



2023

KENTUCKY FATHERHOOD

SUMMIT

REPORT



**TEAM
KENTUCKY.**
CABINET FOR HEALTH
AND FAMILY SERVICES



Commonwealth
Center for
Fathers &
Families

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Overview



We are excited to share that for the fifth consecutive year, the Cabinet for Health and Families Services (CHFS)- Department for Income Support (DIS)-Child Support Enforcement Division in partnership with the Commonwealth Center for Fathers and Families (CCFF), and other collaborating agencies joined forces to convene the 2023 Kentucky Fatherhood Summit on October 17– 18, 2023. This year's theme and key message was "FATHERHOOD IS FOR GOOD!"



CCFF staff and partners provided key leadership in the coordination of the 2023 Kentucky Fatherhood Summit. We also enlisted the skills of SP Managment Group, a professional event management service. The Planning Committee met and worked together to execute the 2023 Summit. The program included keynotes, sector-specific subject matter, a concentrated "corrections track" and table conversations to help further the learning and understanding of the intersections of policy and practice, and a network of fatherhood supporters and advocates. We were proud to have the finest presenters from across the state and nation.

2023 Participation



31

**Guest
Presenters**

204

**In-Person
Attendees**

253

**Registered
Attendees**

70

**Father
Attendees**

166

**Non-Father
Attendees**

114

**More in person
Attendees
from 2022**

DAY 2 PRESENTING PARTNERS

- KYDaD Academy Participants
- Commonwealth Center for Fathers and Families
- The Urban Institute for Strengthening Families
- Cabinet for Health and Family Services
- Kentucky Youth Advocates
- Starts Within Organization
- Fathers Incorporated
- Lexington Rescue Mission
- Ohio Commission on Fatherhood
- Global Partners for Fathers and Families

DAY 1 PRESENTING PARTNERS

- Tennessee Department for Health Services
- National Fatherhood Initiative
- University of Kentucky College of Social Work
- Believing in Forever, Inc
- Office of Child Support Enforcement
- Department of Health and Human Services' Administration for Children and Families
- Office of Family Assistance
- Healthy Marriage and Responsible Fatherhood, Office of Family Assistance
- University of Louisville Kent School of Social Work
- Department of Corrections
- Commonwealth of Kentucky, Governor
- Cabinet for Health and Family Services, Secretary
- South Carolina Center for Fathers and Families



2023 Participation



- Adair
- Allen
- Anderson
- Barren
- Bath
- Boone
- Bourbon
- Shelby
- Boyd
- Boyle
- Campbell
- Carroll
- Carter
- Clark
- Crittenden
- Fayette
- Fleming
- Floyd
- Franklin
- Fulton
- Graves
- Greenup
- Hardin
- Woodford
- Hopkins
- Jefferson
- Jessamine
- Johnson
- Kenton
- Knott
- Lawrence
- Lewis
- Lincoln
- Madison
- McLean
- Mercer
- Metcalfe
- Monroe
- McCracken
- Monroe
- Montgomery
- Morgan
- Nelson
- Oldham
- Rowan
- Scott
- Washington



2023 Participation

5

Correctional
Facility
Watch Parties



2nd consecutive
year a father
watched the
summit from
prison and
attended in person
the following year!



Fulton Co Jail - 467

Roderer Correctional Complex - 1,132

Western Kentucky Correctional Complex - 582

Lee Adjustment Center - 806

Kentucky Correctional Institution for Women - 555

*3542

*Numbers represent the total census as reported by
respective facilities the days of Summit broadcast

Other Participation Points

45

CEU Registered
Participants

6

Workshops
Offered for CEU
Credits

20

CEU's
Issued

26

Exhibitors

45

Participants Who
Either Recieved or
Payed Child
Support

141

Community
Partners

10+

Professions
Represented

8

States
Represented

8

KYDaDs
Represented



2023 Speakers



**David Cozart, Chief Visionary Officer
Commonwealth Center for Fathers and Families**



**Patrick J. Patterson, CEO Global Partners for
Fathers and Families (Moving Fatherhood
Forward: Sustainable Models)**



**Kristin Porter, Director of the division of
Reentry Services Department of Corrections,
(Opportunities for Institutions to focus on
Parental Connections)**



**Antonio Garcia, PhD, MSW; Associate Professor University of
Kentucky College of Social Work, and Faculty Associate at the
Center on Trauma and Children (Voices: Community-Based
Research Exploring the Perceptions of Fathers and Providers)**



**Mary Carpenter, Executive Advisor-
Cabinet for Health and Family Services
(Community Wellbeing through Co-
Design, Inclusive of Father Voice)**



**Lily Chan Patteson, Director- Cabinet for Health &
Family Services/Child Support Enforcement
Division**

2023 Speakers



**Kelly Little, Founder/CEO of The Urban Institute for Strengthening Families
(Fatherhood is Good for Children: Reducing Childhood Trauma)**



Devine Carama, Founder/Operator – Believing in Forever, Inc (Voices: Community-Based Research Exploring the Perceptions of Fathers and Providers)



Seth Chamberlain, Division Director in the Department of Health and Human Services' Administration for Children and Families' (ACF's) Office of Family Assistance (OFA) (National Trends and Resources)



Valerie Frost, MAEd, Strategic Initiatives Associate Kentucky- Youth Advocates (Community Wellbeing through Co-Design, Inclusive of Father Voice)



