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Summit on Fatherhood and Health of Boys & Men

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## DAY 1 - FATHERHOOD SUMMIT  
**Saturday, March 24**

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| 9:00 - 9:30 a.m. | Overview: Federal Initiatives on Fatherhood and Male Involvement  
Dr. Regina James, Acting Associate Professor, Clinical Research & Data Management,  
National Institute on Minority Health and Health Disparities  
David De la Cruz, PhD, MPH, Acting Director, Division of Healthy Start and Perinatal Services |
| 9:30 - 10:00 a.m. | Opening Plenary  
*The State of the Responsible Fatherhood Field: “Where Have We Been and Where Are We Going”*  
Dr. Jeffrey Johnson, President/CEO, National Partnership for Community Leadership |
| 10:00 - 11:00 a.m. | Behavioral Health Issues in Boys and Men  
Roland Thorpe, PhD, Associate Professor, Health, Behavior & Society; Director, Program for Research on Men’s Health; Deputys  
Director, Hopkins Center for Health Disparities, Omega Psi Pi Fraternity, Brother You Are On My Mind Mental Health Initiative  
Robert Fairchild, International Chairman, Omega Psi Pi Fraternity, Fatherhood Mentoring Initiative |
| 11:00 - 11:15 a.m. | Break |
| 11:15 a.m. - 12:15 p.m. | Fatherhood: Perspectives from the Field  
Panel of Healthy Start Fatherhood Program Managers from urban and rural communities discuss successes, challenges and outcomes of working with a variety of fatherhood programs serving diverse populations across the country.  
Rashid Mizell, Johns Hopkins Medical Center, St. Petersburg, Florida  
Ashoria “Bo” Torres, Strong Beginnings, Michigan  
Sekou Olney, Community Service Council, Tulsa, Oklahoma |
| 12:15 - 12:30 p.m. | Break |
| 12:30 - 1:30 p.m. | Networking Luncheon | Regency BCD Ballroom Level |
| 1:30 - 2:00 p.m. | Boys and Men Health | Columbia  
Jeanne Bonhomme, MD, Founder, National Black Men’s Health Network; Assistant Professor, Morehouse School of Medicine |
| 2:00 - 2:30 p.m. | The Gabe System: An Innovative Approach to Preconception Care and Health Promotion for Young Black Men | Capital A  
Justin Kramer, Research Study Director, Boston University School of Medicine |
| 2:30 - 3:00 p.m. | The Truth About Fatherhood: A Holistic Perspective from the Inside Out | Congressional A  
Chandra Pitts, President & CEO, One Village Alliance |

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Lee Warner, MD, MPH, Chief, Women’s Health and Fertility Branch, Division of Reproductive Health,  
Centers for Disease Control and Prevention |
| 9:30 - 10:30 a.m. | Fatherhood and Violence Prevention and Impact of Personal Decisions  
Stephanie E. Myers, PhD, Co-Founder & National Co-Chair of Black Women for Positive Change |
| 10:30 - 10:45 a.m. | Break |
| 10:45 - 11:15 a.m. | The Development and Home Environments of Low-Income Hispanic Children: K-3 Grades  
Christina Padilla, MPH, PhD Candidate, Department of Psychology, Georgetown University,  
Child Development & Social Policy Lab Child Trends |
| 11:15 - 12:00 p.m. | Fatherhood, Violence Prevention and Impact of Personal Decisions  
Stephanie E. Myers, PhD, Co-Founder & National Co-Chair of Black Women for Positive Change |
| 12:00 - 1:00 p.m. | Networking Luncheon | Regency BCD - Ballroom Level |
| 1:00 - 1:30 p.m. | Traditional Lakota Perspectives on Child and Family Health  
Donald Warner, MD, MPH, Chair, Department of Public Health, North Dakota State University |
| 1:30 - 2:30 p.m. | Investments in Boys – Lifetime Impact on Children and Families: Panel and Interactive Town Hall Response  
Andre Perry, PhD, David M. Rubenstein Fellow, Metropolitan Policy Program, Brookings Institution; Janabu Williams, PhD, New Jersey Schools Educator, International Director, Phi Beta Sigma Fraternity, Sigma Beta Club Mentoring Initiative;  
Ralph E. Johnson, PhD, Alpha Phi Alpha Fraternity, Inc.; Jason Perry, Author, Oaktree Publications |
| 2:30 - 3:00 p.m. | Often Impactful, Often Neglected: Masculinity, Men’s Health, and their Fatherhood Role  
Derrick M. Gordon, PhD, Assistant Clinical Professor of Psychology in Psychiatry, Yale University School of Medicine and The Consultation Center; Director of Research, Policy & Program on Male Development, Division of Prevention and Community Research, Yale University School of Medicine |
| 3:00 - 3:45 p.m. | Panel: National Healthy Start Dads Matter Initiative  
Summit Sustainability – Advocacy for The Future  
Men’s Health Network, HRSA, Engaged Dads and Boys |
| 3:45 - 4:00 p.m. | Wrap-Up and Q&A |
| 4:00 - 4:30 p.m. | Maryland Corporate Sponsorship Program  
SunTrust Bank |

