



***Fathers and Children Together:
2 Generations, 1 Future***

**March 13 - 15, 2019
Springfield Sheraton Monarch Place
Springfield, MA**

Welcome!

Welcome to the twentieth annual New England Fathering Conference, *Fathers and Children Together: 2 Generations, 1 Future*. We are excited and proud to celebrate our 20th anniversary, inviting dads, family service providers, social workers, health professionals, educators, program directors, state and federal representatives, father advocates and other stakeholders to participate in two and a half days of learning and sharing. The best formula for raising healthy, happy children is parents working together to meet their needs. As in the past, the conference features a talented, diverse array of speakers and presenters who will inspire and challenge us. We encourage you to share this brochure with colleagues and friends. We look forward to seeing you in March – *Happy Anniversary NEFC!!!!*

SPECIAL CONFERENCE FEATURES

Keynote Speakers

Wednesday, March 13, 2019

Anne Mosle

Anne Mosle is a vice president at the Aspen Institute and executive director of Ascend at the Aspen Institute. She is a leading thinker, advocate, and voice in building pathways to opportunity for low-income families and women. With more than 20 years' experience in policy and philanthropy, Anne has been recognized as Washingtonian of the Year, Ms. Magazine Woman to Watch, and as Visionary Philanthropist. She is also an author of *The Shriver Report: A Woman's Nation Pushes Back from the Brink*. In her current role, she directs Ascend, the national hub for breakthrough ideas and collaborations that move vulnerable children and their parents towards educational success and economic security. Ascend has been a national leader in catalyzing a two-generation approach to breaking the cycle of poverty. Under Anne's leadership, Ascend has launched a national values-based fellowship program and is investing \$1.5 million in promising programs and policy solutions. In all its work, Ascend engages the voices of families and diverse leaders.



Prior to the Aspen Institute, Anne served as a vice president and officer of the W.K. Kellogg Foundation (WKKF), where she was on the executive team and oversaw \$140 million in investments. In addition, Anne led the creation of WKKF's Family Economic Security portfolio, and managed their civic engagement portfolio and the launch of their mission-driven investing program. Before joining WKKF, she served as the president of the Washington Area Women's Foundation, spearheading seven years of unprecedented growth. She was also the lead architect of their nationally recognized Stepping Stones initiative to build the financial independence of women and families. Earlier in her career, Anne served as senior vice president at the Center for Policy Alternatives, developing leadership and policy programs for state elected and community leaders. She has organized major summits at The White House and 10 Downing Street as well as numerous state and community forums. Anne serves on the Advisory Committee of the Oxford University Saïd School of Business and on the National Trustees Council of America's Promise.



Keynote Speakers

Thursday, March 14, 2019

Elaine Zimmerman

Elaine Zimmerman is the Region I Administrator for the Administration of Children and Families, representing the six states of New England. Her agency oversees work in child support, child care, refugee resettlement, child welfare, TANF, youth homelessness and runaways, family economic stability, and early childhood development, and other human service innovations. Prior to this, she served as the Executive Director of the CT Commission on Children where she designed state children's initiatives and crafted model policy to improve child outcomes. Her expert trend analysis, constituency development, and strength in framing issues assisted in the passage of several laws supporting children. Ms. Zimmerman brings in broad and unexpected stakeholders to child policy discussion and ensures family engagement and broad public access to information. Ms. Zimmerman created the Parent Leadership Training Institute to assure parents were an active and informed constituency for children. For this work, she was given the *Good Housekeeping Award for Women in Government*. Nationally, she was the past Staff Chair to the Human Services Committee of the National Conference of State Legislators (NSCL) for all fifty states and serves on NCSL's policy committee on food and hunger. She also serves on the Nemours Foundation Board and the Pew Home Visitation Advisory Committee.



Friday, March 15, 2019

Richard Feistman

Richard Feistman is the National Director of Evaluation at Teach Plus, a national non-profit that empowers teachers to lead improvements in policy and practice. Prior to his current position, he worked in the Research, Evaluation, and Policy division of the Center for Collaborative Education. Richard is an educational leader and mixed-methods researcher with expertise in program evaluation, data management, statistics, and family science. Working at the national, state, and local level, he has led, evaluated, and published on several projects in the realms of school improvement, family and community engagement, family-life education, employment and engagement of teen fathers, and Title I related school programming. Richard's work is informed by his experience as a teacher and consultant within the New Hampshire Department of Education, the New York City public schools, and University of Missouri Extension. He earned a B.A. in Psychology from Columbia University, an M.A. in Social Studies Education from Teachers College, Columbia University, and a Ph.D. in Family Studies from the University of Missouri.



