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Working with Young Fathers: Tips from the Field

Presenter Bios

Haki Nkrumah, Founder and CEO, Young Fathers of Central Florida, Orlando, FL



Haki has over twenty years' experience working with teen and young fathers. He is the founder and CEO of Young Fathers of Central Florida, Inc., a non-profit that provides supportive services to young fathers throughout the state of Florida, and co-founder and consultant for Young Fathers of Metro Atlanta, Inc. He previously founded the Jamaica Fathers project in New York State and is the author of three books: *Young Fathers: The Forgotten* (2009), *Teen Fathers: The Struggles and Joys of Fatherhood* (2010), and *I Wish Someone Would Had Told Me: Young Fathers Talk About Parenting* (2016). He is also a Florida Supreme Court Certified Family Mediator.

Haki was born in Upstate New York and attended the State University of New York at Buffalo, obtaining a B.A. in Urban Studies/ Psychology. After graduation, he entered the United States Military (Army), serving 4 years. Eighteen months of that time was served abroad in Korea and Japan, receiving various medals and achievements. He completed his M.A. course work in Human Services from Murray State University and has worked with organization and agencies such as the NYC Board of Education, New York Urban League, York College, NYC Bureau of Child Welfare, Jamaica Fathers Project, and Big Brother Big Sisters.

Johnny Wilson, Executive Director, Young Fathers of Santa Fe, NM



Johnny has been involved with the Young Fathers of Santa Fe program in various capacities. He helped to start the agency in 1999 and then served as a member of the Advisory Board until 2014 when he moved to being an employee providing direct services to dads in Central New Mexico. His current role as Executive Director (while still providing services to participants) began in January of 2015. Prior to his direct service work with young fathers, he worked with homeless youth, youth in residential treatment programs, and transition programs for young adults. He has also worked as a sexual health educator and an administrator in support of people with disabilities, including adolescents and young fathers.

Originally from the Northwest USA, where he lived into adulthood, Johnny has been in New Mexico for more than 20 years.

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