

Wisconsin Fatherhood Conference
The Father Factor: In Children, Families and Communities
March 7-8, 2003

Four Points Sheraton, Milwaukee Airport
Hosted by the Milwaukee Fatherhood Collaborative
www.milwaukeefatherhood.org

Who Should Attend: Everyone interested in collaborating to work with and for fathers.

Father and Families	Public Service Workers
Home Visitors	Educators
Health Care Providers	Human Resource Staff
Youth Workers	Psychologists
Human Service Professionals	Volunteers
Policy Makers	Attorneys and Paralegals
Religious Leaders	

Purpose:

- To raise awareness in Wisconsin of fatherhood issues.
- To strengthen and initiate local fatherhood programs.
- To share research done recently on the importance of fathers.
- To highlight work with fathers that takes place in Wisconsin.

Objectives:

- To promote an understanding of current and future fatherhood issues as viewed by regional and local perspectives.
- To increase the effectiveness of current programs for supporting fathers in their role as parents.
- Bring together families and professionals in Wisconsin.

Featured Guests

Joe Kelly

Joe Kelly, is Executive Director of Dads and Daughters®, the only national education and advocacy nonprofit dedicated to the father-daughter relationship. DADs provides tools to strengthen those relationships and to transform the pervasive messages that value daughters more for how they look than who they are. Kelly also serves as Publisher of Daughters™, For Parents of Girls, which DADs owns, and is the author of the best selling book, *Dads and Daughters: How to Inspire, Understand , and Support Your Daughter When She's Growing Up So Fast*, Broadway Books/Random House, 2002).

James McCullum

James McCullum is the Administration for Children and Families (ACF) Deputy Regional Administrator. In his capacity as Deputy Regional Administrator, Mr. McCullum provides executive direction, leadership and coordination to all ACF programs, financial operations and related activities in the Region. This includes implementation of national and regional

policies, procedures, as well as providing leadership to program managers and implementation of comprehensive and continuing programs of public service. The Region represents 22.8% of the nation's child support enforcement caseload and is responsible for 209 Head Start Grantees serving 141,577 children, 97 Early Head Start Grantees serving 7,797 pregnant women, infants, and toddlers and 82 Runaway and Homeless Youth Organizations.

Reverend LeHavre Buck

Reverend LeHavre Buck has been actively engaged in numerous activities associated with community, family, fatherhood, and spiritual development. Reverend Buck is the Shepherd of Triumph the Church and Kingdom Of God In Christ Congregation. Reverend Buck also writes a weekly column on Fatherhood for the Milwaukee Times Weekly Newspaper. He is the Coordinator of The Fatherhood Program for the YWCA of Greater Milwaukee, board member of the Bethesda Community Senior Center and a member of the Milwaukee Branch NAACP. Reverend Buck has been recognized and awarded for his volunteerism, in community leadership by the City of Milwaukee's honor and declaration of the "Reverend LeHavre Buck Day of Peace", The Milwaukee Times Black Excellence Award for Community Leadership 2001, and many other recognitions for his accomplishments. Husband of Barbara for 38 years, father of three wonderful children Curtis, Latrice, LeHavre and Grandfather of 12, Rev. Buck often states "He's just very thankful to be alive".

Friday, March 7, 2003

8:00 a.m. Registration/Continental Breakfast

8:30-10:00 a.m. Opening Plenary Session

Welcome: **Governor James Doyle** Invited

Opening Address: **Reverend LeHavre Buck**

Coordinator, YWorks Fatherhood Program YWCA of Greater Milwaukee

Workshops A 10:15 – 11:30 a.m.

A1. New Roles in Relationships

Reverend LeHavre Buck, Coordinator, Fatherhood Program, YW Works

This workshop will look at the new dynamics of roles and relationships between men and women, and how men act with the female family members.

A2. Courts, Corrections, and Resource Centers: Partnering to Prepare and Reconnect Families

Tonya L. Millard, Director Family Resource Center, Prairie du Chien, Wisconsin

Roger LeGrand, Family Court Commissioner, LaCrosse County Family Court

An innovative workshop, this session will engage participants in a discussion on how to build collaboration with correctional institutions and family court systems. The workshop will share curriculum, evaluation tools, and anecdotal stories and lessons learned while discussing the benefits of working together to support parents in complex situations.

A3. Your, Mine, and Ours: The Benefits and Problems of Having a Blended Family

Minister Cliff Taylor, COGIC Social Services

Learning to make the transition easier for the new father in an existing household, this workshop will address the following questions: How does a father gain the respect of his wife's children? Must the "ex" be included in the decision making

of the new spouse's home? Should the step-children call the new custodial father daddy? How can agencies help fathers in the Blended Family?

A4. A Policy Discussion of Fatherhood and Marriage Promotion

David Pate, Director of the Center On Fathers, Families, and Public Policy
Cara Gabor, Project Coordinator Center on Fathers, Families and Public Policy

This workshop will present a policy discussion of the reauthorization of the TANF legislation currently up for consideration before Congress.