Dads' Stories

Dads from across New England will talk about their involvement with, and commitment to, their children...a wonderful opportunity to hear directly from dads!

Raffle Prizes

Throughout the two and a half days, cool stuff will be raffled off – will you have the winning ticket?!

Explore the Area

Information will be available about local options for dining and entertainment to help you enjoy the Springfield area.

Resources

Shop our selection of books on fathering and family development as well as children's books with dad friendly themes available onsite. Also, various organizations will offer free information and materials about their programs and services in the **NEFC Resource Hall**.

Systems Roundtables

During the afternoon of Day One, representatives from the various systems that interact with dads and their families will provide state-specific information about topics such as child support, custody, re-entry and child welfare. Learn about the relevant laws, policies and procedures for your state.

Health Fair

We are pleased to offer a Health Fair, where conference participants can receive free blood pressure screenings and have basic health questions answered by qualified medical practitioners.

Hotel Room Reservations

The Conference will take place at the **Springfield Sheraton Monarch Place**, conveniently located at One Monarch Place, Springfield, Massachusetts. **A block of rooms has been reserved for March 12 - 15 under the name "New England Fathering Conference."**

Please contact the Springfield Sheraton directly at **1-413-781-1010** for reservations or use the link provided on the NEFC website. **Be sure to mention that you would like a room under the "New England Fathering Conference" block.**

Group rates are **\$109.00/night + 13.45%** hotel tax for a single or double. **The deadline for room reservations at the conference rate is Tuesday, February 26, 2019.**

To book online, click on the Sheraton link on the NEFC website at www.nefatheringconference.org



Conference Registration

PLEASE REGISTER ONLINE AT WWW.NEFATHERINGCONFERENCE.ORG

ALL ATTENDEES MUST REGISTER ONLINE

WE ARE UNABLE TO ACCEPT MAIL-IN OR FAXED REGISTRATION FORMS

REGISTRATION DEADLINE: MARCH 1, 2019 * ALL FEES ARE NON-REFUNDABLE

REGISTRATION CATEGORIES

Agency Staff:	A person attending on behalf of their federal/state/nonprofit/for-profit agency
Individual:	A person attending who is not representing a particular agency
Student:	A person currently enrolled as a college or post-graduate student. <i>A current .edu email address must be provided at time of registration, and a valid student photo ID is required at check-in.</i>
Program Dad:	A person participating in a parenting/fatherhood program. Attendance is sponsored by the agency offering the program, all fees paid by the agency.

REGISTRATION FEES

Early Bird Registration

(now through January 31, 2019)

Agency Staff: \$250.00

Individual: \$250.00

Fees must be paid at time of registration in order to get this rate!

Registration (Feb. 1 – Mar. 1, 2019)

Agency Staff: \$300.00

Individual: \$300.00

College/Graduate Student Discount Rate (now through March 1, 2019): \$150.00

In order to get this rate, a student must enter a valid .edu address at time of registration, pay the fee by March 1, 2019 and show a valid student id at event check-in.

Scholarships for Program Dads: \$75.00

Program dads must be accompanied by staff from the sponsoring agency in order to take advantage of this discount rate. PAYMENTS MUST COME FROM SPONSORING AGENCY, BY AGENCY CHECK OR CREDIT CARD.

Agencies must pay the fees by the registration deadline in order to get this rate. If payment is not received by the deadline, the sponsoring agency is responsible for payment at full price of \$300.00 per program dad registration.

Agency Scholarships will be offered for the first 75 Program Dads registered!

Discount for Agencies for the first 75 registrations for program dads that are paid in full by the registration deadline: \$50.00

Staff from the sponsoring agency must accompany program dads in order to receive this scholarship rate.

PAYMENTS MUST COME FROM SPONSORING AGENCY, BY AGENCY CHECK OR CREDIT CARD.



Conference Registration, continued

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NASW CONTINUING EDUCATION UNITS (CEUS) FOR LICENSED SOCIAL WORKERS:

The Massachusetts Chapter of the National Association of Social Workers has approved **Continuing Education Units (CEUs)** for this event. If you are interested in receiving CEUs you must sign up and pay when you are completing the online registration. **The fee is \$25.00 and is nonrefundable.** Payment for CEU fees will not be accepted at the event.