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Dr. Regina James serves as the Acting Associate Director for Clinical Research & Data Management in the Office of the Director at the National Institute on Minority Health and Health Disparities. In this capacity, she is working with intramural and extramural staff to establish a clinical trials database, research monitoring policy, and research resource toolkit to facilitate monitoring and reporting of NIMHD clinical research and clinical trials. She is also representing the Minority Health and Health Disparities NIH Precision Medicine Initiative (PMI), and co-chair for the Community Engagement/Health Disparities NIH PMI Working Group.

David S. de la Cruz, PhD, MPH
Captain, United States Public Health Service, Acting Director, Division of Healthy Start & Perinatal Services, Maternal & Child Health Bureau, National Center for Health Resources & Services Administration, is the Acting Director in the US Department of Health and Human Services’ Health Resources & Services Administration, Maternal and Child Health Bureau’s Division of Healthy Start and Perinatal Services. Dr. de la Cruz also serves as Principal Staff and Designated Federal Official to the Secretary of the Department of Health and Human Services’ Advisory Committee on Infant Mortality. Dr. de la Cruz leads in the development of policies, procedures and guidelines affecting the Division of Healthy Start and Perinatal Services, the Maternal and Child Health Bureau, and the Health Resources & Services Administration. He manages a system for the process of solicitation, review and award of grants to demonstrate a program of health, psychosocial, education, and related services to reduce infant mortality and disparities in perinatal health.

Dr. Jeffrey M. Johnson, is President and CEO of the National Partnership for Community Leadership (NPCL), a national nonprofit organization whose mission is to strengthen the service capacity of nonprofit and community-based agencies to empower low-income parents and youth through innovative training techniques, effective program management tools, and evidenced based practices. As president of NPCL, Dr. Johnson has overseen the planning and implementation of two of the nation’s largest social welfare research projects involving men and fathers.

Since 1997, Dr. Johnson and NPCL convene an annual international fatherhood conference that attracts policy makers, family practitioners, and parents from every state in the country. He was also the visionary and national planning committee chair for the 100-year anniversary of Father’s Day.

Roland J. Thorne, Jr., PhD, MS, is an Associate Professor in the Department of Health, Behavior, and Society, Founding Director of the Program for Research on Men’s Health in the Hopkins Center for Health Disparities Solutions, and Deputy Director of the Hopkins Center for Health Disparities Solutions at Johns Hopkins Bloomberg School of Public Health. He holds a joint appointment in the Johns Hopkins School of Medicine, Department of Medicine, Division of Genomic Medicine and Genomics, and the Department of Neuroscience, and in the Undergraduate Program in Public Health Studies Program in the Johns Hopkins Krieger School of Arts & Sciences. He is a Faculty Associate in the Johns Hopkins Center to Reduce Cancer Disparities at the Johns Hopkins Bloomberg School of Public Health, Faculty Associate in the Johns Hopkins Center of Aging and Health at the Johns Hopkins School of Medicine, and a Faculty Associate in the Johns Hopkins University School of Nursing Center for Innovative Care in Aging. Dr. Thorne is also a Visiting Research Fellow at Duke University’s Center on Biobehavioral Research on Health Disparities. Dr. Thorne is a social epidemiologist and gerontologist whose research agenda focuses on understanding how key social determinants of health such as race, socioeconomic status, and segregation affect health and functional outcomes among men across the life course.