A5. Calling All Dads: Creating and Sustaining a Successful Male Involvement Program. Part 1
Brian Benford, Founder, Wisconsin Fatherhood Alliance

Joe Robinson, Coordinator, Dane County Parent Council, Male Involvement Program

John Powell, Coordinator, Family Enhancement's Early Childhood Center's Fatherhood Project

This workshop will be given in two parts. One is a hands-on workshop to give proven strategies on creating and sustaining fatherhood programs; the second is a round-table discussion which will give participants a working knowledge on the formation of a new program. Resources on creating Fatherhood programs will be shared.

A6. Legislative Updates Affecting Families

Lisa Marks Deputy Director, Milwaukee County Department of Child Support and Enforcement

Workshops B 11:45 a.m. – 1:00 p.m.

B1. Daddy Be There: Becoming Effective Fathers and Mentors

Demetrius Brown, Program Specialist with the University of Wisconsin Extension
Department of Youth Development and 4-H Programs

This workshop will review how to introduce fathers to the innermost foundation of a child's developmental stages. It will provide ways to show fathers the best practical options and techniques to use when interacting with children that makes a successful father.

B2. Single, Custodial and Black Fatherhood

Dr. Roberta L. Coles, Assistant Professor Department of Social and Cultural Studies,
Marquette University

Findings from a qualitative pilot study of Black Custodial dads in Wisconsin focusing on the Milwaukee and Madison communities will answer the following questions: How does this group of fathers define their role as parent nurturer? Do the children benefit?

B3. Developing Healthy Attitudes and Fathering Skills for Male Nurturance After Prison or AODA Treatment

Patricia Gutierrez, BSW CADCI, Supervisor, Unlimited Potential –Wisconsin Correctional Service
Mark Natwick, BS, Group Facilitator, Unlimited Potential-Wisconsin Correctional Service

This workshop will help program staff who work with fathers and families of ex-offenders and fathers who had formerly had an addiction of some sort. It will demonstrate strategies to help this population of providers to develop and implement new programming ideas that increase the effectiveness of current programs for supporting these fathers in their role as parents.

B4. Calling All Dads (Please see A5 for workshop description. Part 2).

B 5. Machosimo and Fatherhood: Exploring the positive and negative of where it originated and how it affects fathering.

Ben Ortega, Director of Family Services La Causa Inc.

1:00 – 2:30 p.m.

Luncheon Greeting: **James McCullum**, Deputy Regional Administrator
U.S. Department of Health and Human Services Administration for Children and Families (ACF)

Luncheon Keynote Speaker: **Joe Kelly**, Executive Director of Dads and Daughters

Workshops C 2:45 – 4:00 p.m.

C1. Dads & Daughters

Joe Kelly, Founder and Executive Director of Dads and Daughters (DADs) of Duluth, Minnesota

This workshop will provide tools to strengthen the relationship between fathers and daughters, and transform the pervasive message that places the value of the daughter(s) more for how they look than for who they are.

C2. Collaborating With Your Local Child Support Agency

Jean Zawacki, Program/Policy Analyst, Lead Worker – Fatherhood and Non-Custodial Parent Programs, State Bureau of Child Support

A panel presentation by partners involved with local child support agencies in providing services to fathers/non-custodial parents. Existing projects will be highlighted and suggestions given on forming a successful cooperative relationship with your local child support agency.

C3. Policy Discussion of Fatherhood and Marriage Promotion (Please see A4 for workshop description).

C4. Turning It All Around: Facilitating A Fathering Class In Prison

Debra Mason, Facilitator, Family Resource Center Dad 'N Me sessions

Robin Bernhard, Assistant Director, Family Resource Center, Parent Educator

Crawford County Family Resource Center in Prairie du Chien, Wisconsin has been facilitating a fathering class at the Prairie du Chien Correctional Institution for the past five years. Come find out what makes this program valuable, keeps it strong and how to have fun while implementing it.

Workshops D 4:15 – 5:30 p.m.

D1. The Effect of Youth Violence on Our Future Generation of Fathers

Dr. Marlene Metzger Lange, Associate Professor of Pediatrics, Medical College of Wisconsin; Children's Hospital of Wisconsin Emergency Room Physician

Darryl Hall, Community Liaison, Project Ujima

The focus of this presentation will be on the effect of community and interpersonal violence on boys and teens. The presenters will discuss trends in youth violence both locally and nationally and will discuss the impact of youth violence on young men. In addition, the discussion will continue on the emotional, social and educational toll that violence creates for youth which impacts on future fathering.

D2. Turning It All Around: Facilitating A Fathering Class In Prison (Please see C4 for description).

D3. Paternity, Placement, and Permanence: Moving Towards Stability for a Child

Carolyn Lee, Site Manager, Wisconsin State Bureau of Milwaukee Child Welfare

Information will be presented on fatherhood as it relates to the child welfare system.

