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FATHERS IN FOCUS • CONFERENCE TRACKS

Track 1: Co-Parenting



In this track, we focus on fostering healthy and cooperative co-parenting relationships. Sessions will explore effective communication strategies, conflict resolution techniques, and ways to prioritize the well-being of your children while navigating co-parenting challenges. Whether you're newly separated or have been co-parenting for years, these sessions will provide valuable insights and tools to help you and your co-parent work together more effectively.

Track 2: Relationship and Parenting Skill Building



This track is designed to help you strengthen your relationships with your children and partner. Sessions will cover topics such as building strong emotional bonds with your children, effective discipline strategies, and nurturing healthy relationships within your family. Whether you're a new parent or looking to enhance your parenting skills, these sessions will provide practical tips and advice to support you on your parenting journey.

Track 3: Child Support and Finances



Managing child support and finances can be challenging. In this track, we offer sessions that provide guidance on navigating child support agreements, budgeting tips for single parents, and strategies for managing financial responsibilities. Whether you're seeking advice on negotiating child support or looking for ways to improve your financial literacy, these sessions will provide valuable insights to help you make informed decisions.

Track 4: Custody Challenges



Custody arrangements can present unique challenges for fathers. This track offers sessions that address common custody issues, legal considerations, and strategies for advocating for your parental rights. Whether you're facing a custody battle or seeking to modify an existing arrangement, these sessions will provide valuable information and support to help you navigate the complexities of custody challenges.

Track 5: Mental Health

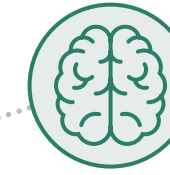


Maintaining your mental health is essential for being the best parent you can be. This track offers sessions that focus on mental health and well-being, including stress management techniques, coping strategies, and resources for seeking help. Whether you're dealing with stress, anxiety, or depression, these sessions will provide valuable insights and tools to help you prioritize your mental health.

Track 6: Justice-Involved Families



Navigating the justice system can be overwhelming, especially for families. This track offers sessions that provide guidance on supporting your family through legal challenges, understanding your rights, and accessing resources for justice-involved families. Whether you're dealing with incarceration, legal issues, or reentry, these sessions will provide valuable information and support to help you navigate this complex system.



FATHERS IN FOCUS

FRIDAY, OCT. 11, 2024 • MONONA TERRACE • MADISON

The Fathers in Focus Conference aims to serve as a pivotal platform for fathers across Wisconsin to converge, connect, and collectively address the challenges in their roles. This gathering is not just about discussion but about catalyzing real change and empowering fathers to play a more active and fulfilling role in their families and communities.

AGENDA AT-A-GLANCE

7:30–8:30 a.m.
Grand Terrace

Continental Breakfast and Networking

8:30–8:45 a.m.
Ballroom A & B

Opening Remarks and Welcome

DANIELLE HAIRSTON GREEN, Assistant Dean and Director, Human Development and Relationships Institute, University of Wisconsin–Madison Division of Extension
SOYEON SHIM, Dean, UW–Madison School of Human Ecology
KARL MARTIN, Dean and Director, UW–Madison Division of Extension

8:45–9:30 a.m.
Ballroom A & B

Keynote: Establishing Empathy as a Core Responsibility to Serving Families

KENNETH BRASWELL, Chief Executive Officer, Fathers Incorporated

9:45–10:45 a.m.
Hall of Ideas • Ballroom A

Concurrent Session 1 • Special Session A

11 a.m.–noon
Hall of Ideas

Concurrent Session 2

Noon–1:15 p.m.
Ballroom A & B

Lunch (noon) and Panel (12:30 p.m.)

MODERATOR: ALVIN THOMAS, Associate Professor, UW–Madison School of Human Ecology
SHON BARNES, Chief of Police, Madison Police Department
MIKE KOENIGS, Professor, UW–Madison Department of Psychiatry
JOE GOTHARD, Superintendent, Madison Metropolitan School District
SHANNON ROSS, Executive Director, The Community

1:30–2:30 p.m.
Hall of Ideas

Concurrent Session 3

2:45–3:45 p.m.
Hall of Ideas • Ballroom A

Concurrent Session 4 • Special Session B

4–4:45 p.m.
Ballroom A & B

Keynote: The Power of Presence: Redefining Fatherhood for the Next Generation

BRANDON FRAME, Founder and Chief Visionary Officer, TheBlackManCan, Inc.

4:45–5 p.m.
Ballroom A & B

Closing Reflections

ALVIN THOMAS, Associate Professor, UW–Madison School of Human Ecology



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