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3rd annual

# **Minnesota Fatherhood & Family Services Summit**



**Valuing the role of men in  
families**

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## Concurrent Training Sessions • 1:00-4:00 • Monday

### **METHAMPHETAMINE USE AND ITS EFFECTS ON COMMUNITIES & FAMILIES**

Swisshelm Room—Second Floor

Throughout Greater Minnesota's small towns and rural areas, as well as the state's large cities, the manufacture and use of methamphetamine threatens the health of communities and families. In this session, learn the facts about meth use and abuse, its toxicity and addictiveness, its power to turn caring parents into hardened addicts. And more importantly, learn to identify the early signs of abuse, where to turn for help, and how families and communities can stop the growing epidemic.

Presenters: Cinda Lutz, Drug Enforcement Admin.; Peter Hayden, Turning Point, Inc.; Chief Curt Gullickson, Sauk Rapids Police Dept.; Jim Clark, Dodge County father

### **ETHICAL THINKING & PRACTICE IN FATHERHOOD PROGRAMS**

Mitchell Room—Second Floor

The significant growth of fatherhood programs over the last decade has been accompanied by the expansion of complex ethical issues that practitioners must resolve. Issues regarding client confidentiality, personal safety, staff boundaries, fiscal management, program eligibility and service provision require informed ethical decision-making. This workshop will outline a process for addressing ethical situations in fatherhood program

practice for a wide range of client populations. Through the use of lecture, case studies, small and large group discussion, and values exercises, this session will offer a highly interactive approach for practitioners to recognize and resolve difficult ethical issues.

Presenter: Neil Tift, National Practitioners Network for Fathers and Families

### **FATHERS, MOTHERS AND THE CHILD PROTECTION SYSTEM**

First American Room—Second Floor

In this session, presenters explain how the child protection system works and how the system interacts with fathers. Learn how agencies are striving to strengthen families through greater father involvement. Participants will discuss the roles of community-based organizations and government institutions for promoting and enhancing the welfare of Minnesota's children via child protection, foster care, adoption and other family support services.

Presenters: Helen Bassett, Fathers' Adoption Registry; Melissa Froehle, Central Minn. Legal Services / FATHER Project; Kris Johnson, Dept. of Human Services; John Langworthy, Dept. of Human Services; Bill Thompson, Attorney of Law

## Networking Dinner • 5:00—7:00 pm • Monday

### **MINNESOTA'S LEGISLATIVE CHALLENGES: HOW DIVERSE FAMILIES IMPACT THE STATE'S PUBLIC POLICY DECISIONS**

Swisshelm Room-Second Floor

Keynote presentation: **Senator Linda Berglin**, DFL, Minneapolis  
Introductory words: **R. Clarence Jones**, Southside Community Health Services

Senator Berglin will discuss the public policy initiatives that she and the Minnesota Legislature worked on during the 2005 Legislative Session. In particular, Senator Berglin will offer a special focus on legislation that impacts children, families, fathers and mothers. Senator Berglin will also share perspectives on what to expect in the areas of education, social services, family law, and related themes during the 2006 legislative cycle.

**Senator Linda Berglin** was first elected to the Minnesota House in 1972. She served five terms in the House before being elected to the Minnesota Senate in 1980. Senator Berglin is currently the chair of the Finance Committee's Health and Human Services Budget Division. Throughout her three decades of service to Minnesota, Senator Berglin has focused on a number of legislative concerns including health and welfare, corrections, urban affairs, women's issues, minorities and senior citizens. In the 2005 Session, she authored bills to limit the sale of methamphetamine precursor drugs, to modify child support and child custody provisions, to limit health care costs, to promote affordable housing, to address the needs of incarcerated Minnesotans who have persistent mental health concerns, among other bills. The Senator has one child and is married to Glenn Sampson. Senator Berglin received a Bachelor of Fine Arts degree from the Minneapolis College of Art and Design.



## Continental Breakfast • 7:30—8:30 am • Tuesday

Stockinger Suite: Plan to arrive early to have time to register, enjoy breakfast, and browse 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 3:00 p.m.

