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*Understanding the Past to Improve the Future:
Lessons Learned in Fatherhood Program Service Delivery*

Presenter Bios



Kenneth Braswell, Project Director, National Responsible Fatherhood Clearinghouse and Executive Director, Fathers Incorporated, Atlanta, GA

Kenneth brings 30 years of collective work experience managing and leading fatherhood and community programs. He guides the strategic activities of the NRFC, a widely recognized national and international resource for fathers, practitioners, researchers and policymakers. He also serves as the Chief Executive Officer of [Fathers Incorporated](#), an award-winning, widely recognized national nonprofit organization supporting fathers, practitioners, researchers, and policymakers, that provides capacity building services to thousands of organizations working to ensure that fathers contribute to the healthy well-being of their children. A leading authority on Fatherhood and Fatherhood Initiatives in the United States, his work has appeared in The New York Times, The Washington Post and several other well-known media outlets. He is the author of several children's books and curricula for practitioners, as well as creator of two powerful

documentaries "Spit'in Anger" and "Dark Hearts." During his career, Kenneth has managed over \$70 million in fatherhood programming. He serves on several national boards and committees, including the Little Free Library. Born and raised in Brooklyn, NY, he resides in Atlanta, is the father of five beautiful children, and husband to beautiful wife, Tracy.



Patrick Patterson, Program Manager, National Responsible Fatherhood Clearinghouse

Patrick manages the federally funded NRFC, a project that provides 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.

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Mindy Scott, Ph.D., Research Lead, National Responsible Fatherhood Clearinghouse, and Director and Senior Research Scientist, Child Trends, Wellsville, NY

Mindy leads the Fatherhood and Parenting program area at Child Trends, a partner agency of the NRFC, and also serves as Research Lead for the NRFC. Her main research interests relate to fatherhood, father involvement, and relationship and family formation during adolescence and young adulthood. Her current research projects explore responsible fatherhood, coparenting, intimate partner violence, and healthy relationships, with a broad focus on diverse types of fathers and families, including young fathers, formerly incarcerated fathers, nonresident fathers, and Hispanic fathers.

Dr. Scott's work is meant to inform and build the capacity of researchers, evaluators, and practitioners working to improve the lives and prospects of children and families.



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 Responsible Fatherhood Toolkit (www.fatherhood.gov/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).



James Worthy, Outreach Coordinator, National Responsible Fatherhood Clearinghouse

James leads the NRFC's outreach work at conferences and other national fatherhood events. He has worked with the NRFC as an independent consultant since 2013. As an independent consultant he contributes his talents and expertise to support the efforts of service organization both public and private. Between 1992 and 2013, he provided or managed direct services to nearly 10,000 of Baltimore's most disenfranchised residents and provided training to nearly 5000 Human Services Practitioners Nationwide. He worked with the Center for Urban Families (CFUF) from 1998 to 2013 in various capacities, including leadership of the Practitioners Leadership Institute and management of CFUF's Technical Assistance portfolio. He also served as CFUF's point person for contract consulting with the Office of Family Assistance's Responsible

Fatherhood grantees. James began his professional Humans Services career as the Director of Male Involvement for Saint Bernadine's Head Start and Adult Learning Center in Baltimore. James' proudest accomplishment is his incredible family, wife D'Lisa and his three sons, Jaylen, Donovan & Amari.