PAYMENTS:

During the online registration process you will have the option to pay by credit card or pay by invoice. If you choose the "pay by invoice" option, you must pay by agency check or money order.

All payments must be received by the identified registration deadline. This means if you register for the "Early Bird" rate, you must pay by January 31, 2019 in order to receive the discount.

Personal checks will not be accepted.

An agency may write one check or make one credit card payment for all registered staff and/or program dads (including payment for CEUs if applicable), but you must submit a registration for each attendee when you are online at: www.nefatheringconference.org

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Questions about Registration?

Please contact Diana DiTunno at
(860) 424-5997 or diana.ditunno@ct.gov

ACCOMMODATIONS:

The NEFC will do our best to fulfill requests for reasonable accommodations. Please note individual needs (accessibility requirements, etc.) when you register.

If you require an interpreter for the hearing impaired, please send email to daniel.lewis@state.ma.us by Friday, January 25, 2019. Requests made after January 25, 2019 may not be able to be met.



Conference Schedule

Tuesday, March 12, 2019

5:00 – 7:00pm Early Registration

Wednesday, March 13, 2019

7:30am Registration/Breakfast
8:15am Welcome/Acknowledgements
8:45am **Dads' Stories**
9:15am **Keynote Speaker: Anne Mosle**
Vice President, Aspen Institute
10:00am Questions/Discussion
10:15am *Find Your Workshop!*
10:30am **Workshops Session A**
12:30pm Lunch
1:30pm **Resource Hall Networking**
2:15pm *Find Your State Roundtable!*
2:30pm **Roundtables: A Focus on Systems**
4:30pm Day One Ends

Thursday, March 14, 2019

7:30am Registration/Breakfast
8:15am Welcome/Acknowledgements
8:45am **Dads' Stories**
9:15am **Keynote Speaker: Elaine Zimmerman**
Regional Administrator, ACF Region I
10:00am Questions/Discussion
10:15am *Find Your Workshop*
10:30am **Workshops Session B**
12:30pm **Lunch**
1:30pm **Resource Hall Networking**
2:15pm *Find Your Workshop!*
2:30pm **Workshops Session C**
4:30pm Day Two Ends

Friday, March 15, 2019

7:30am Registration/Breakfast
8:00am Welcome/Acknowledgements
8:15am **Keynote Speaker: Richard Feistman**
National Director of Evaluation, Teach Plus
9:00am Questions/Discussion
9:15am *Find Your Workshop!*
9:30am **Workshops Session D**
11:30am Conference Ends



Workshops

During the “Call for Papers”, we asked presenters to tell us who their target audience is in case people are having a hard time choosing and want to attend a session that is focused on their work or parental role or both! Presenters choose from: direct service providers, supervisors, or fathers/family men. The target audience is listed under “who should attend” for each workshop below. Please note, workshops are subject to change.

Workshops: Session A

Wednesday, March 13, 2019 10:30am – 12:30pm

TITLE: *Personal Narratives: PeaceLove Mandala Poetry*

DESCRIPTION: This dads-only workshop will provide fathers with the opportunity to leave their mark on the 2019 New England Fathering Conference. Dads will share their journey to and through fatherhood using expressive arts through the creation of mandalas and poetry.

PRESENTER(S): Haley Gerstein & Ken Findlay

WHO SHOULD ATTEND: DADS

TITLE: *2Gen Together: Supporting Dads’ Economic Success and Children’s Wellbeing*

DESCRIPTION: What is a “2Gen Approach” to working with fathers and their children to promote family success in work and school? The workshop introduces a two-generational approach for programs helping fathers in their efforts to work and care for their children. 2Gen program models and best practices are provided.

PRESENTER(S): Josephine Hauer

WHO SHOULD ATTEND: PROVIDERS

TITLE: *“Family Matters”: Community Strategies for Serving Families Impacted by Incarceration*

DESCRIPTION: This program shares its community centered approach to working with families impacted by incarceration, exploring “vicarious incarceration” (levels of impact that incarceration has on the family) and its impact on children and families. We will discuss unique methods of prevention & intervention to prepare incarcerated men for re-entry in the areas of responsible & co-parenting.

PRESENTER(S): Karla Walker & Richard Claytor

WHO SHOULD ATTEND: ALL

TITLE: *Regenerative Fatherhood: Nature’s Lessons For Growing a Strong and Resilient Family*

DESCRIPTION: We can learn a lot about parenting from nature. Learn how ecological principles work as guides to parenting. Explore the power of growing food with your children. Leave with new parenting skills and some new gardening skills.