## Morning Plenary Session • 8:30—9:45 am • Tuesday



### FATHERING AFTER VIOLENCE

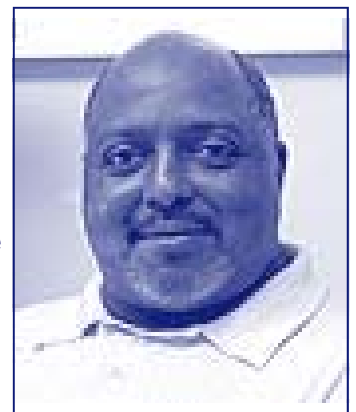
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Keynote presentation: **Dr. Oliver J. Williams**, Executive Director, Institute on Domestic Violence in the African American Community, University of Minnesota, Minneapolis

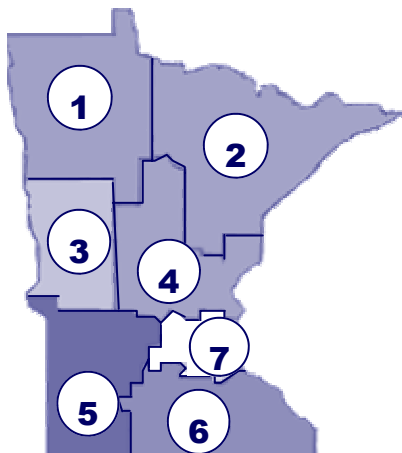
Introductory words: **Jon Harper**, Adventures in Fathering

Many practitioners and professionals know that there is a crisis of fatherhood in this country. Many children live without the opportunity of having fathers involved and invested in the lives of their children. Yet, in the field of domestic violence, when violence and abuse is involved it puts many children, women, and men at risk for injury physically and emotionally. What must we consider as we address the intersection of fatherhood and intimate partner violence? This presentation will discuss what we must do to encourage healthy fatherhood and develop a strong collaborative relationship between fatherhood advocates and domestic violence advocates. Dr. Williams will explore how to support healthy fathering and at the same time protect and support battered women and children exposed to domestic violence.

**Dr. Oliver J. Williams**, Executive Director of the Institute on Domestic Violence in the African American Community, is an Associate Professor in the Graduate School of Social Work at the University of Minnesota in Minneapolis. He is a practitioner as well as an academician. As a practitioner, he has worked in the field of domestic violence for more than 20 years and has provided individual, couples, and family counseling. He has been a child welfare and delinquency worker, worked in battered women's shelters, and developed and conducted counseling on partner abuse treatment programs. As an academician, Dr. Williams' research and publications have centered on creating effective service delivery strategies that will reduce the violent behavior among African Americans. Additionally, Dr. Williams writes about ethnically sensitive practice, as well as aging and elder maltreatment. He has conducted training nationally on research and service delivery issues in the areas of child abuse, partner abuse, and elder maltreatment. Dr. Williams also serves on several national advisory boards focused on the issue of domestic violence.



## Refreshment Break • 9:45—10:15 am • Tuesday



Stockinger Suite: Browse the Exhibit Booths and refresh your coffee before heading to a workshop session.

### Nametag Geography

The region, indicated on each nametag, corresponds to this map.

Have you met someone from every region?  
Have you found other attendees from your own region?

# Morning Workshops • 10:15–11:45 am • Tuesday

## **THE ROLE OF FATHERS IN HEALTHY CHILDBIRTH**

Alexander Room—First Floor

Many cultures employ the wisdom of doulas to ease pregnancy and childbirth. Find out how male involvement during pregnancy, during the birthing process, and in the child's early healthcare decisions can lead to healthier children and stronger father-child relationships.

Presenters: Clarence Jones, Southside Community Health Services; Michele Baines, Southside Community Health Services; Elias Getabecha, Hennepin County Community Health, Child & Teen Checkup Program

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## **STRATEGIES TO HELP YOUNG MEN AVOID TOO-EARLY FATHERHOOD**

Thielman Room—Second Floor

Over the past decades, teen pregnancy rates have dropped dramatically across the nation. However, pregnancy rates among Minnesota teens of color continue to outpace the rates of Caucasian youth. In this session, learn about trends in teen pregnancy and birth rates in Minnesota, why it is critical to target boys and men in teen pregnancy prevention efforts, and the positive implications of fathers' involvement in their children's lives. Two Minnesota organizations will share information and techniques they use in their work to lower rates of adolescent fatherhood in the state. Workshop attendees will be encouraged to share their own specific lessons learned from their experiences in working with young adults.

