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Employment and Economic Stability Services for Fathers

Presenter Bios

Dan Bloom, Director, Health and Barriers to Employment Policy Area, MDRC
Dan Bloom directs MDRC’s work on groups seeking to gain a foothold in the labor market, including former prisoners, disconnected young adults, low-income noncustodial parents (usually fathers), welfare recipients, and individuals with disabilities. He is currently directing two large-scale federal projects to test subsidized and transitional employment programs. Previous projects include the National Guard Youth ChalleNGe evaluation, the evaluation of the Center for Employment Opportunities program for former prisoners, and evaluations of three state welfare reform initiatives in the 1990s. Since joining MDRC in 1988, Bloom has coauthored more than 40 research reports and contributed articles to several published volumes on workforce and youth policy. He previously worked for America Works, a for-profit company that operates job-placement programs for welfare recipients, and the Center on Budget and Policy Priorities in Washington, DC. He has a master’s degree in public policy from the John F. Kennedy School of Government at Harvard University.

Carl Chadband, Chief Operating Officer, Kanawha Institute for Social Research & Action, Inc. (KISRA), Dunbar, West Virginia
Carl Chadband has a background in education and community economic development, with extensive experience developing partnerships between non-profits and federal and state agencies. He has managed employment programs for ex-offenders and non-custodial fathers, and also has experience in media, marketing, and technology management. Carl has a master’s degree in education leadership from Wilmington University and an undergraduate degree in elementary education from West Virginia State University. He has taught in the public school systems of Delaware & New Jersey, is a certified administrator and GED instructor, and also a certified Program Return on Investment (PROI) trainer through Saint Wall Street.

Halbert Sullivan, Founding President/CEO, Fathers’ Support Center (FSC), St. Louis, Missouri
Halbert Sullivan provides executive leadership, administrative oversight, fundraising, marketing and PR support for FSC. FSC promotes fathers’ involvement in their children’s lives through intensive job training, group therapy, community service, and parenting workshops. Since its inception, FSC has served more than 11,797 fathers and their families, transitioning nonparticipating fathers to a position of involvement and equity in the lives of over 29,000 children. Mr. Sullivan has served as the Primary Investigator or Co-Investigator on several research projects, including Engaging Fathers in Positive Parenting, Family Formation & Employment Placement; Healthy Relationship Skills for Fragile Families; and currently the Parents and Children

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