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The Intersection of Parenting and Relationship Skills:
Fathers as Teachers and Role Models for their Children

Presenter Bios

Shawndi Johnson, MSW, Program Manager, Dads Matter, Children’s Bureau of Southern California, Anaheim, CA
Shawndi is a fatherhood advocate with intimate experience of managing the expectations of the ever evolving needs of familial and professional responsibilities. He has 15 years’ experience managing social service and non-profit programs focused on issues such as grandparents raising their grandchildren, family reunification, children with special needs, new moms, and father involvement. Based on this experience, he has used his influence to insert fathers into the parenting conversation in Orange County, California. In the course of his work, Shawndi has used several evidenced-based curricula to provide services for Orange County families including Keys to Interactive Parenting Scale (KIPS), Nursing Child Assessment Satellite Training (NCAST), and Supporting Father Involvement (SFI).

Elizabeth Karberg, Ph.D., Research Scientist, Child Trends, Bethesda, MD
Elizabeth is a fatherhood expert in the Parenting and Family Dynamics research area at Child Trends. She is a developmental scientist who studies parenting and co-parenting with a focus on fathers, child development, and family formation factors. She leads research projects related to parent-child interactions with a focus on how fathers shape children’s linguistic, social and regulatory development and how family contexts shape parenting and fatherhood. Dr. Karberg has worked with diverse populations of fathers and practitioners at programs provided by Office of Adolescent Health Pregnancy Assistance Fund grantees, Office of Family Assistance HMRE grantees, and Early Head Start and Head Start programs. Prior to joining Child Trends, Dr. Karberg worked with Dr. Natasha Cabrera to study fathering and co-parenting among high risk populations, including Early Head Start families, incarcerated fathers, and undocumented Latino immigrant families. She has also evaluated fatherhood curricula, contributed to father engagement and co-parenting measurement research, and is the main author of Co-Parenting: Resources and Best Practices for Service Providers.

Carter W. Patterson, Program Manager, Operation Fatherhood, UIH Family Partners, Trenton, NJ
Carter is a visionary and innovative Project Director with 23 years of social service and nonprofit management experience. He is a strategic thinker with a tactical approach for planning and implementing federally funded research programs and currently manages over $500k in federal, state and privately funded projects. He is a frequent speaker on topics such as Fathering, Trauma Theory, Workforce Development, and Effective Co-Parenting. He has made presentations for Princeton University, Fathers and Families Coalition of America, American Public Human Services Association Conference, Child Welfare League of America, Federal Reserve Bank of Philadelphia, and other local organizations. He has received awards from New Jersey Legislators for his work around economic development within the non-profit sector, as well as recognition from Trenton, NJ City Council.

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