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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 quidance 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**

<b>7:30–8:30 a.m.</b> <i>Grand Terrace</i>	Continental Breakfast and Networking
<b>8:30–8:45 a.m.</b> 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
<b>8:45–9:30 a.m.</b> Ballroom A & B	Keynote: Establishing Empathy as a Core Responsibility to Serving Families KENNETH BRASWELL, Chief Executive Officer, Fathers Incorporated
<b>9:45–10:45 a.m.</b> Hall of Ideas • Ballroom A	Concurrent Session 1 · Special Session A
<b>11 a.m.–noon</b> Hall of Ideas	Concurrent Session 2
<b>Noon–1:15 p.m.</b> 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
<b>1:30–2:30 p.m.</b> Hall of Ideas	Concurrent Session 3
<b>2:45–3:45 p.m.</b> Hall of Ideas • Ballroom A	Concurrent Session 4 · Special Session B
<b>4–4:45 p.m.</b> Ballroom A & B	Keynote: The Power of Presence: Redefining Fatherhood for the Next Generation BRANDON FRAME, Founder and Chief Visionary Officer, TheBlackManCan, Inc.
<b>4:45–5 p.m.</b> Ballroom A & B	Closing Reflections ALVIN THOMAS, Associate Professor, UW-Madison School of Human Ecology



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#### CONCURRENT SESSIONS

#### TRACK KEY

- Track 1: Co-Parenting
- Track 2: Relationship and Parenting **Skill Building**
- Track 3: Child Support and Finances
- Track 4: Custody Challenges
- Track 5: Mental Health
- Track 6: Justice-Involved Families
- Special Session

#### **Concurrent Session 1**

9:45-10:45 a.m.

#### Better Together: Co-Parenting

**Terron Edwards**. Founder and Executive President, Fathers Making Progress Hall of Ideas E

#### The Paternal Parenting Style and **Effective Fatherhood Engagement**

Richard Ferrari Traner, Founder and Lead Trainer, Kulfau Professional Trainings, LLC

Earnest Goggins, Director of Fatherhood and Male Engagement Programs, The Parenting Network

Hall of Ideas F

#### Think Like a DJ: Seven Steps to **Spin Poverty into Prosperity**

Martinez White. CEO. Intuition Productions, LLC

Hall of Ideas G

#### Possession and Access

Tarold Taylor, Father and Entrepreneur Hall of Ideas H

#### Reconceptualizing Mentoring for **Mental Health and Wellness**

Jeremy Payne, Founder and Owner, My Black Carrot Mentoring Hub

Hall of Ideas I

#### Challenges and Triumphs of **Co-Parenting After Incarceration**

Anthony Cooper, CEO and Founder, Focused Interruption, Inc.

Hall of Ideas J

#### Special Session A

9:45-10:45 a.m.

#### What Do Wisconsin Fathers Need **Most? A Review of the Statewide** Fatherhood Needs Assessment

Adam Trunzo, Youth and Families Educator, UW-Madison Division of Extension

Ballroom A

#### **Concurrent Session 2**

11 a.m.-noon

#### Navigating Co-Parenting: Building **Bridges, Not Walls**

Otis Harris Jr., Founder and Chief Consultant, PushedN2Destiny Consulting, LLC Hall of Ideas E

#### WisconSibs: Helping Sisters and **Brothers of People with Disabilities**

Bill Grennell, Executive Director, WisconSibs Hall of Ideas F

#### • Making Meaningful Memories with Your Kids

Aaron Seligman, Editor and Publisher, MacaroniKid Madison

Hall of Ideas G

#### Leveling the Playing Field of **Justice Access Through Innovative Technology and Collaboration**

Alberto Prado. Outreach Coordinator. LIFT Wisconsin

Hall of Ideas H

#### Mental Flex: Meditation Training for Performance and Well-Being

Chad McGeehee, Director of Meditation Training, UW Athletics

Hall of Ideas I

#### • How Can We Help Each Other?

Christopher Zahn, ED2Recovery+ Program Coordinator, Wisconsin Voices for Recovery, UW-Madison Department of Family Medicine and Community Health

Hall of Ideas J

#### **Concurrent Session 3**

1:30-2:30 p.m.

