CELEBRATING MINNESOTA FATHERS
RECOGNIZING AWESOME WORK IN OUR STATE

Agenda at a Glance

**Monday, January 27, 2014**
7:30-8:30 am Registration & Breakfast
8:30-10:00 am Breakout Sessions 5 options
10:00-10:30 am Break & Exhibits
10:30 am -12:15 pm Welcome & Keynote
12:15-1:00 pm Lunch Poolside
1:00-1:15 pm Break
1:15-2:45 pm Breakout Sessions 5 options
2:45-3:00 pm Break
3:00-4:30 pm Breakout Sessions 5 options
DINNER ON YOUR OWN
6:30-7:30 pm FRED Read and Run Event
7:30-8:00 pm MFFN Birthday Celebration Dessert & Coffee
8:00 pm Hospitality 2nd Floor Husky Room

**Tuesday, January 28, 2014**
7:30-8:30 am Registration & Breakfast
8:30-10:00 am General Session & Keynote
10:00-10:30 am Break & Exhibits
10:30 am-Noon Breakout Sessions 5 options
12:00-12:45pm Lunch Poolside
12:45-1:00 pm Break
1:00-2:00 pm Dessert & Keynote
2:00-3:30 pm Breakout Sessions 5 options
3:30 pm ADJOIN
Drive Safely Home

Visit Exhibits during breaks each day.
Come to the Registration Table near the Kelly Inn Front Desk Monday & Tuesday for information and answers to questions.
Dear Friends, Supporters, Stakeholders, Members,

Welcome to the Minnesota Fathers & Families Network’s (MFFN) 11th annual Fatherhood and Family Services Summit! This year's theme, "Celebrating Minnesota Fathers: Recognizing Awesome Work in Our State," continues MFFN's tradition of offering high-quality, evidence-based, and valuable learning opportunities. We also want to celebrate accomplishments in fathers’ services, while marking MFFN’s 10-year anniversary as a statewide nonprofit organization. We’re glad that you've joined us and hope that you will continue to support us and take advantage of other MFFN events and activities in the future.

MFFN is in an exciting time of transition and opportunity. Last month, the MFFN Board welcomed seven new members, strengthening our statewide representation and reach while adding to our rich resource base and expertise. Last June, the MFFN Board voted to eliminate the executive director position and move forward on its mission and goals by working as a self-directed board.

As the current and past Chairpersons of the MFFN Board, we are proud of our organization’s strengths. We are fortunate to have a strong base of members, volunteers and contracted staff. With your continued support, we will be able to focus our energy and leverage our resources to affect change and enhance the work of professionals who serve fathers and families.

Thank you again for your support of MFFN. We hope you enjoy the 2014 Minnesota Fatherhood Summit. Please let us know your reactions to it, and how we can serve your professional needs in the future.

All the best,

RaeAnn Mayer
2014 Board Chair

Lowell Johnson
2013 Board Chair
FATHERHOOD 101
Presenters: R. Clarence Jones, M.Ed., Outreach Director, Southside Community Health Services, Q Health Connections, Joe Kelly, Fathering Educator, Author, and Speaker

Join us for this introductory session for those new to the fatherhood field, the MN Fatherhood Summit, and/or MFFN. Explore the journey of responsible fatherhood, accomplishments, strategies to help the fathers and families you serve, data on Minnesota dads, trends in father involvement, comments on the culture, and how you can influence the future of fathering.

TRANSFORMING POST-INCARCERATION POLICY IN WISCONSIN'S BUFFALO AND PEPIN COUNTIES FOR SUCCESSFUL OUTCOMES
Presenter: Mary Campbell Wood, University of WI Extension Family Living Agent, Buffalo and Pepin Counties; Criminal Justice Coordinating Council's Family Building Workgroup Chair

This practical and interactive workshop highlights the local "starting from scratch" process of implementing research or evidence-based, sustainable policies and programs that support incarcerated individuals and their family members, with the purpose of more stable and healthy functioning. Information on progress, program design, key partners, lessons learned and developed resources will be shared. Learn from Wisconsin's experience and apply it to your community.