Robert Fairchild, Chairman, International Fatherhood and Measuring, Omega Psi Phi Fraternity, Inc. is a retiree from the Xerox Corporation. He earned his Bachelor of Music Education at Lincoln University and a Masters of Business Administration from Golden Gate University. Mr. Fairchild is also a retired Colonel in the U.S. Army, serving as an Army Officer with tours in Germany, Viet Nam and various locations around the U.S. Mr. Fairchild has also worked as Musical Director for the Tidewater Virginia, and has been the Board of Directors of the William P. Robinson Scholarship Foundation, President of the Tidewater Chapter of the Corporate Few, President of the Naval Amphiibious Religious Advisory Council, President of Full Circle, Musical Director for the Armed Forces Mixed Chorus of Tidewater, President of the Washington Area Corporate Few Chapter, Chairman, Xerox Community Involvement Program, Secretary of the Omega Development Corporation and Member of the National Black Leadership Roundtable.

Rashid Mizell, Community Health Worker with the Healthy Start Program at Johns Hopkins All Children’s Hospital for more than 12 years of experience working with males, fathers and families within the Johns Hopkins Bloomberg School of Public Health. He holds a 4-year Future Faculty Fellowship in the spring of 2017.

Kenneth Braswell is the Executive Director of Fathers Incorporated and has spent more than 27 years in the service of family and community. In 2004, he created Fathers Incorporated (FI) and has served as Executive Director since its inception. With national and international missions, the agency has provided capacity-building services to thousands of organizations working to ensure that fathers contribute to the healthy well-being of their children. Braswell also serves as the Director of the National Responsible Fatherhood Clearinghouse, an Office of Family Assistance (OFA) funded national resource for fathers, practitioners, programs/federal grantees, states, and the public at-large who are serving or interested in supporting strong fathers and families for which FI is currently the prime contractor. Braswell is a children’s book author, speaker, social entrepreneur, blogger and a documentarian filmmaker. He has been featured in CNN, PBS, Good Morning America, Ebony, Black Enterprise, and more. Fatherhood is not only his work, but his mission.

Jean J. E. Bonhomme, MD, MPH is the co-founder, manager and director of a community-based non-profit organization providing preventive health education in minority communities, providing HIV prevention education to the homeless, minority youth, African American churches in rural Georgia and in metropolitan Atlanta, women’s facilities and the handicapped since 1988. Bonhomme also provides anti-tobacco education to minority youth and group counseling to African American ty, African American churches in rural Georgia and in metropolitan Atlanta, women’s facilities and the handicapped since 1988. Bonhomme also provides anti-tobacco education to minority youth and group counseling to African American veterans, African American men’s crisis intervention, nonviolent conflict resolution, and entrepreneurship for minority youth. He Promotes prostate cancer awareness, involvement of fathers, violence prevention, and substance abuse awareness among African American youth and adults.

