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Understanding Trauma-Informed Programming: A Primer for Responsible Fatherhood Programs

Presenter Bios

Derrick Gordon, Ph.D., Assistant Professor, Yale University School of Medicine

Derrick is Director of Yale's Program on Male Development. His work with men focuses on enhancing men's health, increasing their positive involvement in family and community life, and identifying factors that enhance the access and use of preventive and indicated health care services by men on the "fringes." He has served as an investigator on several federal and state funded projects, including analysis of factors that either support or undermine men transitioning from prison back to the community; the engagement of low-income, non-custodial fathers; the identification and service of adolescent fathers committed to child protection services; and men mandated to batterer intervention groups in the community. He is currently co-investigator on an NIH funded project examining the STI risk of heterosexual young men to their pregnant female partners.

Lamar Henderson, Program Coordinator, All Dads Matter, Merced County Human Services Agency, Merced, CA

Lamar has served as chair of the Merced County Juvenile Justice Delinquency Prevention Commission for 8 years and as a parenting educator for the Merced County Human Services Agency facilitating the Nurturing Parenting, Positive Discipline and Boot Camp for New Dads curricula. He is a certified trainer for the ACE (Adverse Childhood Experiences) Overcomers program and completed the 2012/2013 Fresno State Central California Children's Institute "Foundations of Infant Mental Health Training." He co-authored *Supporting Youth to Experience the Benefits of Father Involvement: Implications for Child-Serving Professionals*, an article published in The Report on Emotional and Behavioral Disorders in Youth; was recently invited by California Attorney General Kamala Harris to participate in the CHANGINGMINDS and Creating Trauma-informed Communities convening; and has presented at numerous fatherhood and family conferences.

Kerri L. Pruitt, MBA, Co-Founder and Executive Director, The Dannon Project, Birmingham, AL

Kerri is an Author and Executive Director of The Dannon Project (TDP), a non-profit organization serving at risk youth, unemployed, homeless, and non-violent previously incarcerated persons (PIPs). She is recognized nationally for her 15-year career as a federal technical assistance consultant in the areas of fiscal and human resources, developer of the user-friendly GrantSuite® software, and trainer for multi-funded governmental programs. She has received numerous awards, including 2009 Feeding Dreams Champion for her work in serving PIP's, 2015 AllState Champion for Good, and 2015 Spear Servant Leadership Award presented by the Vulcan Foundation. In July 2014, the White House recognized TDP as one of four most "effective career readiness programs in the nation." Kerri is a wife, mother, daughter, sister, businesswoman and a dreamer. She and her husband Jeh Jeh have a daughter, Jehme.

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