

**MINNESOTA  
FATHERS &  
FAMILIES  
NETWORK**

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# **Minnesota Fatherhood & Family Services Summit**

## **The Changing Face of Fatherhood**

**Friday, Jan. 16, 2004**

**St. Cloud Civic Center  
St. Cloud, MN**



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**Minnesota Fathers & Families Network**

**A resource for practitioners and advocates  
that are helping dads to help themselves, their kids,  
and their communities.**

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The mission of the Minnesota Fathers & Families Network, as a statewide network, is to initiate, promote and support effective programs and to educate on public policy to enhance the responsible involvement of fathers in the lives of children, families and the community.



## THANK YOU

Thank you to the following individuals and organizations who have supported the planning of this conference and the development of the Minnesota Fathers & Families Network.

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##### **Northwest Minnesota Foundation**

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##### **Southside Community Health Services**

Special thanks to **the McKnight Foundation** and Louis Hohlfeld for leading the development of the Minnesota Fathers & Families Network.

## Continental Breakfast

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8:30—9:30 a.m.

### Foyer outside Wilson Suite

Please be sure to stop in the Wilson Suite to visit the **Fatherhood Services Resource Tables**. These exhibitors offer valuable information for fatherhood and family services practitioners and advocates across Minnesota. The exhibits will be available until 4:00 p.m.

## Opening Keynote Session

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9:30—10:30 a.m.

### Stockinger Suite

Greeting

#### **Glen Palm**

President of the Board, Minnesota Fathers & Families Network  
Professor, St. Cloud State University, St. Cloud

Keynote Presenter

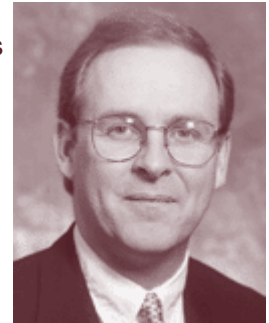
#### **Representative Matt Entenza**

Minority Leader, Minnesota House of Representatives

#### **YOU CAN MAKE A DIFFERENCE!**

Representative Entenza will discuss how fathers, and those who work with them, can make a difference for children by getting involved in their communities.

Representative Entenza, DFL, St. Paul, is currently serving his 5th term in the Minnesota Legislature. He has been an advocate for public safety, early childhood and family education, child support, child protections, school safety and elections reforms. Through his work in the legislature and previous positions at state and county-level attorney's offices, Entenza has developed a reputation as a public watchdog. A native of southern Minnesota, Representative Entenza received a bachelor's degree at Macalester College. He studied law at Oxford University in England and completed his law degree at the University of Minnesota. He is the father of 3 children.



## Refreshment Break

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10:30—10:45 a.m.

### Foyer outside Wilson Suite

If you haven't already done so, be sure to visit the **Fatherhood Services Resource Tables** in the Wilson Suite.

## Morning Breakout Sessions

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10:45—12:00 noon

### **Dads Make a Difference**

In this session, learn how the curricula offered by Dads Make a Difference (DMAD) can help you to teach about the importance of fathers in the lives of children and help youth plan for a healthy future as a responsible parent or mentor. Session presenters include young adult co-facilitators who will share their experiences using the curriculum. DMAD is a paternity education project for middle school-age youth, older teens, young adults, and the teachers and other professionals who work with them.

### **Helgeson Room**

**Jan Hayne, Molly Oberweiser, Steve Rajewsky & Amy Budinger**, Dads Make a Difference, St. Paul

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### **Strengthening Traditional Families**

Across America, social service organizations and government agencies are struggling to balance the needs of increasingly diverse family structures versus a growing call for nuclear families and marriage promotion. Family unity has come to mean different things to different groups. In this session, participants will discuss the challenges of family unity in the context of Minnesota's socio-economic, religious, and cultural differences.

### **Marsh Room**

**Chuck Aycock**, Fathering Ministry, Minneapolis; **Dwaine Simms**, African American Men Project, Minneapolis

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### **Issues Affecting Low-Income Parents**

Low-income parents face a multitude of challenges in meeting the needs of their children and families. Workshop participants will discuss options and resources available to alleviate some of the challenges that these parents face. Learn about the state welfare and workforce development programs, a local credit management resource, and direct services provided by a county family support agency. Presenters will encourage attendees to share practices that are helping families move toward self-sufficiency and financial security.