PRESENTER(S): Brian T Clark

WHO SHOULD ATTEND: DADS

TITLE: *The Levels of Response to Traumatic Events (L.O.R.T.E) Model*

DESCRIPTION: The Levels of Response to Traumatic Events (L.O.R.T.E) workshop will demonstrate how this model has equipped fathers in prison to see themselves as their children see them; As well as to reconnect with their children using truth, and support without guilt and shame.

PRESENTER(S): Joyce Dixson-Haskett & TeLisa Richardson

WHO SHOULD ATTEND: PROVIDERS



Workshops: Session A (cont.)

Wednesday, March 13, 2019 10:30am – 12:30pm

TITLE: *Trafficking and Exploitation of Youth: Keeping Kids Safer*

DESCRIPTION: This workshop will provide fathers and service providers the foundation to understanding and defining human trafficking and exploitation of minors; identify vulnerabilities that create risk; and learn to create opportunities for prevention and safety planning.

PRESENTER(S): Christine Keys

WHO SHOULD ATTEND: ALL

TITLE: *Stop Fighting the False War Between Manhood & Fatherhood*

DESCRIPTION: As men we were taught a certain skillset to be successful. However, those skills were inadequate to master the intricacies, ambiguities, and challenges of relationships, communication, and connection. This workshop fills in those gaps and gives dads the tools they need to feel more empowered and confident.

PRESENTER(S): Isaac Kenny Benjamin

WHO SHOULD ATTEND: DADS

TITLE: *Educating, Motivating and Empowering Young Fathers*

DESCRIPTION: This workshop will help directors and community leaders as well as supervisors understand and recognize the value of investing in teen fathers in order to help them develop healthy relationships with their children's mothers, their families and their communities.

PRESENTER(S): Saleh Hanaif & Geraldo Roberson

WHO SHOULD ATTEND: PROVIDERS

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Workshops: Session B

Thursday, March 14, 2019 10:30am – 12:30pm

TITLE: *Not the Babysitter: Fatherhood Myths and Dad Realities*

DESCRIPTION: Fathers are presented as deadbeats, babysitters or untouchable superheroes, but what are the actualities? Are the stereotypes based in facts or are the myths we are presenting only telling half the story? This workshop will present the facts; banish the myths, so we can all live the reality of Dad.

PRESENTER(S): Janis Lilly

WHO SHOULD ATTEND: ALL

TITLE: *Hungry for Love: Father/Daughter Relationships Feeds Body Positivity*

DESCRIPTION: In this interactive workshop, we will explore the role of fathers and their influence on their daughter's mental health and well-being. You will gain skills to foster attachment with your daughters through the area of play and learn approaches to promote body positivity, while fostering open paternal communication skills.

PRESENTER(S): Haley M. Scott & Timothy T. Boyd

WHO SHOULD ATTEND: ALL



Workshops: Session B (cont.)

Thursday, March 14, 2019 10:30am – 12:30pm

TITLE: *Fatherhood, Masculinity, and the #MeToo Movement*

DESCRIPTION: Men's role in the #MeToo Movement as fathers of daughters and sons, and as romantic partners of women, is rarely discussed. In this session, we will talk about healthy models of masculinity and means of having conversations with kids of all ages about respect and consent.

PRESENTER(S): Kari Adamsons & Shannon Weaver

WHO SHOULD ATTEND: ALL

TITLE: *Brain Building in Children: It's all About Play!*

DESCRIPTION: You are your child's first teacher, and of course, you want to set them up for success. In this workshop, we'll explore how to enhance their play with language, music, books, and toys - giving them the best start possible and preparing them to be successful, life-long learners.

PRESENTER(S): Tina Toran

WHO SHOULD ATTEND: DADS

TITLE: *Applying Two-Generational Approaches: Tips from the National Responsible Fatherhood Clearinghouse*

DESCRIPTION: Join us for an interactive discussion on ways in which lessons learned from implementing two-generational (whole family) approaches can be applied in responsible fatherhood programs. Presenters will also share tips and information on National Responsible Fatherhood Clearinghouse resources to help fatherhood programs better engage and serve fathers and children.

PRESENTER(S): Eugene Schneeberg

WHO SHOULD ATTEND: ALL

TITLE: *Parenting Styles : Identifying Risks and Opportunities*

DESCRIPTION: In order to enhance a child's emotional, medical, academic, psychological and physical health, it's vital to comprehend those parenting choices that may hinder and those that may improve the positive outcomes we would like to see. This engaging workshop will explore the risks and benefits of four distinct parenting styles.

