

# Fathers to the Forefront: Evolution of the Fatherhood Field

PLEASE RSVP BY FRIDAY, JUNE 4 - DETAILS BELOW

For 5 years, Minnesota's fatherhood advocates have been gathering at the McKnight Foundation and Bush Foundation to generate a higher level of cooperation and collaboration among father-serving agencies and organizations. We have made a good deal of progress! Fathers are being brought "to the forefront" in the policies and practices of state agencies, statewide associations, direct-service providers, and across the spectrum of the human services fields. Read our 5-year action plan, online here: [www.mnfathers.org/FathersToTheForefront.pdf](http://www.mnfathers.org/FathersToTheForefront.pdf).

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Let's now come together to review the plan, celebrate our successes, learn from our ongoing challenges, and take a glimpse of the changing landscape for fatherhood funding, policymaking, and social service programming.

## Fathers to the Forefront: Evolution of the Fatherhood Field Wednesday, June 16, 2010

McKnight Foundation Board Room  
710 South Second Street, Suite 400, Minneapolis  
lunch will be provided  
RSVP required; registration is free

### Preliminary Agenda

- 10:30–10:45 Introductions, overview, & history  
10:45–11:45 **Systems panel:** Panel discussion and Q&A about father-focused changes taking place in public systems including corrections, child support, family courts, child welfare, and more  
*Featuring Judge Bruce Peterson, Hennepin Co. Court; Tim Lanz, Dept. of Corrections; Pat Krauth, Child Support Enforcement Division; Marvin Davis, Adoption Operations, Dept. of Human Services*
- 11:45–12:30 Luncheon discussions with panel presenters  
12:45–1:45 **Programs panel:** Panel discussion and Q&A with staff and participants about father-focused changes taking place in family-serving community agencies  
*Featuring FATHER Project, Way to Grow, Children's Safety Centers, & African American Family Services*
- 1:45–2:30 **Now what?** *Minneapolis Superintendent Dr. Bill Green* will lead a discussion about what's on the horizon for healthy fatherhood in relation to early childhood development and community engagement of men.
- 2:30–3:30 **Reception:** Enjoy a networking reception and view the premier of a new short film about healthy fatherhood (see details in side bar)

### Fatherhood Program Reception 2:30 pm - 3:30 pm

The staff of the McKnight Foundation invites father-serving programs and community partners to celebrate the successes of fatherhood programs over the past decade. View the premier of a short film about Minnesota's fatherhood programs, enjoy a networking reception, and help recognize various McKnight-funded programs.

*Watch for a formal invitation with further details, coming soon.*



Free registration; RSVP required. **Please RSVP by Friday, June 4.** Send an email to Melissa Froehle at [mfroehle@mnfathers.org](mailto:mfroehle@mnfathers.org) or call (651) 222-7432 x2. Space is limited so we ask for no more than 3 individuals per organization. Thank you.