Justin Kramer is the Research Study Director for Boston University School of Medicine. Originally from Portland, Oregon, Justin earned his Bachelor of Sociology from the University of Portland and a Master of Teaching in Elementary and Early Childhood Education from the University of Portland. Justin spent three years working as an educator prior to enrolling at the University of New Hampshire and obtaining his Master of Sociology. Currently, he works for Boston University School of Medicine as a research study director with research interests focusing on racial/ethnic inequality and public health. Additionally, he attends Temple University (Sociology PhD) and was awarded a 4-year Future Faculty Fellowship in the spring of 2017.
Richard Claytor serves as the Director of Programs at the Family Nurturing Center of Massachusetts. From 1998-2015, Claytor was a Consultant/Program Manager at the Massachusetts Department of Revenue, Child Support Enforcement Division. There he was responsible for designing, developing and implementing an extensive array of services for low income fathers impacted by the child support system, including, serving as the Director of Fatherhood Initiatives for the child support agency. As the Community Relations Liaison for the Department of Revenue, Claytor continued in his efforts to establish strategic partnerships and participate in the formation of the Fatherhood Work Group, a collaboration of state agencies and service providers that coordinates training and information sessions across the state allowing employees from state agencies and local providers to network and learn about local initiatives.Claytor also developed strategic alliances that resulted in a continuum of services for noncustodial parents. The service delivery model called for parenting classes, court advocacy, employment and educational opportunities, and mental health services. The network of providers included state agencies, One Stop Career centers, local nonprofits and faith based partners in Boston.

Gary Vincent Thompson, MA, is the Family Health Services Fatherhood Coordinator for the Family Health Services (FHS) Division of the Alameda County Public Health Department. FHS is the largest division with more than 200 staff who work in three major programs, California Children’s Services (CCS), California Health and Disability Prevention (CHDP), and Maternal and Child Health programs. Thompson manages two MCHP programs, the Juvenile Probation Transition Center and Fatherhood Initiative, a recently created male staff unit that addresses the life skill needs of local fathers and their families. He is liaison to the Urban Male Health Initiative a prevention focused men’s health services collaboration and the Boys and Men of Color (BMoC) Leadership Table, a major city/countys system reforms platform that advocates for Alamedas County’s urban male families and fathers. Thompson is also one of the co-founders of the Fathers Corps, a learning community of male service providers which is administered in collaboration with First Five of Alameda County.

Estrella “Le‘a” Berry, MA, is the President/CEO, of REACHUP, Inc., a non-profit whose mission is to advocate for and mobilize resources to help communities achieve equality in healthcare and positive health for families. Ms. Berry is Affiliate Faculty, University of South Florida, College of Public Health, Department of Community and Family Health. She is Project Director and Principal Investigator for Central Hillsborough (Federal) Healthy Start and oversees 12 social service programs at REACHUP, Inc. Ms. Berry serves on the Boards of Hillsborough County Healthy Start Coalition, March of Dimes, Florida Bay Division and Florida Pregnancy-Associated Mortality Review. She has co-authored numerous publications including Healthy Start Program and feto-infant morbidity outcomes: Evaluation of program effectiveness and Community-Academic partnerships to reduce Black-white disparities in infant mortality in Florida. Committed to increasing health equity, reducing infant mortality and eliminating disparities, Ms. Berry is a voting member of the National Health Equity Institute sponsored jointly by PolicyLink and the University of South Florida, College of Public Health.

Jasmine Ward, PhD, MPH, CHES, is a certified health education specialist (CHES) with a Masters of Public Health degree and Ph.D. in Health Education from the University of Alabama at Birmingham and Tuscaloosa joint Doctoral program. She has over a decade of educational level public health practice, teaching, and research experience with leading public health institutions and community organizations in the United States. Ward currently serves as the Director of Health Studies at Texas Woman’s University and is the founder of Black Ladies in Public Health.

Renee Wilson, PhD, MPH, CN is an Assistant Professor at University of South Florida, Prior to obtaining her PhD in Public Health from the University of South Florida, she was employed as an epidemiologist with the Florida Department of Health and the Okaloosa County Health Department. In 2014, Dr. Wilson joined the OPH faculty as a tenure-track Assistant Professor in the Dept. of Epidemiology & Biostatistics and is currently the Director of Excellence in Maternal & Child Health and as a fellow in the Lawton and Rhea Chiles Center for Healthy Mothers and Babies. She is the Chair of the Chiles Center Data/Surveillance Committee and the local evaluation team for Healthy Start and the Male Engagement programs at REACHUP, Incorporated.