### **Metzroth Room**

**Paul Houdek**, Personal Credit Solutions, Eagan; **Clarence Jones**, Southside Community Health Services, Minneapolis; **Matt Majeski**, County of Olmsted, Rochester; **Laura Turner**, Department of Employment & Economic Development, St. Paul

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### **Becoming an Advocate for Fathers & Adolescent Parents**

The voice of fathers needs to be heard in our decision-making institutions. In this workshop, learn concrete strategies to increase the visibility of fatherhood issues and programs. Participants will share critical ways to reach policymakers and funders. Learn how to include dads and the message of responsible fathering in your outreach to legislators, county commissioners, and the media.

### **Fandel Room**

**Mark Fiddler**, St. Paul; **Nancy Nelson**, Minnesota Organization on Adolescent Pregnancy, Prevention and Parenting (MOAPPP), St. Paul; **Neil Tift**, National Practitioners Network for Fathers and Families (NPNFF), Stillwater

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### **New Americans / Old Americans: Confronting the Issues of Fatherhood and Retaining the Best of Their Traditions**

Minnesotans are increasingly more diverse, with growing communities of immigrants and minority families. In this session, participants will confront the issues, generalizations and stereotypes of *fatherhood* across cultures. Attendees will discuss concepts that transcend all communities and issues that are unique to specific communities.

### **Coborn Room**

**Mary Anderson**, Blaine; **Elias Getabecha**, Hennepin County Community Health, Minneapolis; **Jack Sharp**, St. Cloud; **Enrique Soto**, ConAgra Foods, St. James; **Mong Vang**, Lao Family Community of Minnesota, St. Paul

## Luncheon Keynote Session

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12:00—1:30 p.m.

### Stockinger Suite

#### Introduction

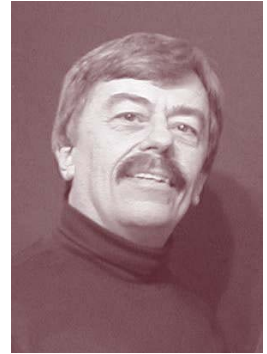
#### Glen Palm

President of the Board, Minnesota Fathers & Families Network  
Professor, St. Cloud State University, St. Cloud

#### Keynote Presenter

#### J. Neil Tift

Director of Professional Advancement  
National Practitioners Network for Fathers and  
Families (NPNFF), Stillwater



#### CREATING A CLIMATE OF FATHER INCLUSION

Mr. Tift will offer recommendations that professionals representing public and private service organizations might implement to enhance their capacity to serve fathers and men in families.

This session will examine barriers that many fathers confront in accessing community services and present models of promising practices that have proven effective in recruiting and retaining fathers in their programs.

Neil Tift, Director of Professional Advancement at the National Practitioners Network for Fathers & Families, provides staff training, technical assistance and consultation to support the development and expansion of fatherhood programs at the local, state, and national level. Mr. Tift is also coordinating the creation and implementation of professional standards of practice in the emerging fatherhood field. Previously, Tift was Director of the Resource Center of the National Fatherhood Initiative and was the co-founder and Director of the Fathers' Resource Center in Minneapolis. For over 20 years, Tift served as a family studies professor at Metropolitan State University in St. Paul, the University of Minnesota and Century College. Mr. Tift co-authored or contributed to various books including *Working With Fathers*, *Mediation for Dads* and *Intervention for Fathers*. He earned an M.A. degree in Counseling Psychology from the University of Saint Thomas. Tift is the father of three, the grandfather of five and a foster father of many.

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[www.mnfathers.org](http://www.mnfathers.org)

*Find the latest news and resources for professionals working  
in fatherhood and family services across Minnesota.*

## Afternoon Breakout Sessions

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1:30—2:45 p.m.

### **Curricula for Parents: *Love & Logic* and *Parents Forever***

### **Helgeson Room**

Are you looking for educational resources for parents in your community? This session will provide exposure to two curricula that are being used across Minnesota (and are easily replicated if you want to become involved). Presenters will introduce the Love and Logic philosophy which provides specific "how-to's" of successful parenting. The Parents Forever curricula, which will also be introduced during this workshop, encourages parents to work out agreements on contentious issues and avoid putting their children in the position of having to make decisions that seem to favor one parent over the other. This session will provide background information and tips for tapping into these powerful resources.

