre-conference items or post-conference items). It is required to register for one of those two options.

**Required on-line registration:** FFCA **does not** use a paper registration form, please go to our website <http://fathersandfamiliescoalition.org/conferences/special-2018-national-families-fathers-conference-fee/quick-registration.html>

**Limited in-house registration:** Government entities can receive purchase order(s) approved by Alfie Tarazon and/or for those groups that need to use an in-house registration process.

**Hotel Room Reservation Information:** <https://www.starwoodmeeting.com/events/start.action?id=1706308418&key=4AF442F>

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