#### • Who Do We Love?

Anthony Cooper, CEO and Founder, Focused Interruption, Inc.

Hall of Ideas E

#### Bonding with Baby: Promoting **Attachment Relationships Before** and After Birth

Geoffrey Brown, Associate Professor, University of Georgia

Hall of Ideas F

#### • Everlasting Connections: **Strengthening the Evolving Bond** with Your Child

Jamaal Eubanks. Founder and CEO. Eubanks Solutions, LLC

Hall of Ideas G

#### • Why Fathers Matter!

Brian Benford, Social Worker, UW-Madison Odyssey Project

Hall of Ideas H

#### Balancing Act: Prioritizing Physical and Mental Health as a Father

Shannon Reed, Research Coordinator, Medical College of Wisconsin

Hall of Ideas I

#### • Fathering After Incarceration

Joshua Johnson, Founder, Pardon Me! Hall of Ideas J

#### **Concurrent Session 4**

2:45-3:45 p.m.

#### Fathering Minds: Valuing Mental **Labor in Parenthood**

David Hilgendorf, PhD Student, UW-Madison Hall of Ideas E

#### The Present Parenting Passage

Andrew Ghelfi, Entrepreneur, Back2Basics Hall of Ideas F

#### Fatherhood Engagement in Schools

**Jerald Adams**, Family and Community Engagement Consultant, Milwaukee Public School System

Hall of Ideas G

#### Establishing a Healthy Relationship with Money

Joseph Conduah, Senior PMO Leader, CGI George Conduah. Director. ERP Business Systems, Madison College

Hall of Ideas H

#### Building a Healthy Community

Korbey White, Owner and CEO, See, Hear, Learn

Hall of Ideas I

#### Parenting While Incarcerated

**Adam Trunzo**. Youth and Families Educator. UW-Madison Division of Extension

Hall of Ideas J

#### Special Session B

2:45-3:45 p.m.

#### Clean Slate Wisconsin

Anthony Cooper, CEO and Founder, Focused Interruption, Inc.

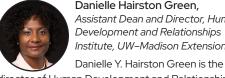
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Ballroom A

### GENERAL SESSION PRESENTERS

#### 8:30 a.m. | Welcome

#### **Opening Remarks**



Danielle Hairston Green, Assistant Dean and Director, Human Development and Relationships Institute, UW-Madison Extension

director of Human Development and Relationships Institute (HDRI) at the University of Wisconsin-Madison Division of Extension. She aims to enhance the well-being of individuals in resilient Wisconsin communities. Previously, she was the Extension state specialist for nutrition and childhood obesity at Prairie View A&M University. Hairston Green is active as chairperson of UW-Madison Extension's African American Employee Resource Group, 2nd VP of the Madison Alumnae Chapter of Delta Sigma Theta Sorority, Inc., and founder of Black and Brown Wisconsin. Her research focuses on mentoring doctoral students of color, microaggressions, and food insecurity among college students. She holds a PhD in educational leadership, a master's in community psychology, and a bachelor's in criminal justice from Penn State University.

Soyeon Shim, Dean, UW-Madison School of Human Ecology

Soyeon Shim has been dean of the School of Human Ecology (SoHE) at the University of Wisconsin-

Madison since 2012. She initiated a strategic plan to leverage the new Nancy Nicholas Hall, aiming to transform SoHE into a hub for interdisciplinary research and outreach. Shim led the All Ways Forward campaign, exceeding its goal by 150% and raising \$72 million, including 13 endowed chairs and 10 new graduate fellowships. Her research on consumer decision-making has garnered over \$1.5 million in grants. A decorated scholar, she has authored 120+ articles and holds the inaugural Elizabeth Holloway Schar Dean title. Born in Seoul, she holds degrees from Yonsei University and a PhD from the University of Tennessee.



Karl Martin, Dean and Director, UW-Madison Extension

Karl Martin is the dean and director of UW-Madison Extension. overseeing Extension programming

in the areas of agriculture, community development, health and well-being, human development and relationships, natural resources, and positive youth development. Before joining Extension, Karl was chief of the Wildlife and Forest Research Program with the Wisconsin Department of Natural Resources and an adjunct faculty member in UW-Madison's College of Agricultural and Life Sciences. Prior to that he was a forest research scientist based out of Rhinelander. He has a doctorate in forest ecology and a master's degree in wildlife science from Oregon State University and a bachelor's degree in wildlife ecology from UW-Madison.

