

# 2010 Minnesota Fathers & Families Network

## 2010 Annual Report Summary

### Advancing Systems and Programs:

Through this broad program, MFFN is changing the way that non-profit organizations and government agencies interact with families and children. MFFN is leading staff development trainings, presenting educational workshops, and convening working groups to expand father-friendly programming. In 2010, MFFN sponsored 8 day-long seminars for family services professionals and led a field trip to various innovative fatherhood programs. MFFN co-sponsored a 3-day professional conference, the Strong Foundations Conference and Minnesota Fatherhood Summit, including the Excellence in Fatherhood Awards, a public policy speaker, and 40 other training sessions. MFFN staff presented workshops or set-up exhibit tables at over 20 conferences/training events across Minnesota, hosted by other organizations. MFFN staff facilitated programmatic strategic planning processes in three communities through the new Fatherhood Leadership Circles. Staff guided key aspects of work on two demonstration projects related to corrections and child support. MFFN also participated on over one dozen statewide and community-based planning teams dedicated to changing the way that non-profit and government agencies interact with families and children. Through this work, family service professionals and educators are creating more father-friendly and father-inclusive community programs. Nearly 1,000 family professionals, educators, and policy makers participated in MFFN trainings and events in 2010.

### Policy & Education:

Through this program, MFFN educates fatherhood professionals and public policy decision makers about the importance of supporting public policies and systems that engage fathers as assets for families, children, and communities. MFFN staff participated on various statewide committees sponsored by government agencies and staff presented at numerous training sessions geared toward educating professionals in areas of public policy and family law. MFFN hosted one day-long legislative year-in-review. Staff were active participants on three statewide collaborative efforts to engage professionals and communities in public policy. Staff published articles about recent policy changes, legislative updates, and court decisions affecting fathers and families. Through this work, government agencies are changing policies and procedures to be more cognizant and supportive of the role that fathers play in nurturing families and children.

### Resource Development and Healthy Messages:

Through this program, MFFN expands the voice for healthy fatherhood by generating print resources, maintaining a strong online presence, and building the cadre of professionals dedicated to supporting men in their roles as fathers. In 2010, MFFN published 4 quarterly newsletters, developed 2 resource handouts on topics of healthy fatherhood, emailed monthly training/research/policy updates, and maintained a comprehensive website ([www.mnfathers.org](http://www.mnfathers.org)). Staff wrote or edited articles for publication in professional journals/newsletters of other organizations. MFFN printed and disseminated thousands of hard copies of educational materials about healthy fatherhood. MFFN had 389 members during 2010, representing family services professionals, educators, fatherhood advocates, and others from across the state. Members receive quarterly newsletters, monthly email updates, voting rights, and other benefits. Over 3,000 professionals receive direct communication from MFFN on a monthly basis.

### 2010 MFFN Board Members

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## 2010 Revenue and Expenses

### Income

<b>Fee-based Program Fees</b>	\$31,660
<b>Foundation/Corp Grants</b>	\$212,510
<b>Governmental Revenue</b>	\$5,000
<b>Individual Donations</b>	\$5,378
<b>Interest Income</b>	\$910
<b>Membership Dues</b>	\$3,910

**Total Income** \$227,708

### Expense

<b>Administration</b>	\$14,173
<b>Fundraising</b>	\$6,889
<b>Program Services</b>	
<b>Advancing System/Programs</b>	\$105,392
<b>Policy and Education</b>	\$27,398
<b>Resource Development</b>	\$43,368

**Total Expense** \$197,220

**Net Income** **\$62,148**

## 2010 Fatherhood Award Winners

### Individual of the Year :

Dr. Gar E. Kellom

### Program of the Year:

The FATHER Project, a program of Goodwill/Easter Seals Minnesota.



Dr. Gar E. Kellom

### Policymaker of the Year:

Mark J. Ponsolle, Director of the Human Services Division, Ramsey County Attorneys Office.

## 2010 MFFN Major Funders

Bush Foundation

Children's Trust Fund

Independent School District No. 318,  
Grand Rapids

Initiative Foundation

Mardag Foundation

McKnight Foundation

Minnesota Child Support Enforcement  
Division

Minnesota Department of Corrections

Northland Foundation

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Southern Minn. Initiative Foundation

Southwest Initiative Foundation

United Way of Otter Tail County

University of Minnesota School of Public  
Health, Center for Leadership  
Education in Maternal and Child  
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Enforcement

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