



U.S. Department of Health
and Human Services
Administration for Children
and Families
Office of Family Assistance

National
Responsible
Fatherhood Clearinghouse
fatherhood.gov



National Responsible Fatherhood Clearinghouse (NRFC) Webinar May 26, 2021

Maintaining Recruitment and Retention During the Pandemic and Beyond

Presenter Bios



Jamichael Fann, Fatherhood Engagement Lead, Marion County Health Department

Jamichael is a graduate of the Fathers and Families Center program and now serves as Fatherhood Engagement Lead for Marion County Health Department. In this role, he connects fathers to resources in the community. He also volunteers with various organizations around the Indianapolis community, including Results Indy, which advocates for community members facing poverty; Simba/Simsa, a mentoring youth project; the Nurturing Father's program, facilitating fatherhood development programs; and B.M.G., a program focused on issues that black men face. Jamichael holds an A.S. in Human Services and is pursuing a B.S.W. at Indiana University and Purdue University (IUPUI). He has been married to his wife Jamila for 5 years. They have 1 son, Jamichael Jr., and 2 daughters, Jamiyla and Jaia.



James D. Melton, Jr., Family Services Manager, Fathers and Families Center (FFC)

James has served as FCC's Family Services Manager since 2008, mentoring young men and fathers to be actively engaged in the lives of their children and families. The Center's goal is to assist men and women in achieving self-sufficiency and strengthening their involvement with their children. Prior to his service at FFC, James served over 20 years in active military service in the U.S. Air Force, retiring in 2007. He earned three Associates in Applied Science Degrees (in Instructional Technology, Social Services, and Allied Health) from the Community College of the Air Force, and a Bachelor of Science in Health Care Management (*cum laude*) from Southern Illinois University. He also earned his Certificate of Theology from Phillips School of Theology at the Interdenominational Theological Center and is currently completing Master of Divinity Degree studies. In addition to his work at FFC, he is a published author and Senior Pastor of McClendon Tabernacle Christian Methodist Episcopal Church. James is married to the love of his life, Attorney Tara (Dudley) Melton, and they are the proud parents of three beautiful children. He tries daily to live up to Fathers and Families Center's mission, which is "building a noble legacy of fatherhood."



Carter W. Patterson, Program Manager, Operation Fatherhood, The Father Center of New Jersey

Carter is a visionary and innovative Project Director with 26 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.



H. Elizabeth Peters, Institute Fellow, Center on Labor, Human Services, and Population, Urban Institute

Elizabeth is a labor economist and demographer with more than 30 years of experience in social and family policy research. Her work focuses on family and social investments in children and youth, the role of the family as a social safety net, and the impacts of public policies on father involvement and child and family outcomes. Before joining Urban, Elizabeth was a professor in the Department of Policy Analysis and Management at Cornell University and was the founding director of the Cornell Population Center. She is currently Professor Emerita at Cornell. Elizabeth was a member of the steering committee that guided the Federal Interagency Forum on Child and Family Statistics' Nurturing Fatherhood initiative. She earned her MPP and PhD in economics from the University of Chicago.



Peter Willenborg, Research Analyst, Center on Labor, Human Services, and Population, Urban Institute

Peter's research interests include early childhood education and development and policies that could support financial stability for families and individuals. His past research has involved quantitative and qualitative methodologies and has examined programs that support the well-being of low-income children and families, such as the child care subsidy system, maternal and child home visiting, and human service delivery organizations. Peter graduated from Macalester College with a BA in economics and geography and a minor in Spanish.