



3rd Annual New York Fathering Conference

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CONFERENCE FOR SERVICE PROVIDERS & FATHERS

Tuesday, April 4, 2017

7:30 a.m. – 8:30 a.m. – Registration

8:30 a.m. – 4:00 p.m. Keynote Speaker/Workshops

Westchester County Center, White Plains, NY

Call for Proposal

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On behalf of County Executive Robert P. Astorino and the Program Committee of the New York Fatherhood Conference, workshop proposals are being sought for the April 4, 2017 event to be held at the Westchester County Center, White Plains, New York. The goal of the conference is to inspire, educate and challenge attendees to improve services and programs for fathers, particularly in the areas of parenting, employment and wellness.

We invite qualified presenters to submit proposals for workshop consideration that are relevant to the conference goal. Potential presenters should complete the attached "Proposed Presentation/Workshop Proposal Form" and return it to one of the emails listed below by Monday, November 21, 2016. **We regret that we are unable to offer honorariums to workshop presenters.**

We look forward to hearing from you. Please direct all questions to:

Joseph Kenner, 914-995-3287, jkenner@westchestergov.com

Sincerely,

Joseph Kenner
Program Committee Co-Chair

Frank Williams
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Conference Information:

WHAT THE CONFERENCE IS ABOUT - The New York Fathering Conference is focused on providing education and training to service providers who work with fathers and families and will include workshops for fathers themselves. The event brings together family service providers, organizations from the faith-based community, social workers, federal, state, and county representatives, family advocates and fathers, to learn and share information and experiences. The goal of the conference is to inspire, educate and challenge attendees to improve services and programs for fathers, particularly in the areas of parenting, employment and wellness.

Workshop Content:

WHAT WE ARE LOOKING FOR- The program committee for the NY Fatherhood Conference is seeking professionals who work directly with fathers, who write about fathers or who influence policies. Workshop proposals should focus on any of the following service provider concerns: retention and engaging fathers in programs, families, schools, co-parenting, conflict resolution, domestic violence, anger management; helping fathers navigate governmental systems (i.e., social services, child support, family court system); employment issues (i.e., hiring trends, job training and career building resources, re-entry, or re-branding oneself); and physical and mental health issues. We are looking for workshop proposals that speak to a broad spectrum of the fathering experience.

Workshop Format:

WHAT YOU CAN EXPECT- Each workshop will be approximately 90 minutes in length and should give service providers and/or dads information, insight, interaction and tools that they can bring back to their respective practices and communities. We ask that the workshops have a built in opportunity for people to talk and exchange information and experiences. The committee is particularly interested in workshops geared toward one perspective (i.e., a workshop on finding employment for formerly incarcerated fathers, one on ways to make your program “father friendly” or one for fathers on how to manage their physical and mental well-being).

Please Note: Honorariums are not available for presenters and presenters are responsible for their own travel and accommodations.

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