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Two-Generation Approaches to Working with Fathers

Presenter Bios

Keren Cadet, Two-Generation Coordinator, The Center for Working Families, Atlanta, GA.

Keren Cadet started her educational track at the University of Florida in 2000 and completed her undergraduate degree in Sociology. In 2005, she started her career in social service as the *Children's Advocate* for the Partnership Against Domestic Violence (PADV) and continued working with families as the *Supportive Housing Coordinator* when she left PADV. Mrs. Cadet also has experience working with at-risk populations in the areas of Juvenile Justice and Education. She has worked as a *Detention Counselor* and *Juvenile Probation & Parole Specialist* for the Department of Juvenile Justice and *Parental Involvement Coordinator/Homeless Liaison* for the Graduation Achievement Charter High School, a virtual high school program. Mrs. Cadet holds her Master of Social Work degree from the University of Georgia and continues to develop professionally by attending different professional coaching workshop/seminars. She is a wife, mother to a 10 month old, and her passion is to advocate and empower her community.

Anthony Judkins, B.S., Program Manager, John S. Martinez Fatherhood Initiative, Connecticut Department of Social Services, Hartford, CT

Anthony (Tony) Judkins has been with the Connecticut Department of Social Services for 23 years. Over the last 17 years he has served as Program Manager for the John S. Martinez Fatherhood Initiative of Connecticut, which is a broad-based, multi-agency, statewide program led by the Department of Social Services. The initiative focuses on changing systems that can improve fathers' ability to be fully and positively involved in the lives of their children. From 2006-2011, Tony served as the Department's Project Director for the Federal Promoting Responsible Fatherhood (PRF) grant, where he was responsible for the planning and implementation of strategies that addressed the three authorized grant activity areas: Healthy Marriage, Responsible Parenting and Economic Stability. Tony received his Bachelor of Science degree in 1989 from Sacred Heart University. He is married to his wonderful wife Wanda and is the proud father of three wonderful sons AJ (31), Chase (16) and Olivier (13).

Rodney Lawrence, Family Support Specialist, Supporting Arms, Atlanta, GA

In addition to his role with Supporting Arms, Rodney Lawrence is the Founder and President of Image Fatherhood Consultants and the Image Fatherhood Advisory Group. He was born and raised in Atlanta, GA and graduated with a bachelor's degree in Sociology from the University of West Georgia. He is an Educator currently serving in the capacity of a Family Support Specialist. He has over 20 years of experience in training

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and assisting families in areas of early intervention, parent involvement and education. His previous experience includes positions as a Senior Adjudicated Adolescent Counselor, Behavioral Specialist, and Child/Family Specialist. He and his wife have two children - a son Roderick and a daughter Kiera.

Wanda N. Walker, Director of Program Excellence, Jeremiah Program, Minneapolis, MN

Wanda N. Walker is Director of Program Excellence of Jeremiah Program, a leading national nonprofit whose proven, holistic approach transforms families from poverty to prosperity two generations at a time. As Director of Program Excellence, Wanda oversees and contributes to the continued delivery and development of superior programming within existing campuses while transferring the knowledge from one campus to the next as the organization expands nationally. She is responsible for program development, design, evaluation and process improvement in collaboration with the senior leadership and provides leadership in the evaluation and improvement of the program model. A graduate of the University of Cincinnati, she holds a Master's degree in Social Work and has over 27 years working in nonprofits.