PRESENTER(S): Shari Doherty & Donna Linder

WHO SHOULD ATTEND: ALL

TITLE: *Intersection of Equity, Disparities and the Multi-Dimensions of Engagement*

DESCRIPTION: Workshop will focus on engagement strategies, barriers and issues related to disparity. Participants will have opportunity to explore how to support dads and family men in their efforts to interact with education, medical, behavioral health and child welfare systems. Participants will also be invited to create a plan to implement the strategies to create environments that value dads and family men.

PRESENTER(S): Alice Farrell

WHO SHOULD ATTEND: ALL



Workshops: Session B (cont.)

Thursday, March 14, 2019 10:30am – 12:30pm

TITLE: *Fathers: The Art of Volunteering!*

DESCRIPTION: This workshop seeks to help fathers and male mentors realize the importance of volunteering in schools and communities and the benefits that come with it especially on the path to being role models.

PRESENTER(S): Kwasi Ntem Mensah

WHO SHOULD ATTEND: ALL

TITLE: *Fathering Extra-Ordinary Children*

DESCRIPTION: Children with disabilities and those with exceptional ability need increased guidance and support from the men in their lives. Fathers must understand and accept their role and how to access needed resources, especially for their extra-ordinary children who need more care and nurturing than the typical child.

PRESENTER(S): Stanley N. Bernard

WHO SHOULD ATTEND: ALL

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Workshops: Session C

Thursday, March 14, 2019 2:30pm – 4:30pm

TITLE: *Dealing with Obstacles and Struggles as a Perinatal Dad!*

DESCRIPTION: The perinatal period is for Dads too! Explore with a group of fatherhood workers, ideas, strategies and materials that have been used to support fathers in the perinatal period.

PRESENTER(S): Alberto Roman & Edwin Castro

WHO SHOULD ATTEND: PROVIDERS

TITLE: *Identifying and Working with Parents with Cognitive Limitations*

DESCRIPTION: Parents with cognitive limitations may experience difficulty in such areas as planning, judgment and regulation of emotions. In this session providers will learn about challenges facing, and strategies for working with, parents experiencing these issues to better assist them to be more successful in their parenting role.

PRESENTER(S): Christine Keys

WHO SHOULD ATTEND: PROVIDERS

TITLE: *"Tre', Maison and Dasan": Supporting Father/Child Connections During Incarceration*

DESCRIPTION: "Tre', Maison, Dasan" is an award winning, feature 1 1/2 hour- documentary about three boys growing up, each with a parent in prison. The screening of the 1 1/2 hour film, will be followed by a facilitated discussion in small-break out groups to discuss support systems for children of incarcerated parents.

PRESENTER(S): Denali Tiller & TeLisa Richardson

WHO SHOULD ATTEND: ALL



Workshops: Session C (cont.)

Thursday, March 14, 2019 2:30pm– 4:30pm

TITLE: "For the love of my child"- Dads as Parent Leaders

DESCRIPTION: Dads do what's necessary for the love of their child. Service Providers will experience and learn from Parent Leaders: Effective strategies of engaging fathers at home and in community; the impact of two-generational leadership practices on the family; Positive policy and program outcomes for children and families.

PRESENTER(S): Patti Keckeisen & Melvette Hill

WHO SHOULD ATTEND: ALL

TITLE: *Superdad Starts with a Vision*

DESCRIPTION: There are competing demands for your and your child's attention...school, sports, playdates, family time, etc., make prioritizing stressful. How do you determine what's most important? In this workshop, activities and discussions help you decide. And we give you the tools to make sure the most important things get done.

PRESENTER(S): Haji Shearer

WHO SHOULD ATTEND: DADS

TITLE: *Confronting Cyberaddiction: Unplugging Teens From Their Screens*

DESCRIPTION: This workshop will utilize exercises, discussion, and lecture to examine the impact that social media and technology have on adolescent identity development, coping, self-esteem, communication and attention, and to learn strategies for helping your teens develop improved awareness and patterns of use.

PRESENTER(S): Jessica Fortunato

WHO SHOULD ATTEND: ALL

TITLE: *Working With Fathers In Recovery From Addiction (SUD)*

DESCRIPTION: The Fatherhood Project's Dads In Recovery (DIR) program is a systematic approach to working with parents in recovery from substance use disorders. This session provides an overview of the DIR evidence-based curriculum, findings from our research project and practical tips for working with SUD populations.