**Rose Allen**, University of Minnesota Extension Service; **Pat Sharbonda**, Crow Wing County Family Services Collaborative, Brainerd

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### **Human Relationship Development**

### **Marsh Room**

In this session, participants will learn about human development and relationship foundation theory. Specific attention will be devoted to the two paradigms: learning how barriers affect relationships and understanding why families are the way they are.

**Jerome Shoenecker**, Resource Center for Fathers and Families, Eagan

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### **Funding Strategies and Options in a Challenging Environment**

### **Metzroth Room**

Given tight budget scenarios at the state and federal level, funding options have become more challenging for many of Minnesota's nonprofit and government agencies. In this session, gain tips for making your program more appealing to funders, learn how collaboration can help you strive despite monetary shortfalls, and learn how Minnesota's social services infrastructure may be changing for the better during these lean financial times.

**Louis Hohlfeld**, The McKnight Foundation, Minneapolis; **Karl Samp**, Initiative Foundation, Little Falls; **Karen J. Starr**, Otto Bremer Foundation, St. Paul

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### **Supporting Teen Parents / Preventing Teen Pregnancy**

### **Fandel Room**

Join this session to hear the voices of teen parents and the professionals who support them across Minnesota. Learn about their unique perspectives in areas of education, employment, childcare, and relationship development. What does it take to support teen parents, meet the needs of their children, lower the rate of teen pregnancy and help young families to find success in their lives? Workshop attendees will be encouraged to share their own specific lessons learned from their experiences in working with young adults.

**Paula Baker & Stephanie Bowstring**, Bemidji Area Schools Early Success Program, Bemidji; **Nancy Nelson**, Minnesota Organization on Adolescent Pregnancy, Prevention and Parenting (MOAPPP), St. Paul; **Nate Rauschendorfer & Program Participant**, Catholic Charities Fathers Program, St. Paul

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### **Mock Family Law Clinic**

### **Coborn Room**

Family Law Clinics have become a valuable source of information for fathers to learn about their legal rights and options in areas of child support, custody, parenting time, arrearages, and other areas of family law. Participants of this mock law clinic will have an opportunity to join a simulated clinic, learn how to host their own clinic, and ask questions for the benefit of their clients.

**Dennis LeGarde**, Carlton County Child Support, Carlton; **Gene Banks**, Lakes & Pines Community Action Council, Mora; **Theresa Neo**, Attorney at Law, Duluth; **Sara Runchey**, Attorney at Law, Marshall; **Bill Thompson**, Attorney at Law, Duluth; **Nancy Walker**, Lincoln, Lyon, Murray Human Services, Marshall

## Refreshment Break

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2:45—3:00 p.m.

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## Closing Keynote Session

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3:00—4:00 p.m.

### Stockinger Suite

Introduction

#### Jon Harper

Treasurer, Minnesota Fathers & Families Network  
Executive Director, Adventures in Fathering, Crystal

Remarks

#### Dwaine R. Simms

African American Men Project, Minneapolis

Keynote Presenter

#### Joe Kelly

President, Dads and Daughters, Duluth

#### THE CHANGING FACE OF FATHERHOOD NEEDS GENDERED GLASSES

Mr. Kelly will look at why gender awareness is key to being an effective father of daughters and sons, and how we can stand up in our communities to keep our kids (and ourselves) from smothering in the gender straightjacket.



Joe Kelly is President of the national advocacy nonprofit Dads and Daughters<sup>®</sup>, publisher of the international newsletter *Daughters*<sup>™</sup>: *For Parents of Girls*, and author of the best-seller Dads and Daughters: How to Inspire, Understand and Support Your Daughter When She's Growing Up So Fast (Broadway/Random House, 2002). Kelly lives in Duluth and has twin 23-year-old daughters. He has been featured as an expert on fathering healthy daughters on NBC's *Today Show*, NPR's *Talk of the Nation*, CBS's *Early Show*, MSNBC, Lifetime, Fox News Channel, the BBC, and Voice of America, as well as in *Time*, *People*, *The New York Times*, *Washington Post*, *USA Today*, *Parenting* and dozens of other national and international media. Kelly speaks frequently around the country on fathering.

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Thank you.**

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## AGENDA-AT-A-GLANCE

### THURSDAY, JANUARY 15

7:00—8:30 p.m.  
Fatherhood Practitioner Networking  
Reception at the Kelly Inn (adjacent  
to Civic Center). Inquire at front desk  
for room number.

