



NPCL 13th Annual International Fatherhood Conference

"Getting Results: Building the Evidence for Responsible Fatherhood and Healthy Families Programs"

June 8-11, 2011

**Sheraton National Hotel
Arlington, VA (Washington, DC)**

CONFERENCE OVERVIEW

Since 1998, the National Partnership for Community Leadership (NPCL) has sponsored the International Fatherhood Conference (IFC), which has become the longest running and most respected conference on responsible fatherhood in the world. IFC brings together policy makers, researchers, practitioners and parents who desire to improve the well-being of children through increased father involvement and strengthened families. In addition, IFC provides an important "on ramp" and platform for policymakers to develop consensus regarding the value of fathers and mothers to children, and is a resource for researchers and practitioners to publicize their work and learn from others.

Leaders and practitioners in the field of responsible fatherhood, marriage, and healthy families must be aware and responsive in ways that reflect assets rather than deficits when it comes to our work. As the President and Congress contemplate welfare reform and the future of responsible fatherhood/marriage/and healthy families policies, they are looking for results. How has the 5 year, \$150 million investment in healthy marriage and responsible fatherhood programs benefitted (quantitatively and qualitatively) men, women and children receiving services? This is a relevant question that will be addressed "head-on" at the *13th Annual International Fatherhood Conference*. In addition, this will be the first time that a fatherhood conference will focus solely on: **results**. The overall goal of the 2011 conference is to demonstrate that programs/services seeking to strengthen families towards improved child well-being, are working. We anticipate several white papers and briefs to be produced and disseminated to key stakeholders as a result of the conference.

We are inviting national research and evaluation organizations and practitioners with proven results in responsible fatherhood, healthy marriage, family strengthening and youth development to be workshop presenters at this 2011 fatherhood event. We plan to showcase plenary speakers and workshop presenters who have evidence-based approaches to responsible fatherhood and healthy marriage; curriculums; jobs programs; educational initiatives; middle school and high school programs; child support programs; domestic violence programs; early childhood development programs; health programs; youth development programs and criminal justice projects.

NPCL is confident that each attendee will be positively enriched by participating in our 2011 conference and we look forward to your joining us in our nation's capital at this historic 2011 fatherhood event. Our children and families are counting on us show the difference we are making to improve their lives.

Thank you in advance for your presence and participation.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Jeffery M. Johnson".

Jeffery M. Johnson, PhD
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