MEN AND DEPRESSION—IMPACTING FATHERS AND FAMILIES
Presenter: Mark Meier, Executive Director, Face It Foundation, Minneapolis

The incidence of depression in men is 6-8%, but it is low due to a lack of recognition by professionals and under-reporting by men. The risk to men is 3 to 4 times greater than women for completing a suicide and men account for over 28,000 of the 36,000 completed suicides in the U.S. each year. Men are less likely to admit or seek help for depression and frequently men reject traditional approaches to managing depression. Men who struggle with depression have difficulty with parent, partner relationships, and are more likely to abuse substances and engage in reckless behaviors. We will focus on the unique diagnostic criteria associated with male depression, examine traditional male attitudes that impact men’s willingness to seek help, and explore alternative methods and approaches.

FOSTERING FATHER INVOLVEMENT THROUGH THE LEGAL SYSTEM: PATERNITY, CUSTODY, AND PARENTING TIME
Presenters: Walter Burk, Staff Attorney, Central Minnesota Legal Services, Anna Andow, Staff Attorney, Mid-Minnesota Legal Assistance

The legal system offers an effective (if not the only) means for unmarried parents to establish paternity, custody and parenting time rights. The presenters will explain some essential family law concepts and court procedures that strengthen the legal standing of unmarried parents. They will also respond to questions about specific legal topics including: the MN Fathers’ Adoption Registry, legal fatherhood, genetic testing, establishing paternity, legal custody, physical custody, parenting time, co-parenting plans, third-party custody and visitation, and resources for legal help.

The NURTURING FATHERS CURRICULUM
Presenters: Joseph Johnson, Licensed Master Trainer, Case manager/parent instructor, licensed community health worker, St. Josephs Area Health Services Community Health & Consultant for the FATHER Project Park Rapids, and fathers Jason Condiff and Paul Schulz.

After facilitating the Nurturing Fathers Curriculum in Hubbard County for more than three years, I have seen the amazing changes it brings to fathers’ lives. This 13-week fatherhood course covers the roots of fathers, nurturing our fathers and ourselves, fathering sons and fathering daughters, discipline without violence, managing anger/resolving conflict, balancing work and fathering, the father I choose to be, and more. In this informative session learn about the curriculum and the impact it has on fathers of all ages. Hear about the "nuts and bolts" of the program and how you can bring ideas from it or the curriculum itself, to your agency and community. Fathers will co-present and give testimony.

Welcome & General Session
10:30 am – 11:15 am

FATHERING A CHILD WITH SPECIAL NEEDS—SUPPORTING FATHERS OF CHILDREN WITH SPECIAL NEEDS
Presenter: Chris Poshek, Father of 9-yr-old Hannah, Student, Vice-Chair Windmill Project, Co-Manager MN Muskies (MN Special Hockey), Volunteer with the Epilepsy Foundation of MN

Chris Poshek shares his journey and story of fatherhood, caring for his daughter with special needs who inspires him to make a difference every day.
Monday, January 27, 2014
7:30 am – 8:00 pm

Keynote
11:15 am - 12:15 pm

FATHERING WITHOUT MEANS
Presenter: Ronald Mincy, PhD
Professor, Columbia School of Social Work Practice, Columbia University, Director for the Center for Research on Fathers, Children and Family Well-Being

Dr. Mincy shares insight on fathering without means—the title of his new book. He will discuss the effects of income security policy on child and family poverty family formation, child well-being, responsible fatherhood, the urban under-class, and urban poverty. He will talk about the treatment of low-income fathers by welfare, child support, and family support systems and thoughts about where we go from here to support healthy fathers and strengthen families.

Lunch Poolside
12:15 pm - 1:00 pm
Break 1:00 pm - 1:15 pm

90 Minute Workshops — 5 options
1:15 pm - 2:45 pm

A CONVERSATION WITH DR. MINCY: KEYNOTE FOLLOW UP
Presenter: Ronald Mincy, PhD, Professor, Columbia School of Social Work Practice, Columbia University, Director for the Center for Research on Fathers, Children and Family Well-Being

Continue the rich conversation about the state of fatherhood and supporting fathers.

