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Presenter Bios

James Murray, Senior Advisor, Administration for Children and Families (ACF) Office of Child Support Enforcement (OCSE), Washington, DC

In his role with OCSE, James develops strategic partnerships and facilitates coalition building to strengthen OCSE's impact in the areas of responsible fatherhood, young parents, men's health, financial literacy, minority outreach, and veterans' services. Before joining OCSE, he served as the Acting Director of the Office of Regional Operations within ACF. In that capacity, James provided executive leadership and direction to ACF's ten regional offices on integrating and coordinating cross-cutting, human service programs. Prior to his tenure with ACF, he held positions in the education and non-profit fields. His experience includes positions with Early Head Start and the National Fatherhood Initiative, where he provided technical assistance to fatherhood practitioners. James holds a Bachelor of Science degree in Human Development from Howard University and a Master of Public Administration degree from Bowie State University.

Kelly R. Little, Program Supervisor and Responsible Parents Leader, Mecklenburg County Child Support Enforcement (MCCSE), Charlotte, NC

Kelly has over 19 years of public administration experience. At MCCSE, he leads an Intake Locate team and co-leads the *Collegiate Internship/Mentoring, Responsible Fatherhood, and Mom as Gateway* initiatives. He has helped build strategic partnerships that help fathers obtain visitation, build skills, and earn a livable wage. His work has helped shift the paradigm of Child Support service delivery in North Carolina and the new approach has galvanized support and credibility within a previously skeptical community. Kelly's passion for this work is a direct result of his experiences growing up in Philadelphia, where he faced many of the same challenges that current MCCSE customers face. His community involvement is focused on fatherhood education, healthy relationships, workforce development, strengthening families, inspiring youth, and advocating for catalyzing change and dismantling racism. He has presented at State and Local conferences and is also the CEO of The Legrande Little Group, where he consults with at-risk youth, facilitates strengthening of families, and promotes father engagement. Kelly is a 25-year veteran of the US Army/Army National Guard. He served honorably in numerous wars; is a decorated service member who was medically retired as a Senior Non-Commissioned Officer in 2013; and completed his career as a Senior Instructor at the NC Military Academy in Ft. Bragg, NC. He completed his Master's in Business Administration at Pfeiffer University with a concentration in Government, and recently completed his Masters in Science and Leadership with a focus in Human Resources/Change Management.

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Cheri Tillis, Executive Vice President, Fathers' Support Center (FSC), St. Louis, MO

Cheri Tillis has been leading program development and operations at FSC since 2003. She is charged with recruiting men into FSC's Family Formation program, ensuring ongoing funding of FSC's work, and managing all government grant programs. Prior to joining FSC, Cheri worked in the Division of Youth Services in St. Louis as a youth specialist. She also served a year in AmeriCorps, working in schools and community centers throughout St. Louis. In addition to her many duties managing the ongoing operations of FSC, Cheri also oversees FSC's federal *New Pathways for Fathers and Families* grant and various federal and state grants that provide training and employment services, as well as rehabilitative services, for ex-offenders reentering the St. Louis community. Cheri has represented FSC at many national fatherhood conferences, where she is often called upon to speak about FSC's program, which is increasingly pointed to as a national model for fatherhood programs. She holds a master's in human resource management from Lindenwood University and a bachelor's in criminal justice from Jackson State University.

Lisl King Williams, JD, Director of Legal Services, Fathers' Support Center (FSC), St. Louis, MO

Lisl King Williams is a native of Chicago and has been a resident of the City of St. Louis for over 30 years. Attorney Williams received her BA from Washington University in St. Louis and her Juris Doctorate from Northwestern University School of Law in Chicago. She also has a Master of Management from the J.L. Kellogg Graduate School of Management in Evanston, Illinois. She has practiced law since 1981, with firms in the District of Columbia, Chicago and St. Louis, and currently heads the legal services department at FSC, where she specializes in representing impoverished parents with respect to custody, visitation, paternity, non-paternity and child support. During her tenure with FSC she has successfully represented clients at the Appellate Court involving key issues regarding paternity. Attorney Williams was a Municipal Court Judge in the City of St. Louis for 10 years and was recently appointed by the Missouri Supreme Court to serve as a member of the 2016 Child Support Guidelines Review Subcommittee of the Family Court. She is married with four daughters.