

Strong Fathers, Strong Families Conference

Building, Renewing & Healing the Connection

Call for Presenters

THE DETROIT FATHERS & FAMILIES COALITION



DETROIT, MICHIGAN

APRIL 22-23, 2010

A two-day Fatherhood Conference

- Share cutting-edge information
- Introduce evidence-based strategies
- Educate
- Foster understanding
- Motivate and Inspire
- Make a difference for Michigan and Detroit area Families

INFORMATION

Overview of DFFC

The Detroit Fathers and Families Coalition is a non-profit organization founded in 2008. DFFC's mission is to enhance the lives of families by facilitating fathers to connect with and be involved in the lives of their children.

Overview of Conference

Our first annual conference themed, "**Strong Fathers, Strong Families**" will lay the foundation for two full days of workshops and presentations that will result in a community of stronger father-child relationships and stronger sustainable families. The workshops will offer three learning tracks:

- Responsible Fatherhood
- The Father Daughter Relationship
- Healthy Fathers; Healthy Families

The sessions will educate and empower practitioners with the tools they need to facilitate fathers to connect and reconnect effectively with their children and families; assist fathers to make healthy relationship decisions; and help daughters and mothers to better understand the dynamics of father absence in the father daughter relationship. The workshops will provide the tools necessary to begin to heal from father absence while providing practitioners the opportunity to learn new strategies and resources to facilitate their ability to empower fathers and rebuild families.

Conference Attendees

Your learning audience will include fatherhood practitioners, family service professionals, community partners, early education/childcare professionals, educators, fathers, mothers, grandparents, guardians and children of father absence.

Red Dress Red Tie Banquet

We will augment our conference with a celebration of local fathers in an 'All Star Dads Banquet' on Friday evening. We have chosen a unique group of men who have fathered their children in a variety of different relationships, from the traditional in home relationship to fathers who while challenged by divorce, incarceration, and other issues are able to parent to the best of their ability.

We appreciate your support and look forward to partnering with you.

Possible Topics

The Father Daughter Relationship

Families & Incarcerated Fathers

Perceptions of Fathers in the Media

Father Absence: Forgiving & Healing

Fathers & Healthy Marriages

Grandparents as New Parents

Fathers & Daughters

Faith Based Fatherhood Initiatives

Engaging Young Fathers

Fathers & Child Support

Fatherhood in Every Culture

Working to Be A Better Father

Fathers and the Legal System

and more....

**Proposal Deadline:
December 15, 2009**

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GUIDELINES

General

Submission Information

Submissions should be e-mailed to:

workshops@detroitfathersandfamiliescoalition.org

Deadline: December 1, 2009

Have questions?

Contact Elena Camp @ xxx xxx-xxxx

Plan to Attend!

On Friday April 23rd @ 6:00 pm, we will celebrate Detroit area fathers at the

“All Star Dad’s Banquet”

Tickets are \$50.00 ea and available on the website:

www.detroitfathersandfamiliescoalition.org

Workshops should be approximately 75 minutes long. A limited number of 2.5 hour sessions are available. Presenters may present both days. Presenters will be notified on or before January 15, 2010. Once notification is received, we ask that selected presenters confirm their participation. Each presenter (maximum of two) will receive a no-fee *regular conference registration** including conference meals. A registration form is required for each presenter.

Tentative Session Schedule

April 22, 2010 8:30 - 4:30

April 23, 2010 8:30 - 4:30

Selection Criteria

- * Relevance to conference tracks
- * Clear, precise description of what presentation will include
- * Clear objective that can be realistically met in time allowed
- * Creative, innovative approach to topic
- * Solid, “how-to” information provided
- * Standards of effective adult learning addressed
- * Information applicable in a variety of program/ classroom settings
- * Credentials and experience of presenter
- * Well-written proposal with completely answered questions

* excludes Banquet tickets

WORKSHOP PROPOSAL

Speaker Contact Information

(if additional speakers are presenting, please attach their complete contact information)

Name: _____ Title: _____

Organization / Company Name: _____

Company Address: _____

Company City / State / Zip: _____

Daytime Phone: _____ Alternate Phone: _____

Fax: _____ E-Mail: _____

Speaker Biographical Information

Please provide a speaker bio. Include experience with topic you are proposing.

Highest Degree Completed (ex: M.S. in Education; B.A., H.S. Diploma, etc.):

Educational Session Information

Please indicate the Track your workshop will address:

Father Responsibility The Father Daughter Relationships Healthy Fathers; Healthy Families

What are two interesting, benefit-laden titles for your topic? Think of the title as the headline for an intriguing magazine article. For example: "I'm a Parent Too! How to Work Cooperatively with Your Divorced or Separated Spouse"

Please describe the educational content of your proposed session. Descriptions should be specific, and clearly explain how attendees will benefit from the information in your session.

Please describe how you plan to involve attendees in your session.

What new ideas and/or strategies will attendees be able to use after this session? Please list three things.

Have you presented on this topic before? Yes No If yes, when and where?

Please indicate ALL AUDIOVISUAL EQUIPMENT YOU WILL REQUIRE. If you have changes to this list after your proposal is accepted, you must contact DFFC at info@detroitfathersandfamiliescoalition.org by April 8, 2010. We request that you bring your own laptop computer if you require it's use. Wireless internet access will be available.

My session will be 75 minutes 2.5 Hours

Are you willing to present the workshop more than once? Yes No

Please indicate the days on which you can present (check all that apply):

Thursday morning Thursday afternoon Friday morning Friday afternoon

Submit proposal to the Detroit Fathers & Families Coalition at
rwrightking@detroitfathersandfamiliescoalition.org.