NEW DIRECTIONS IN CHILD SUPPORT
Presenters: Patrick Hest, Assistant County Attorney, Ramsey County Child Support Office, James Kambiri, Supervisor, Ramsey County Child Support Office

Review the history of child support enforcement and explore current and new frontiers. The new model of child support work recognizes the goal of contributing to family stability for both parents. It focuses on collaboration, early intervention, more friendly and targeted approaches, and proactive rapid response to early signs of nonpayment. Ramsey County Child Support staff will describe their office’s proactive program and their involvement with a rapid response approach to child support as one model of a new frontier in child support work.

WORKING WITH TEEN FATHERS: A MULTI-GENERATIONAL APPROACH
Presenters: Neil Tift, Director, Father Involvement Program, Mesa AZ, J Zachary Tift Sr., Family Services Coordinator, Catholic Charities of St. Paul & MPLS Young Men In Transition/Father’s Program.

With a significant expansion in pregnancy and parenting programs for young mothers that provide educational, vocational, family planning, and support services, limited attention has focused upon meeting the unique needs of young fathers. As the need to serve this population expands, a growing number of family service agencies have initiated attempts to recruit staff and develop targeted programs and services to work with young dads. This workshop offers ideas to assist agency staff to expand their capacity to effectively serve young fathers. Session is presented by a father-son team who have been there and done that.

ENGAGING FATHERS IN EARLY CHILDHOOD
Presenters: Aaron (AJ) Dombeck, Home Visitor, Mahube- Otwa Community Action Partnership, Glen Palm PhD, Retired Professor of Family Studies and Early Childhood Education, St. Cloud State University

This session provides background information on early childhood programs and includes copies of MFFN's early childhood sector analysis, which was completed in 2011-2012. Participants will leave with practical ideas for increasing father engagement in early childhood programs. From simple matters like scheduling of activities to creatively thinking about the types of projects volunteers could help with, small changes in existing programs can increase father involvement in programs serving our youngest citizens.

MEETING THE NEEDS OF SPECIAL GROUPS OF FATHERS
Presenters: Stephen Onell, Director, Social Worker, FathersFIRST!

Founded in 2000, FathersFIRST! has served fathers for more than 13 years it has served fathers. In 2014, it will continue to reach out to three special groups of fathers: incarcerated, chemically dependent/mentally ill, and gay. The fathers in these groups are often underserved and have unique needs. Society often ignores these fathers or doesn’t believe they matter. This session presents information about the numbers of fathers in these groups, their special needs, and strategies to meet their needs and serve the fathers and their families.

Break 2:45 pm - 3:00 pm

90 Minute Workshops - 5 options
3:00 pm - 4:30 pm

PROTECTION AND ENFORCEMENT OF PARENTING TIME RIGHTS
Presenter: Walter Burk, Staff Attorney, Central Minnesota Legal Services

Obtaining court-ordered parenting time rights often does not end the struggle to see one’s children. Protection and enforcement of access to one’s children begins with effectively drafting one’s motion and proposed order for custody and parenting time. Once an order is issued,
consistent practices can help to minimize interruptions of parenting time rights. If interruptions still occur, involving law enforcement and social service organizations can help restore parenting time. If necessary, a return to court can also alleviate continued interference with parenting time. Resources for enforcement of custody and parenting time rights will also be presented.

DEMYSTIFYING ARREARS MANAGEMENT: ROUNDTABLE PRESENTATION

Presenters: Melissa Froehle, Supervisor, Ramsey County Child Support, Linda Olson, Supervisor, Dakota County Child Support; Julie Ellis, Supervisor, Stearns County Child Support, Alissa Harrington, Policy and Program Representative, Minnesota Department of Human Services, Child Support Division

Large and often overwhelming child support balances are an issue facing many noncustodial parents, particularly in low-income families. Minnesota is one of the leaders in addressing this national problem. Learn in this roundtable session about the state’s new policy on arrears managements and hear directly from three county child support agencies on arrears management strategies in use. See a video about the difference arrears management can make in the lives of the families we serve.

WEIGHING IN: HOW FATHER INVOLVEMENT FOSTERS HEALTHIER AND MORE ACTIVE CHILDREN

Presenter: Joe Kelly, Fathering Educator, Author, and Speaker

Drawing on MFFN’s popular 2011 fall seminar series, this information-rich session provides strategies to help fathers use their place at the table to improve relationships with activity, food, eating, and self for their children, stepchildren, and families. Gain an understanding of the connection between “father hunger” and other family appetites for healthy relationships, nutrition, and enjoyment of the body.