Jacqueline Proctor, Branch Chief in the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services, Administration for Children and Families (ACF), Office of Family Assistance (OFA) (National Trends and Resources)



Taffy Compain, Branch Chief, South and East Grants Support and Innovation Branch, Healthy Marriage and Responsible Fatherhood, Office of Family Assistance, ACF/HHS (National Trends and Resources)

2023 Speakers



Julius Johnson, Director of RE-Entry-Lexington Rescue Mission (Father Released: Revitalizing Relationships w/ Children Upon)



Erik Vecere, Chief Partner Success Officer; National Fatherhood Initiative (How to Build Protective Factors in Fathers)



Kimberly Dent, Ohio Commission on Fatherhood Director (Take it From Me: Lessons-Learned Building Statewide Structures)



Armon Perry, Ph.D. MSW, Professor; University of Louisville- Kent School of Social Work (Fathers' Role in Healthy Relationship & Sexual Health Modeling and Socialization)



Carlos Christian, Executive Director-Starts Within Organization (Fathering From The Inside)



Demetricus Johnson, Program Specialist-Office of Child Support Enforcement (Child Support Rights and Responsibilities While Incarcerated)

2023 Speakers



Kenneth Braswell, CEO- Fathers Incorporated (Right/Write the Narrative: Strategies for Reforming Negative Fatherhood Stereotypes)



Patricia Littlejohn, Strategic Consultant (Finding YOUR Place in the Fatherhood Field)



Clarence H. Carter, Commissioner Tennessee Department for Health Services (Systemic Implications of Fatherhood)



Linda Gorton, Mayor of Lexington



**Dr. C.B. Akins
Pastor Emeritus-
First Baptist Bracktown**



Lisa Dennis, Deputy Commissioner- Kentucky Department for Community Based Services

2023 Speakers



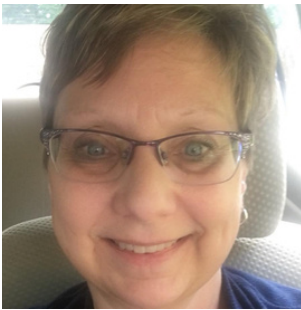
**Eric Friedlander, Secretary of
the Kentucky Cabinet for
Health and Family Services**



**Andy Beshear,
Governor of Kentucky**



**Steven Veno, Commissioner of
Department for Income Support**



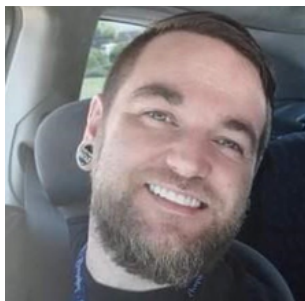
**Leah Kohr- Mistress of Ceremonies
Senior Director of Community
Initiatives
Gateway Community Action**



**Gene Detherage Jr. Recovery Roan
County Mini-Grantee (“Splitting
The Vine” Building Capacity &
Propagating Fatherhood in Local
Communities)**



**Jay Montgomery, Carol County
All Pro Dad Grantee (“Splitting
The Vine” Building Capacity &
Propagating Fatherhood in Local
Communities)**



**Adam Salyers, KYDaD & Mini-Grantee
(“Splitting The Vine” Building Capacity
& Propagating Fatherhood in Local
Communities)**



**Justin Crosby, KYDaD (“Splitting The
Vine” Building Capacity & Propagating
Fatherhood in Local Communities)**

99%

OF PARTICIPANTS SAID THE
STAFF AND VOLUNTEERS
PROVIDED
EXCELLENT
CUSTOMER SERVICE

98%

OF RESPONDANTS SAID
THEY WERE VERY
SATISFIED WITH THE
VENUE AND HOTEL

88%

OF RESPONDANTS SAID
THEY WERE VERY
SATISFIED WITH THIS
YEARS FATHERHOOD
SUMMIT

87%

OF PARTICIPANTS STRONGLY
AGREED THAT THIS EVENT
HELPED THEM BETTER
UNDERSTAND
THE IMPORTANCE OF
FATHERHOOD
ENGAGEMENT

98%

OF RESPONDANTS SAID
THEY WERE VERY
**SATISFIED WITH THE
REGISTRATION &
CHECK IN PROCESS**

95%

OF RESPONDANTS SAID
THEY WERE VERY
**SATISFIED WITH THE
WORKSHOPS OFFERED**

80%

OF RESPONDANTS SAID
THEY WERE VERY
**SATISFIED WITH THE
SPEAKERS**



RATING FOR CONFERENCE:

**4.67 OUT OF 5
STARS**

WORKSHOP RATINGS

How to Build the Protective Factors in Fathers



Erik Vecere

Fathers Role in a Healthy Relationship



Armon Perry

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Carlos Christian

Opportunities for Institutions to focus on Parental Connections



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Child Support Rights and Responsibilities



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Voices: Community-Based Research Exploring the Perceptions of Fathers and Providers



Dr. Antonio Garcia, Devine Carama

Participants Comments

***"Dr. Armon
Perry's
Presentation
was fantastic!"***



**Most Memorable
Moments of Summit**



***"Carlos Christian- He
was the best speaker
I've ever heard. It was
extremely engaging."***

***"This Summit was
amazing and done
extremely well in all
areas"***

***"I Gathered insights
to implement into
my own work"***



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