D4. Being a Father Is Being A Man!

David Brozovich, Leader Chairman, Milwaukee Mankind Project; Licensed Religious Counselor/Crisis Counselor, Task Force on Battered Women

This workshop will review how to implement some of the tools that are taught on the New Warrior Training Adventure. It will discuss how men have applied this knowledge of self awareness, integrity, and accountability to their families and everyday life.

5:30 – 7:00 p.m. Dinner and Networking and Entertainment

Milwaukee School of the Arts Jazz Band

Comedian Tyrone Dumas

Storyteller Tejumola Ologboni

Saturday, March 8, 2003 Family Day with Children

8:00 a.m. Registration and Continental Breakfast

8:30 – 9:30 a.m. Motivational Speaker: **Keith Murphy**

News Director/Producer, Co-host Morning Magazine 1290 WMCS

Workshops E 9:45 – 10:30 a.m.

E1. “Daddy Be There” (Please see B1 for details) Adults only.

E2. Understand the Child Support Process Adults only.

A panel presentation regarding the child support process, issues, roles and responsibilities. Participants will be given the opportunity to ask questions and it is hoped that common misconceptions can be corrected, and concerns regarding the child support process can be relieved.

E3. Developing Healthy Attitudes (Please see B3 for details) Adults only.

E4. Family Resource Center Activity Room/Child Care Available (Must pre-register.)

Volunteers will staff the activity room for youth and children activities during the conference.

Activity leaders will be staff from various Family Resource Centers and other Family Agencies.

Workshops F 10:45 -11:30 a.m.

F1. Live Away Dads. Adults only.

William C. Klatte, The Parenting Network; Psychotherapist and Social Worker

Author of Live Away Dads: Staying a Part of Your Children’s

Lives When They Aren’t A Part of Your Home (Penguin 1999)

This workshop will address those issues surrounding dads when they are not a part of their child’s household. It will develop strategies for implementation to increase the effectiveness of programs for supporting fathers in their role as parents.

F2. Hands to Help, Not to Harm. Adults only.

Jennifer Horth, PACE Program Director, Association for the Rights of Citizens with Handicaps

Dean Opicka, PACE Program Assistant, Association for the Rights of Citizens with Handicaps

This workshop presumes that being a parent is the greatest but toughest job in the world. It will show participants how to handle frustrations while keeping both the parent and child safe and healthy. You can do it! Come and learn how!

F3. Health: Healthy Mind + Healthy Body = Healthy Father = Healthy Child. Adults only.

Robert “Clarence” Jones, Community Outreach Director, Southside Community Health Services, St.

Paul, Minnesota National Practitioners Network for Fathers & Families (NPNFF)

This presentation will take a look at health issues and other issues that impact health and answer questions on how fatherhood programs can collaborate with other medical agencies to assist fathers in being proactive about their health and the health of their children.

F4. Family Resource Center Activity Room (See E4 above for details)

11:30 a.m. – 1:00 p.m. Family Style Luncheon

Family Lunch with Family Resource Center Staff Speaking.
Sara Scott Middle School Gospel Choir & Praise Dancers.

1:15 – 2:45 p.m. Conference Closing Plenary Session

Awards and Closing Remarks

Registration Form

Mail Registration and payment to:

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Milwaukee, Wisconsin 53209
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Organization _____

A block of rooms is being held at the Four Points Sheraton, Milwaukee Airport.
For reservations call 414-481-8000.
Four Points Sheraton, Milwaukee Airport
4747 South Howell Avenue, Milwaukee, WI 53207
Rooms are \$90.00 per night for a single, double, triple or quad.

Payment Information (Check all that apply):

- Friday Only \$90.00 (Lunch & Dinner included.)
- Saturday Only: Dad's Day Special \$50.00 for Adults (Meals included)
Teens (13-19 years) \$25
Families of Four \$75 (\$10 for each additional child)
- Two-Day Conference \$125.00 (Meals included)
- Childcare needed (no cost, but you must pre-register) (Saturday only)

A limited number of scholarships are available.

Please make checks payable to: Milwaukee Fatherhood Collaborative

Cancellations: No refund will be made for cancellations.

Registrants will be responsible for the full fee, or Registrants may send a substitute in your place.

For any questions, **please call Sherry Hill at 414-445-7588.**

CONFERENCE CHILDCARE

Childcare will be provided on a
FIRST COME FIRST SERVE BASIS
for children between 3 to 12 years of age.

All children MUST BE PRE-REGISTERED to participate.

There is an enrollment limit of 60 children.

To pre-register and confirm availability please call 374-0109.

If you are interested in having a table display at the conference, limited space is available, at \$50.00 per table. For more information regarding exhibits please contact: Sherry Hill, P. O. Box 090973, Milwaukee, Wisconsin 53209, 414-445-7588.

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Please register at your earliest convenience. Thank you!