DEDICATED ACADEMIC DADS—WORKING WITH YOUNG FATHERS

Presenter: Gar Kellom, PhD, Director of Student Support Services and the Young Student Parent Initiative, Winona State University

Funding for the past two years and for the next four years from the MN Dept. of Health and MN Dept. of Education, helped Winona State establish significant programming for student mothers and fathers together and separately on its Rochester and Winona campuses. See student videos, hear lessons learned and best practices for serving young student fathers. Audience is invited to share ideas on how to improve our services together for this often “invisible population.”

FATHERS READING EVERY DAY (FRED)—PROGRAMMING TO ENGAGE DADS AND ENCOURAGE LITERACY

Presenter: Lowell Johnson, FRED Coordinator, Brainerd Lakes Early Childhood Coalition

Research shows that fathers play an important role in children’s early education and literacy. Reading together engages fathers and connects them to their children. This session highlights the FRED program in the Brainerd Lakes Area, which has evolved into a multifaceted program serving fathers and families. FRED activities include community events for dads and kids, collaboration with social service agencies, and literacy and parent education in the Crow Wing County Jail.

Information from this session provides the background for the evening’s optional observation of the local community’s FRED Run and Read event.

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**Monday, January 27, 2014**

**7:30am-8:00pm**

Dinner on your own
4:30 pm - 6:30pm

FRED RUN AND READ
6:30 pm – 7:30 pm

FRED RUN AND READ: OBSERVE A FATHERS READING EVERY DAY COMMUNITY EVENT
Sponsored by the Minnesota Thrive Initiative, Greater St. Cloud Coalition and MFFN, Facilitated by: Lowell Johnson and Glen Palm, PhD

Fathers and their young children will be coming to the Kelly Inn to participate in an evening of playful interaction and reading. Summit attendees can observe or participate in this successful model of father involvement and early literacy promotion. Running and physical exercise followed by reading and then celebration.

MFFN Birthday Celebration
Coffee and Dessert
7:30 pm - 8:00 pm
ALL WELCOME

HOSPITALITY
INFORMAL NETWORKING
8:00 pm Husky Room-2nd Floor
ALL WELCOME
Tuesday, January 28, 2014
7:30 AM – 3:30 PM

Registration and Continental Breakfast
7:30 am -8:30 am

Welcome, General Session
8:30 am -9:15 am

EARLY LEARNING: A PLACE AND ROLE FOR FATHERS
Presenter: Melvin W. Carter, III, Director of the Office of Early Learning, MN Dept. of Education

Mr. Carter will provide updates on MN’s early learning initiatives & the importance of fathers in their children’s attachment & early learning. Carter will discuss how we harness that influence & encourage more father involvement.

Keynote 9:15 am - 10:15 am

ADVERSE CHILDHOOD EXPERIENCES (ACEs): FATHERS PLAY A ROLE IN PREVENTION AND HEALING. Presenter: Karina Forrest-Perkins, President and Chief Executive Officer for Prevent Child Abuse Minnesota/MN Communities Caring for Children

Ms. Perkins provides background & lays the foundation for understanding adverse childhood experiences & the roles that fathers play. A fresh approach on this topic helps to set the stage for MFFN’s spring workshops—The Father Factor: Trauma Happens—Moving Forward.

Break 10:15 am - 10:30 am

90 Minute Workshops - 5 options
10:30 am - Noon

KEYNOTE FOLLOW UP: THE BALANCING ACT, SAFETY AND INVOLVEMENT, PREVENTION AND HEALING
Presenter: Karina Forrest-Perkins, President and Chief Executive Officer for Prevent Child Abuse Minnesota/MN Communities Caring for Children

Come to this session to hear more about the delicate balance between involvement, healing, and prevention when families are complex and abuse has occurred.