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Andre Perry is a David M. Rubenstein Fellow in the Metropolitan Policy Program at the Brookings Institution. His research focuses on race and structural inequality, education, and economic inclusion. Perry has been a founding dean, professor, award-winning journalist, and activist in the field of education. In 2013, Perry founded the College of Urban Education at Davenport University in Grand Rapids, MI. Prior to his stint in Michigan, he was an associate professor of educational leadership at the University of New Orleans and served as CEO of the Capital One-University of New Orleans Charter Network.

Jason L. Perry is founder and president of Oak Tree Leadership. Perry is an experienced minister, author and teacher with more than 40 years of experience establishing, leading and participating in mentoring programs for men and boys. He has served in several national- level leadership roles addressing issues surrounding youth, mentoring and leadership development. Mr. Perry possesses extensive experience both nationally and internationally as a conference and retreat speaker. Among the books he has written are: DisseRespect: getting and giving respect; dicedRespect in the Family; How Far Can You Go? Straight Talk About Sexual Purity and Dads and Diamonds are Forever.

Derrick Gordon, PhD, is an Associate Professor of Psychiatry (Psychology Section) and Child Study Center, Yale University School of Medicine and the Division of Prevention and Community Research. He serves as the Director of the Research, Policy and Program on Male Development at The Consultation Center and is a scientist in the Community Research Core of the Center for Interdisciplinary Research on AIDS (CIRA). Dr. Gordon’s work with men and families has and continues to focus on increasing their health and positive involvement in family and community life. His clinical work, research and consultation focuses on adolescent fatherhood, mentoring for adolescents who are gang involved, low-income fatherhood status, transitioning from prison to the community, the impact that access and use of preventive health care services have on community members, and understanding the interplay between poverty and stigma on the healthy development of individual and community life.

Dr. Ralph E. Johnson is a 1981 graduate of the University of Alabama, with a BS degree in Speech/Language Pathology. In 1982, he received his Masters degree in Student Personnel from Florida State University. He took his first professional position at the University of Arkansas in 1982, as Coordinator of Greek Affairs. In 1985, Dr. Johnson began a nine year tenure at the University of South Carolina as the Assistant Dean of Student Life and Director of Minority Student Affairs. In that capacity, he worked with over 3,000 African American students enrolled at USC and implemented several model programs that impacted minority student retention. He received his Ph.D. in Higher Education from the University of South Carolina in May of 1993. His dissertation, titled “Factors in the Academic Success of African American College Males,” garnered him the coveted Dissertation of the Year Award, given by the Southern Association for College Student Affairs (SACSA). From 1990 to 2010, he served as the Associate Dean of Students at the Johns Hopkins University and in 2010-2011, he completed a one-year term as the Interim Provost at the Washington Adventist University in Takoma Park, Maryland. He is now the Dean of the Center for Student Success at that same institution.

Janabo C. Williams was born in Newark and attended Montclair State University, graduating with a Bachelor’s degree in Sociology. He went on to attend Rutgers University where he graduated in 2009 with a Master’s in Public Administration/ Public Policy. Williams is currently matriculating at Montclair State University and he is an honors student in the universities Accelerated Educational Leadership Program. He will earn his 2nd Master’s degree in and his NJ Principal Certification in May 2018. Williams enjoys educating and empowering youth. He has worked with youth and families throughout his professional career and is currently a Special Education Supervisor in Paterson Public Schools. He also has extensive leadership and management experience and is the former Director of Residential Services for Youth Consultation Service of Newark, former Executive Director of Big Brothers Big Sisters of Metro Newark, former Associate Executive Director of the YMCA of Eastern Union County and the Director of Education for the Boys Club of NY. Williams is youth advocate and he spends countless hours creating policies that impact student achievement as Vice President of the East Orange Board of Education. Williams is currently the International Director of Phi Beta Sigma Fraternity Inc–Sigma Beta Male Mentoring Program.

Social Support Needs of Urban Fathers with Infants During the First Year
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