PRESENTER(S): John Badalament & Dr. Raymond Levy

WHO SHOULD ATTEND: PROVIDERS

TITLE: *Dedicated Dads Making A Difference- Vermont Style*

DESCRIPTION: A Dads' Group is a unique place where men create a welcoming place to define what it means to be a dad. Participants will come together to connect with each other, reflect on their past experiences and learn new tools to parent their children.

PRESENTER(S): Josh Miller

WHO SHOULD ATTEND: DADS

TITLE: *Healthy Father-Child Attachment: Lifelong Opportunity for Healing and Growth*

DESCRIPTION: This interactive workshop focuses on the vital importance of father/caregiver-child attachment, including intergenerational cycles. Barriers associated with gender, culture and trauma exposure will be addressed. Strategies for promoting and repairing attachment will be offered.

PRESENTER(S): John Engel

WHO SHOULD ATTEND: ALL



Workshops: Session D

Friday, March 15, 2019 9:30am – 11:30am

TITLE: *Bridging the Silos: Supporting the Educational and Health Needs of Fathers*

DESCRIPTION: Research has consistently shown that the educational, employment, and family engagement outcomes of fathers influence all members of the family system. This presentation will focus on how institutions can take simple and effective measures for improving the outcomes of fathers and indirectly improve outcomes for the entire family system.

PRESENTER(S): Richard Feistman

WHO SHOULD ATTEND: ALL

TITLE: *Culture of Poverty*

DESCRIPTION: This workshop will give you an insight into the culture of poverty. It will explore the types, characteristics, demographics, assumptions of poverty in communities. It will increase participant's self-awareness about classism and the culture of poverty.

PRESENTER(S): Zarin Kapur

WHO SHOULD ATTEND: ALL

TITLE: *BRO-moting Healthy Masculinity*

DESCRIPTION: From childhood, men are bombarded with ideas about masculinity and the characteristics needed to be a "real man." This workshop unpacks the cultural influences that shape ideas of masculinity.

PRESENTER(S): Deshaun Ferguson & Jasmine Torres

WHO SHOULD ATTEND: DADS

TITLE: *PeaceLove: Creative Calisthenics*

DESCRIPTION: PeaceLove is an expressive arts program designed to change how we think about mental health by helping participants find their voice, make meaningful connections, and discover new tools for wellness. PeaceLove supports frontline professionals to help them achieve improved mental health and better quality of life through artistic expression.

PRESENTER(S): Haley Gerstein

WHO SHOULD ATTEND: ALL

TITLE: *Supporting Fathers and Families through Healthy Relationship Education*

DESCRIPTION: This workshop offers interactive training on how human services providers and administrators who provide safety-net services can integrate healthy relationship education into their existing programming. This can help fathers and families develop core relational skills (communication, conflict resolution, parenting, and financial management) and through this education, reduce barriers to self-sufficiency.

PRESENTER(S): Robyn Cenizal

WHO SHOULD ATTEND: ALL



Workshops: Session D

Friday, March 15, 2019 9:30am – 11:30am

TITLE: *Daddy Issues: Providing Fair and Empathetic Services for Fathers*

DESCRIPTION: Biases can interfere with our ability to provide equitable and high quality support to those who need it. Because biases can be deeply ingrained, it can be difficult to recognize that changes in our approach are even necessary. This workshop provides the skills needed to empathize better with fathering clients.

PRESENTER(S): Nwando Ofokansi

WHO SHOULD ATTEND: PROVIDERS

TITLE: *Nurturing Fathers to the Next Level*

DESCRIPTION: This workshop will present an overview of the major issues that fathers face and will demonstrate how the Nurturing Fathers Program integrates support groups, parent child activities and counseling techniques to enhance services and programs for fathers.

PRESENTER(S): Richard Claytor & John O'Neil

WHO SHOULD ATTEND: PROVIDERS

TITLE: *Co-Parenting is not a Curse: Examining How to Effectively Communicate*

DESCRIPTION: This workshop will provide participants with tips and tools to support effective communication between parents. Identifying the opportunities and barriers to sustaining secure communication channels, while examining the risk and protective factors of healthy co-parenting relationships is necessary. Competence in this area is essential in maintaining healthy familial relationships.

PRESENTER(S): Rashanee Green-Younger & Jennifer Wilder

WHO SHOULD ATTEND: PROVIDERS

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