



## **12<sup>th</sup> Annual International Fatherhood Conference**

*"Parents and Communities Working Together to Ensure the Academic Success of Children"*

**June 15-18, 2010**

**New Orleans, LA**

# **CONFERENCE OVERVIEW**

The International Fatherhood Conference is the longest running annual fatherhood conference in the United States. This event brings together policy makers, researchers, and practitioners committed to improving the well being of children through strengthening families and engaging fathers.

Research indicates that income growth is directly related to a person's educational attainment, parent involvement is a key indicator of a child's academic success, and community collaboration among schools, business, government, and nonprofit organizations is essential to enabling children to reach their highest human potential. To this end, this year's conference theme is, "**Parents and Communities Working Together to Ensure the Academic Success of Children**". The conference objectives are to share research knowledge and promising practices in three areas: 1) Improving the educational level of low-income fathers, 2) Increasing the involvement of parents in general and fathers in particular in the academic success of children, and 3) Creating partnerships between responsible fatherhood programs and schools. All conference speakers and workshop presenters are being asked to address these objectives.

Invited keynote speakers include The Honorable Arne Duncan, U.S. Secretary of Education, Commissioner for the Office of Child Support Enforcement, Vicki Turetsky and Judge Mablean Ephriam of the hit series, *Divorce Court*. There will also be over 25 promising practice workshops including a special leadership development track facilitated by members of the National Fatherhood Leaders Group. In addition, the conference will recognize several 'Favorite Fathers of New Orleans', nominated by local churches, students and NPCL partners, who have impacted the lives of children and families. This area of recognition specifically aims to recognize Fathers that were victims of Hurricane Katrina, sacrificing and enduring much for the benefit of their families. The highlight of the conference will be the *Spirit of Fatherhood Awards Luncheon* which will take place Wednesday June 16<sup>th</sup>, 2010 at 12:15PM at the Sheraton Metairie. For further information, please review our workshops track listing and downloadable forms on our official conference website, [www.fatherhoodconference.com](http://www.fatherhoodconference.com).

Thank you in advance for your presence and participation.

Sincerely,

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