Presenters: Jan Hayne, Dads Make a Difference; Brigid Riley, Minn. Organization on Adolescent Pregnancy, Prevention and Parenting

## **THE ROLE OF RELIGION AND FAITH IN DEFINING FATHERHOOD**

Bell Room—First Floor

Within different contexts of faith and culture, fatherhood has varied meanings and interpretations. For some, fatherhood is nothing more than a biological fact; for others it is the essence of family connectedness and a reflection of the divine in humanity. In this session, two scholars will discuss the meaning and value of fatherhood across a variety of religious and cultural traditions. Equally importantly, the presenters will ask participants to consider the implications of their personal meaning of fatherhood – and how it influences their relationships at work and in the home.

Presenters: Dr. Jason Laker, St. John's University; Omar Merhi, Islamic Resource Group

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## **FATHERS TRANSITIONING FROM CORRECTIONS: PART I - A FOCUS ON FATHERS**

Weidner Room—First Floor

Men exiting state and county correctional facilities find a host of barriers to positive reunification with their children. In this session, learn how to help increase the chance of success for fathers and their kids. This session will have a particular focus on strategies aimed at the fathers; in the afternoon a second session will focus on strategies aimed at the children and family members of ex-offenders.

Presenters: Michael Bischoff and Lance Handy, Council on Crime and Justice

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## **WORKING WITH MILITARY FAMILIES**

First American Room—Second Floor

The U.S. Armed Forces have a number of resources to support families and units before, during and after a deployment. However, families that live in civilian communities, isolated from other service families, may have more challenges coping with family transitions associated with deployment. In this session, learn how Minnesota's social services sector can be a stronger resource for military families and learn about strategies to help families stay connected during deployment.

Presenter: Major James Swanson, Minn. National Guard Family Programs Office

# Awards Luncheon • 11:45–1:00 pm • Tuesday

## EXCELLENCE IN FATHERHOOD AWARDS CEREMONY

Herberger Suite

Awards Ceremony Host: **Pat Sharbonda**, Crow Wing County Family Services Collaborative

Join us in recognizing a few of Minnesota's outstanding fatherhood advocates and programs that are making a difference for fathers and families around the state.

The 2006 Excellence in Fatherhood Policy and Practice awardees comprise the second group to receive this honor. We anticipate recognizing many more exemplary programs and individuals in the coming years. Congratulations to each of this year's recipients of the Excellence in Fatherhood award!



# Second Round Workshops • 1:00–2:30 pm • Tuesday

## **FATHERS TRANSITIONING FROM CORRECTIONS: PART II - A FOCUS ON FAMILIES AND CHILDREN**

Weidner Room—First Floor

Men exiting state and county correctional facilities find a host of barriers to positive reunification with their children. In this session, learn how to help increase the chance of success for fathers and their kids. This session will have a particular focus on strategies aimed at the families and children of ex-offenders; a morning session focuses on strategies aimed at the fathers.

Presenters: Lori Strong and Curt Thompson, Parenting with Purpose

## **MY FATHER, MY TEACHER: AN AMERICAN INDIAN PERSPECTIVE OF FATHERING ACROSS GENERATIONS**

Clarke Room—First Floor

Tracing an American Indian history across generations, Frank Goodwin will explore changes in fatherhood and family structure. Goodwin will travel from a time 800 years ago, when men and women had distinct family roles, to a less-distant past when European domination changed the role of fatherhood and men. At one time, fathers taught their young sons to be men; elders taught young men to be providers, warriors and protectors. While the roles of men and fathers changed dramatically over the ages, the roles of women and mothers stayed more constant. Family life was altered dramatically by imbalanced gender roles, isolation on reservations, the impact of alcohol, urbanization of native families and family dissolution caused by boarding schools. Join Frank Goodwin as he explores a history of fatherhood that continues to evolve for new generations of American Indians.

Presenter: Frank Goodwin, Fond Du Lac Human Services Men's Advocacy Program

## **FATHERHOOD IN MINNESOTA'S LATINO COMMUNITIES**

Thielman Room—Second Floor

Across the United States, the Latino population grows faster than any other ethnic group. In 2002, more than one of every eight Americans was of Hispanic origin. However, as a group, Hispanics are a heterogeneous demographic including long-time residents, recent immigrants, political refugees, and illegal immigrants who can trace their family lineage to Mexico, Central America, the Caribbean, and South America. In this workshop, presenters will discuss some of the similarities and differences of fatherhood and family structure across Minnesota's diverse Latino cultures.

