

Enhancing Services and Programs for Fathers: An Overview of National Responsible Fatherhood Clearinghouse Resources

Presenter Bios



Akua Gyabaah, Web Content and Dissemination Lead, ICF/NRFC

Akua is a Senior Training Specialist with ICF. Given her technical knowledge related to project management, data collection, survey management, reporting, technical assistance, and social science research, she performs duties that merge subject matter expertise with technical skills. Currently, Akua provides leadership on several workforce, educational, and community projects funded by myriad agencies, including the Office of Family Assistance. In her role as Web Content and Dissemination Lead on the National Responsible Fatherhood Clearinghouse, she serves as a liaison between the technology and content teams and leverages analytics to make data-informed decisions with regard to web content and the user experience.



Trevor Lin, Assistant Campaign Manager, Ad Council/NRFC

Trevor is an Assistant Campaign Manager at the Ad Council, helping facilitate the development of PSA campaigns for non-profits and government organizations including the CDC Foundation, Feeding America, and United Way. He serves as one of three points of contact with the National Responsible Fatherhood Clearinghouse and plays a key role in the Responsible Fatherhood Media Campaign. Prior to joining the Ad Council, he graduated with a B.S. in Advertising from the S.I. Newhouse School of Public Communications at Syracuse University.



Patrick Patterson, Program Manager, National Responsible Fatherhood Clearinghouse

Patrick manages the federally funded NRFC, a project providing services for responsible fatherhood programs to help connect and strengthen the relationship between fathers, their children, and families. He also serves as the NRFC liaison with faith based and community-based organizations in the US and internationally. As a national fatherhood leader and speaker, Patrick has effectively delivered more than 750 fatherhood trainings, keynotes, consultations and workshops with public/private agencies around the world. In 2014, the National Partnership for Community Leadership (NPCL) awarded the prestigious "International Fatherhood Practitioner of the Year" to Patrick for the impact of his fatherhood work as an advocate and practitioner globally. Patrick is also an NFL Players Association consultant, where he trains current and former NFL players with fatherhood, co-parenting, and healthy relationship skills. He earned a Bachelor of Social Work degree from Benedict College (Columbia, SC) and dual master's degrees in social work and Public Health from the University of South Carolina.



Barbara Scarlette, NRFC VCC Community Development Officer and Vice President of Operations, VIA Consulting Group

Barbara is an experienced business professional with more than 20 years' experience in business, technology, and project implementation. She has a passion for community development and has overseen the implementation and roll-out of multiple Virtual Collaborative Communities (leveraging ENTREPIDTM) in United States, Latin America, Canada, and Africa. Alongside her role as VP of Operations for VIA Consulting Group, LLC, Barbara also serves as the NRFC VCC Community Development Officer, overseeing fatherhood partitioner engagement, strategy development and implementation, and data analysis and reporting. Her experience includes managing local, state and federal enterprise-wide projects including software deployments, data warehousing/business intelligence projects, and various application development projects. Barbara is a graduate of North Carolina State University and enjoys spending quality time with friends and family.



Nigel Vann, Product Development Lead, National Responsible Fatherhood Clearinghouse

Nigel has worked as manager, trainer, and consultant with fatherhood programs since 1988, including major projects in the US and UK. He has been with the NRFC since 2008 and Fathers Incorporated as an independent consultant since 2016. He oversees development of NRFC products and webinars and is the main author of the NRFC's Responsible Fatherhood Toolkit and a series of tip cards for practitioners and fathers. He has visited and provided assistance to fatherhood programs in 45 states; facilitated more than 80 staff training workshops; presented at numerous conferences; worked on four major responsible fatherhood demonstration projects and four international fatherhood projects; and written 12 published articles. Prior to his work with the NRFC, he managed Maryland's Absent Parents Employment Program (1988-90); served as Program Officer for Public/Private Ventures' Young Unwed Fathers Pilot Project (1991-95); was Director of Partnership Development and Training for NPCL (1996 - 2004); managed a Healthy Marriage project in Florida (2004 - 2006); and served as adviser to the PAIRS Foundation Healthy Marriage project in South Florida (2006 – 2008).