TRAUMA HAPPENS—MOVING FORWARD
Presenters: Joanne Mooney, Program Administrator, Children’s Trust Fund, MN Dept. of Human Services, Sam Simmons, Fatherhood Advocate and Consultant, Simmons Consulting

Come to this session to get a preview of MFFN’s provocative spring workshop at five sites statewide. This session, uses the Adverse Childhood Experiences (ACEs) and trauma information as a launch pad for discussion on how to build resilience in children through positive father involvement. Sam and Joanne will discuss how fathers, parents, caregivers, providers and practitioners can help fathers, their families and communities heal and build healthy, sensitive and responsive relationships. This session incorporates information about strengthening families, identifying and overcoming barriers to father involvement, and will introduce strategies to build strong families and communities, share best-practices, tips and resources. The session builds upon the earlier Keynote and lays the foundation for MFFN’s day-long spring workshops that examine the father factor in ACEs, trauma, healing, and prevention.

CO-PARENT COURT: CO-PARENTING EDUCATION PROGRAM TO PROMOTE FATHER INVOLVEMENT & HEALTHY FAMILIES THROUGH THE COURT SYSTEM
Presenters: Kjersti Olson PhD, Asst. Extension Professor/Extension Educator, Family Education, University of MN Ext., Maisha Giles, Co-Parent Court Navigator

This session will examine the co-parenting curriculum used in Hennepin County Co-Parent Court over the last three years. It will provide background on Together We Can: Creating a Healthy Future for our Family, discuss the process of adapting it for participants that are low-income and/or people of color in a court mandated setting, present how co-parenting education can harmonize with parenting time plan creation, share vignettes of how this program has affected fathers and their co-parenting relationships, and present ways this program could be further utilized by educators and social service providers involved in fatherhood and co-parenting issues.

ENGAGING FATHERS IN HOME VISITS: PANEL PRESENTATION
Panelists: Neil Tift, Director, Father Involvement Program, Mesa AZ, Aaron (AJ) Dombeck, Home Visitor, Mahube-Otwa Community Action Partnership, Joseph Johnson, Licensed Master Trainer, Case manager/parent instructor, licensed community health worker, St. Josephs Area Health Services Community Health & Consultant for the FATHER Project Park Rapids, Jodi Leras BSN, PHN, Stearns County Human Services/Public Health

Too often fathers are not involved in home visits, whether due to scheduling problems, fathers not living in the same home as the children, maternal reluctance regarding father involvement, lack of interest or effort on the part of home visitors or the father’s reluctance itself.

This workshop brings together subject-matter experts from different disciplines to discuss father involvement and provide information, explore ideas, and offer specific suggestions that home visitors might employ to increase and retain father involvement. They will discuss how visitors might appeal to fathers and men in families in traditional roles as a protector, a provider and a disciplinarian in the household.
COMMON GROUND—FATHERS BEHIND BARS

Presenters: Robert Price, Parent Group Facilitator, FATHER Project-St. Cloud, Correctional Officer at MN Dept. of Corrections-St. Cloud, Chair, Crisis Intervention Team and Beyond the Yellow Ribbon Committee, MN DOC-St. Cloud and Maurice Duncan, Parent Group Facilitator, IOC assoc. and Youth Coalition representative.

This session highlights initiatives at the St. Cloud State Prison, ties to direct service programs for fathers, and how working together improves outcomes and success for current and ex-offenders. Presenters will share information about working and living in corrections and being FATHER Project participants and now assistant parent group facilitators. They will discuss closing the gap between Correctional Officers, Incarcerated Fathers and their children alike and the importance of professionals who work with the incarcerated population to champion them and help them to succeed. Presenters will highlight the “Common Ground-Fathers behind Bars” program that could be very beneficial to the incarcerated population.

RAISING CHILDREN WITH FETAL ALCOHOL SPECTRUM DISORDER—GETTING DADS INVOLVED

Presenter: Jeff Beyer, Resource Coordinator, MN Organization on Fetal Alcohol Syndrome (MOFAS)

Mr. Beyer shares his story—he and his wife are raising six kids, which include two who are adopted and are diagnosed with Fetal Alcohol Spectrum Disorder (FASD). The Beyer’s have been active in the community and with MOFAS for over four years as Family Resource Coordinators and administrators of the Virtual Family Center (VFC). Two years ago Mr. Beyer started the Metro Dads Coffee Group in Minneapolis. The groups have since expanded to Forest Lake and Minnetonka. He will provide an FASD basics training geared toward a variety of audiences including professionals, parents, students, educators, etc. and will talk about how the Metro Dads Coffee Group is reaching & supporting dads affected by FASD.