#### 8:45 a.m. | Keynote

#### Establishing Empathy as a Core Responsibility to Serving Families



Kenneth Braswell. Chief Executive Officer, Fathers Incorporated Kenneth Braswell is a leader in advocating for responsible fatherhood, with a career focused

on strengthening families and communities. As CEO of Fathers Incorporated, he has made it a leading force in promoting father involvement, especially in African American communities. Braswell also serves as director of the National Responsible Fatherhood Clearinghouse, providing tools and support to fathers. He hosts the "I Am Dad Podcast," discussing the nuances of fatherhood. Recognized by Oprah Winfrey on the OWN Network, Braswell's impact spans 632 events in 33 states and five countries from 2011 to 2021.

#### 12:30 p.m. | Lunch Panel

#### Moderator



Alvin Thomas, Associate Professor, UW-Madison School of Human Ecology Alvin Thomas is a clinical

psychologist and assistant

professor of human development and family studies at the University of Wisconsin-Madison. His work focuses on the intersection of positive child and youth development and father involvement. particularly among Black children, fathers, and families. Through an ecological lens, his research addresses youth violence, fatherhood, parenting, race, and discrimination. Thomas's work has been recognized by the APA and other organizations. He also hosts the award-winning "Black Fatherhood Podcast," promoting and strengthening Black fatherhood.



Shon Barnes. Chief of Police. Madison Police Department Shon F. Barnes became Madison's chief of police in December

2020, appointed by the city's

Police and Fire Commission. Before this role, he was the director of training for the Civilian Office of Police Accountability in Chicago. Chief Barnes served as deputy chief of police in Salisbury, N.C. (2017-2020) and began his career as a patrol officer in Greensboro, N.C. A 2015 National Institute of Justice LEADS scholar, he focuses on innovative crime reduction. He holds a bachelor's in history/ pre-law, an master's in criminal justice, and a PhD in leadership studies. He also serves on the National Police Foundation's Council on Policing Reforms and Race



Mike Koenigs, Professor, UW-Madison Department of Psychiatry Mike Koenigs is a professor in the Department of Psychiatry at UW-Madison. The goal of his research

is to improve mental health care and promote well-being for individuals who are currently or formerly incarcerated. In this work, he collaborates with formerly incarcerated people in the community as well as with the State of Wisconsin Department of Corrections to conduct research in state prison facilities. Mike is the father of three boys, ages 4, 6,



Joe Gothard, Superintendent, Madison Metropolitan School District Joe Gothard, a Madison native, has over 30 years of experience in public education, serving

students, families, and communities. As a former teacher, principal, and superintendent, his career is dedicated to supporting youth from pre-K to 12th grade. Gothard's initiatives focus on early learning, literacy, equity, and career readiness. His leadership in opening diverse language programs and schools, such as the East African Elementary Magnet School, underscores his commitment to educational access and the well-being of children and families.



Shannon Ross, Executive Director, The Community Shannon Ross, raised on Milwaukee's north side, received a 17-year prison sentence at age

19. During his incarceration, he earned a bachelor's degree in business administration, founded a mental health program now present in state facilities, published articles, and established The Community in 2014. Since his release in 2020, he co-founded Paradigm Shyft, became an Ed Trust fellow, a Represent Justice alumnus, and a consultant with Marquette University. He also completed a master's in sustainable peacebuilding and became a father.

#### 4 p.m. | Keynote

#### The Power of Presence: Redefining **Fatherhood for the Next Generation**



Brandon Frame, Founder and Chief Visionary Officer, TheBlackManCan, Inc. Brandon Frame is a professor of social emotional learning

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at Sacred Heart University and the founder of TheBlackManCan, Inc., a nonprofit celebrating Black men and boys. Through his leadership, TheBlackManCan has impacted over 10,000 Black men and boys globally and created a MENtor network of over 500 members. A co-founder of #hiphoped, he authored "Define Yourself, Redefine the World" and "My First Tie." Frame holds a doctorate from Boston University, has earned several awards, and calls Bronx, NY, home.



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