

TUESDAY, APRIL 8, 2025 DAY-AT-A-GLANCE

• MORNING SCHEDULE

7:00 AM - 8:25 AM

- **Day 1 Theme:** "Inspiring Connections: Building Bridges through Relationships"
- **Morning Coffee & Networking Break: Early Riser Session**
- **Conference Registration Open**

Locations: International Ballroom, Pacific Ballroom Expo Hall, Registration Area (Second Floor)

8:30 AM - 10:20 AM

Welcome Address

Dr. Alicia L. Jackson
Coordinator of Clinical Services and
Research Coordinator, Office of
Counseling Services, Florida A&M University
2025 Director of the Conference Program

Opening Day Moderator

Thao Vanessa Tran
Founder & CEO
Ditox - Scroll Better
Melbourne, Australia
**Executive Fellow, Fathers
and Families
Coalition of America**

SPEAKERS:

Opening Remarks

Ms. Rhonda Stewart Jones,
LCSW-C, LICSW
Founder, About Face Consulting,
Alexandria, Virginia

Morning Closing Address

Dr. James C. Rodriguez, MSW
Founder, President, and CEO of Fathers and
Families Coalition of America
Los Angeles, California

Keynote Presentation

Mr. Tom Krause
25-time Contributing Author, Chicken
Soup for the Soul Themes: "Be Yourself,"
"Believe in Yourself," and "Go for Your
Dreams" Nixa, Missouri

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10:15 AM - 10:45 AM

Expo Networking

Location: Pacific Ballroom Expo Hall

• MID-MORNING WORKSHOPS

10:45 AM - 12:00 PM

- **Girl Dad: A Daughter's Perspective** - Madeline Anderson
- **Amplify the "voice" of Black fathers in Maternal Health** - Dr. Tasha Alston, Ph.D., MSW
- **Family Digital Well-being Planning Workshop** - Thao Vanessa Tran
- **Thriving Families through Connected Couples** - Celina Andersen-King, LCSW
- **Better Together - Co-Parenting Evolved** - Terron Edwards
- **Role of Fathers and Their Mental Well-being** - Dr. Ovet Chapman, Ph.D.
- **Fatherhood Reentry: A Collaborative Approach** - Tammika Fedrick, Oliver Walmon, Robert Batts III
- **Redeeming the Fatherless Heart** - Darron Hilaire Jr.
- **Engaging Families: Reading, Racial Equity, and Relationships** - Dr. Rhonda Hall, Linda Vincent

Locations: Various Rooms (La Jolla A, La Jolla B, Carmel, Los Angeles AB, Los Angeles C, Newport B, Newport C, Marina, TBD)

• EARLY AFTERNOON WORKSHOPS

1:45 PM - 3:00 PM

- **Empowering Fathers for Positive Child Development and Risk Reduction** - Alexander Schwarz
- **Fathers Soaring to New Heights - Workforce Development Programming** - Katrina Johnson
- **The Invisible Parent: Helping Fathers to Be Seen in Society** - Dr. Laura Borland
- **What Fatherhood Programs Are Missing** - Dr. John Van Epp, PhD., LMFT
- **Utilizing a Father Support Network to Change the Narrative** - Juan Solis
- **Getting Things Right from the Beginning** - Dr. Gloria Andrade
- **Maintaining Family Ties During Incarceration** - Megan Gallio
- **Best Practices for Building and Sustaining Father Engagement** - Dr. Nicole Scott
- **Engaged Fathers: A Public Health Support** - Dr. Khalid White

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• LATE AFTERNOON WORKSHOPS

1:45 PM - 3:00 PM

- **Debt-Free Dreams: Avoid the Debt Trap** - LaTanya Stewart, MAFM
- **Building Relationships That Last** - William Shackelford
- **Empowered Fathers: Reducing Maternal Mortality Together** - Ambrial Ugoji, MSW; Ashley Torres; Tatiyana Stubbs
- **Azhé'e Bidzill (Strong Fathers): Improving Outcomes Among Rural Fathers** - Tiffani Begay, MPH; Jeremy Begay
- **The Dads Life Plan** - Chaz Cohens
- **Fostering Cultural Diversity and Family Connections in the Classroom** - Dr. Kamiesha Vann
- **Is Your School Father Friendly?** - Keith Schumacher
- **Lead with LOVE** - Marlin Lynch III
- **Helping Returning Fathers Reintegrate into Their Communities** - Larry Smith

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• LUNCHEON KEYNOTE

12:00 PM - 1:30 PM

Dr. John Van Epp, PhD., LMFT

Building Bridges from Churches to Community Marriage
and Fatherhood Initiatives

Location: International Ballroom

• AFTERNOON SCHEDULE

1:30 PM - 5:00 PM

Afternoon Check-In & Support

Location: Pacific Ballroom Expo Hall

3:00 PM - 3:30 PM

Afternoon Coffee & Networking Break

• EVENING SCHEDULE

5:00 PM - 7:15 PM

Bishop Henry Hearn and Dr. Chacko Abraham

Men2Men Cafe - Defining Our Purpose

Location: La Jolla A

Rhonda Stewart Jones, LCISW

Women2Women Cafe - Breaking the Cycle of Trauma

Location: La Jolla B

SCHEDULE AT-A-GLANCE April 8-11, 2025

26th Annual Families and
Fathers National Conference

📍 Hilton Los Airport Hotel
5711 West Century Boulevard
Los Angeles, California 90045

Arrive early to enjoy networking opportunities and meet with teams from around the globe!