COMING TOGETHER AROUND MILITARY FAMILIES: MENTAL HEALTH & FAMILY SUPPORT FOR MILITARY FAMILIES WITH INFANTS & YOUNG CHILDREN

Presenter: Julie Wasiluk, Military Child Care Services Coordinator, Child Care Aware of Minnesota

Coming Together Around Military Families is an initiative of Zero To Three. This training will explore the strengths and unique challenges of military families, the social and emotional needs of all infants and toddlers, and ways mental health care professionals can support young children and their families before, during and after a military deployment.

CULTIVATING FATHERHOOD CHAMPIONS: THE FATHER PROJECT EXPANSION

Presenters: Guy Bowling, Manager, Father Project, Deanna Gulliford, Director of Community Affairs, Goodwill/Easter Seals MN, and Father Project Representatives from sites in Greater MN

This session provides an update and lessons learned about the FATHER Project’s proven service delivery model. The session will emphasize key partnerships and steps taken to develop fatherhood programming in communities such as Park Rapids, St. Cloud, and Rochester. Tools for sharing program successes with different stakeholders as a way to cultivate “fatherhood champions” to advance the fatherhood field in Minnesota and strategies and tactics for leveraging program successes to raise awareness and engage decision-makers and legislators to help sustain and grow fatherhood services will be shared.

POSITIVE FATHER-DAUGHTER RELATIONSHIP IN ADOLESCENCE AND ITS INFLUENCE ON WOMEN’S EFFICACY: A QUALITATIVE EXPLORATION

Presenter: Kristen Lind Seal, PhD Candidate, Univ. of MN, Instructor, St. Mary’s University, Psychotherapist

How do women perceive a positive father-daughter relationship to have influenced their self-efficacy as adults? What do women remember and report from this family relationship? Hear the results from a qualitative study, discuss clinical implications including how providers who work with families can best support this relationship. Learn which characteristics these women reported as most important within their relationships.

CULTIVATING FATHERHOOD CHAMPIONS: THE FATHER PROJECT EXPANSION

Presenters: V.J. Smith President & Founder, MADDADS, and Marco Mondaine Outreach Team Supervisor
Presenters will share the mission of the Minneapolis Chapter of MADDADS (Men Against Destruction, Defending Against Drugs and Social Disorder) to bring about positive change; to seek out, encourage, motivate and guide committed men in the struggle to save children, communities and ourselves from social ills that presently plague our neighborhoods. The presenters will showcase the MADDADS model of transforming individuals one at a time. It will show the value of crime prevention and intervention strategies that work to reclaim neighborhoods and create change in individuals.

MFFN CELEBRATES THE ACCOMPLISHMENTS & RECOGNIZES THE AWESOME LEADERS IN OUR STATE WITH THE 2014 FATHERHOOD AWARDS

MFFN annually recognizes programs and individuals who advance fatherhood policy and practice throughout Minnesota. Nominations are accepted in the fall and MFFN announces the recipients at the annual Fatherhood Summit and posts winners on the Web site. MFFN awards:

- Outstanding Individual
- Member of the Year
- Agency of the Year
- Program of the Year
- Visionary of the Year

Nominate someone for a 2015 Fatherhood Award. Information about the awards, past winners, and nomination criteria can be found on our website at www.mnfathers.org.

HELP MFFN!
PLEASE Evaluate the 2014 Fatherhood Summit Session and Conference

Please help us determine the success of the 2014 Minnesota Father & Families Network Summit. Complete your session evaluations and turn them in to the workshop moderator or the registration desk. And please respond to our follow up survey which will be sent to you via email after the Summit.

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- **John Dobbs**, Graduate Student in Family Studies, St. Cloud State University and Chaplain (Region 4 - Central MN)

- **Aaron (AJ) Dombeck**, Home Base Educator, Mahube-Otwa Community Action Council, Bemidji (Region 1 - Northwest MN)

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- **Joe Johnson**, Father Project case manager/Parent instructor, St. Joseph’s Area Health Services, Park Rapids (Region 1 - Northwest MN)

- **Lowell Johnson**, Brainerd Lakes Early Childhood Coalition, Brainerd (Region 4 - Central MN)

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