### FRIDAY, JANUARY 16

8:30 – 9:30 a.m.  
Registration / Continental Breakfast

9:30 – 10:30 a.m.  
Opening Keynote

10:30 – 10:45 a.m.  
Refreshment Break

10:45 – 12:00 noon  
First Round Workshops

12:00 – 1:30 p.m.  
Luncheon Plenary

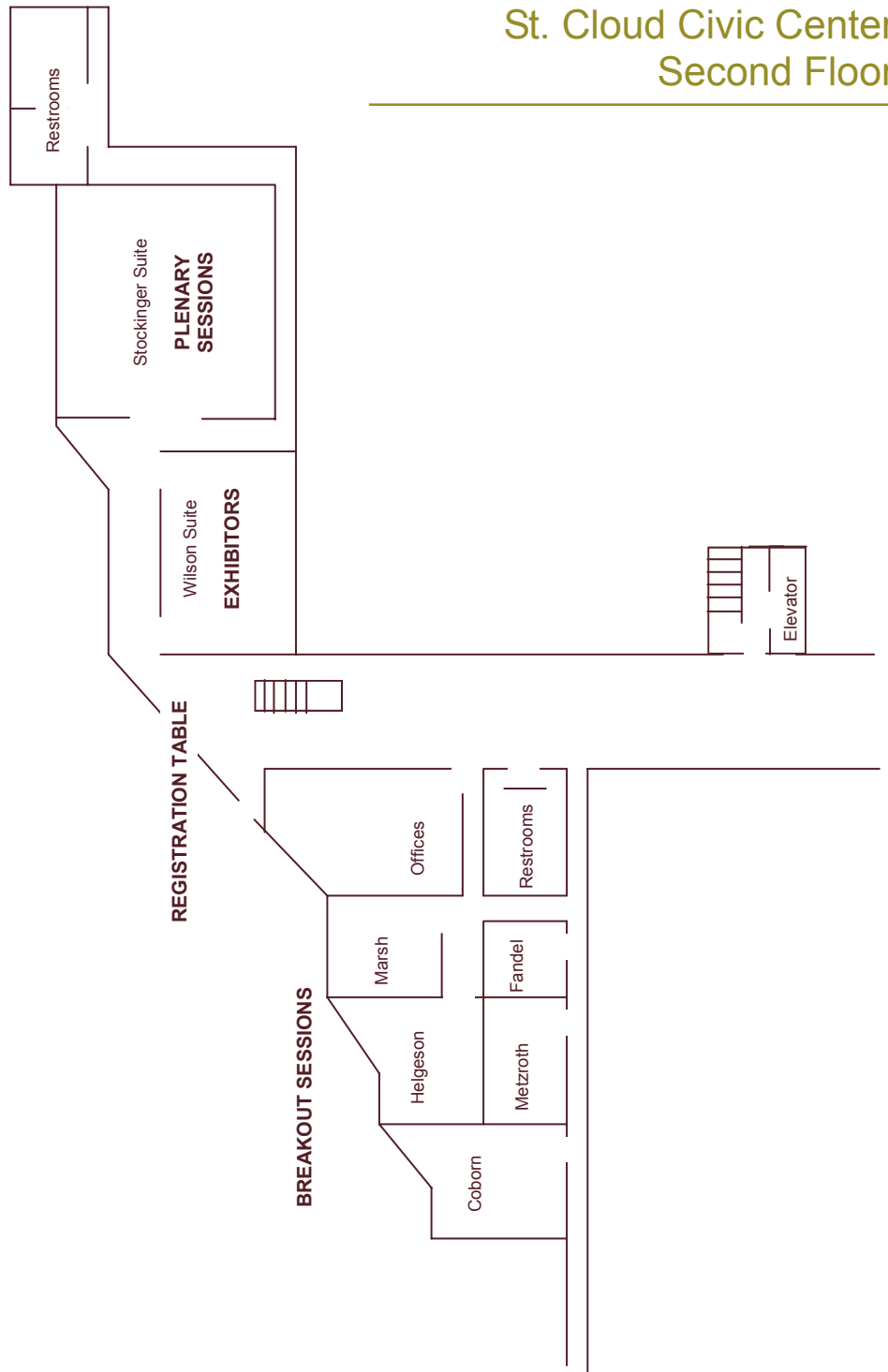
1:30 – 2:45 p.m.  
Second Round Workshops

2:45—3:00 p.m.  
Refreshment Break

3:00 – 4:00 p.m.  
Closing Plenary Session



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