Presenters: Hugo Muñoz, La Oportunidad; Enrique Soto, ConAgra Foods; David Thelen, Enrique Estrada and Carlos Garcia-Velasco, Compadres Circles

## **STEEP: STEPS TOWARD EFFECTIVE, ENJOYABLE PARENTING**

Bell Room—First Floor

Many parents today face multiple challenges as they care for their infants, often with little support. They may be struggling to come to grips with an abusive past. They are families at risk. As a service provider working with these parents and children, you strive to provide the most effective support possible under difficult circumstances. In this session, the presenter will share practical and effective prevention and intervention techniques to help families succeed. The information shared in this session comes from the STEEP program, based on attachment theory and grounded in research on risk and resilience. While the session will focus on components of the STEEP program, the lessons and practices shared are applicable in any home visit or group session with parents of young children.

Presenter: Scott Harman, Center for Early Education and Development, University of Minnesota

*Additional workshops listed on next page.*



**INTERNET CRIMES AGAINST CHILDREN:  
HELPING PARENTS PROTECT THEIR  
FAMILIES FROM ONLINE DANGERS**  
First American Room—Second Floor

For generations, fathers were considered the protectors of their families. Today, protecting families and children takes on new meanings as parents must stay alert to new dangers in the community, media, school and home. In this session, learn how parents can minimize dangers hidden in electronic communications and learn about victim issues, offender behavioral analysis, Internet service providers, and other related themes. Sgt. Haider will discuss ways that you can help families to utilize technology with higher degrees of confidence and safety.

Presenter: Sergeant Bill Haider, St. Paul Police Department

**BULLYING IN SCHOOLS: THE INFLUENCES OF  
GENDER AND GENDER-SOCIALIZATION**  
Alexander Room—First Floor

Bullying, long dismissed as a normal part of growing up, is gaining increased attention by students and parents, alike. While both boys and girls say others bully them by making fun of them, adolescent boys report higher rates of physical violence while girls report higher rates of verbal assault. Victims of bullying may experience anxiety, lower self esteem, and feelings of depression while teens who observe bullying may have feelings of guilt and helplessness. Adolescents who receive less parental supervision or more aggressive parental discipline at home are more likely to engage in bullying behavior at school. In this session, learn about the challenges of stopping bullies and helping parents to curb the behaviors that lead to bullying.

Presenter: John Hoover, St. Cloud State University

**Refreshment Break • 2:30—2:45 pm • Stockinger Suite**

**Afternoon Plenary Session • 2:45—4:00 pm • Tuesday**

**PROMOTING FATHERHOOD THROUGH BETTER UNDERSTANDING:  
LEARNINGS FROM AN EMERGING PSYCHOLOGY OF MEN**

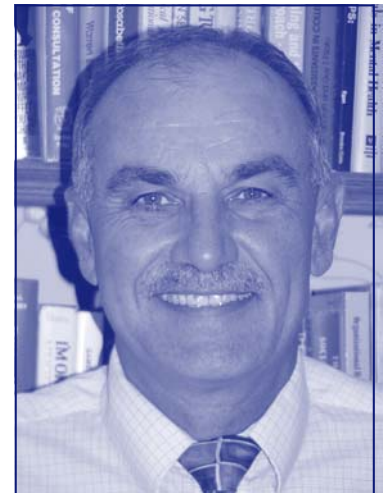
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Keynote presentation: **Dr. Ronald May**, The Psychology Center and University of Wisconsin—Madison

Introductory words: **Dr. Gar Kellom**, St. John's University

Over the past two decades, a 'psychology of men' has developed which has expanded both the breadth and depth of our understanding of male development. Dr. May will share key concepts from this work which are useful for promoting father involvement. He will outline major emotional obstacles which lead men to disengage from fathering roles and then conceptualize these obstacles from this emerging developmental perspective. Specific intervention strategies and styles will be offered for promoting father involvement effectively and compassionately.

**Ronald J. May, Ph.D.**, is a licensed psychologist in private practice at The Psychology Center in Madison, Wisconsin, and Aspen Family Counseling in Portage, Wisc. Dr. May's practice includes individual and couples' therapy, men's therapy groups, and psychological evaluations. In addition to his clinical practice, Dr. May is active as an organizational consultant and trainer in educational, corporate, and health care settings. Dr. May has taught for the past 15 years in the Department of Psychology at the University of Wisconsin—Madison. He also currently serves on the editorial board of Psychology of Men & Masculinity and has served as chair of the Standing Committee for Men of the American College Personnel Association. Dr. May has been involved in working with men's issues for the past twenty-five years. His professional interests include male development, fathering issues, male depression, men and divorce, male friendship and youth violence. Dr. May received his Ph.D. in Counseling Psychology from Michigan State University.



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