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2023 Kentucky Fatherhood Summit



We couldn't be more grateful for the incredible turnout and support at the 2023 Kentucky Fatherhood Summit! Your presence and contributions made this event a tremendous success, and we want to express our utmost appreciation.

To all the attendees who joined us from near and far, thank you for your eagerness to learn, connect, and embrace the importance of fatherhood. Your passion and dedication truly inspire us, and we hope the Summit exceeded your expectations!

A special shoutout to CHFS-DIS and our amazing sponsors (Gateway CAC, Prevent Child Abuse Kentucky, and Aetna) who made this event possible. Your generosity and belief in our mission have allowed us to create an empowering platform for fathers, families, and communities. Without your support, none of this would have been possible.

We would also like to extend our heartfelt gratitude to our incredible speakers, panelists, and workshop facilitators. Your expertise, insights, and shared experiences provided invaluable knowledge and guidance to all attendees. Thank you for being the driving force behind this transformative event!

Lastly, we want to acknowledge our hardworking team and volunteers who worked tirelessly to make the Kentucky Fatherhood Summit a seamless and memorable experience. Your dedication and commitment to creating a positive impact in the lives of fathers and families is truly commendable.



**Fatherhood is
Leadership**



2023 KYDaD Luncheon



A MOMENT TO REMEMBER

We're thrilled to honor and congratulate a remarkable group of fathers who have completed our KYDaD Academy and are now stepping into the inspiring role of Fatherhood Ambassadors! These men have shown tremendous dedication and a desire to continuously grow and improve in their role as a father. Your dedication is not only an inspiration to other fathers but a testament to the love and care you have for your families. Thank you to The Map Foundation, The Cabinet for Health and Family Services, and Lexus of Lexington for sponsoring this event and allowing us to secure the space for this occasion.

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KENTUCKY.**

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BIG BLUE MADNESS



BUILDING BONDS & BRIDGES

CCFF had the honor of attending The Big Blue Madness Basketball game with our amazing KYDaDs. It was truly a night to remember, filled with excitement, camaraderie, and a whole lot of Kentucky pride! Thank you to the Map Foundation and UK Sports & Campus Marketing for granting us with tickets to this event!



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TRAINING OF TRAINERS



INTRODUCTIONS

At this time, we will take a moment to allow you to introduce yourself! Tell us:

- Your Name
- Company
- Where you are located
- A fun fact about you!

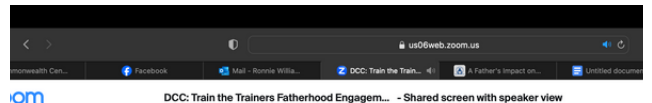
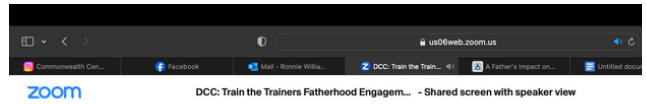
Chat Messages

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| CCFF- D. Cozart | 30:05 |
| Where is your center? | |
| Lauren Rachels - DCC/CCA | 32:02 |
| We have 2 Kims! and 2 Kimberlys! Haha! | |
| Lauren Rachels - DCC/CCA | 34:11 |
| So fun, Andrea! | |
| Lauren Rachels - DCC/CCA | 39:17 |
| maybe not a fun fact - just a fact. haha! | |
| Andrea Heil | 39:37 |



THE NITTY GRITTY

CCFF had the incredible opportunity to train the Department of Child Care (DCC) on the importance of fatherhood engagement in early childhood development. This training session brought together passionate individuals in the child care arena. We shared invaluable information to equip DCC with the necessary tools and knowledge to support fathers, make their centers more father-centric, and strengthen family bonds.



BARRIERS TO CO-PARENTING FATHERS

Cultural / Language Barriers

- Communication breakdowns
- Different parenting norms/practices
- Legal challenges
- Reading documents
 - Understand US system
- Limited access to support networks
- Emotional strain

CCFF ON THE GO



Information Fair & Father Activity Day in Mayfield

Mayfield, Kentucky hosted a phenomenal event that brought more than 80 fathers and their children together to enjoy a day filled with games, laughter, and valuable information on fatherhood.



MEN 2 BE NIGHT OUT

Hopkinsville was hopping in October where Men 2 Be hosted a Father-Child Family Feud event and information fair with over 15 community partners in support.

More than 60 dads and kids enjoyed the food and family-centric competition!.



KENTUCKY OPIOID CONFERENCE

PRESENTED BY THE KENTUCKY OPIOID ABATEMENT ADVISORY COMMISSION



BOYS OF COLOR SUMMIT

PRESENTED BY FAYETTE COUNTY PUBLIC SCHOOLS

CCFF presented at the Kentucky opioid conference, which was a profound and eye-opening experience that left a lasting impact. This event brought together professionals from various fields, including doctors, researchers, policymakers, and addiction specialists, all working towards combating the opioid crisis that has plagued our society. CCFF spoke about the critical role fathers play in the lives of children and how their involvement can serve as a protective factor against substance abuse.



The Boys of Color Summit is for grades 6-12 dedicated to inspiring and educating young men of color to become confident, compassionate, and resilient in pursuit of their dreams and reaching their unlimited potential. CCFF was in attendance and co-presented at the event

2023 KENTUCKY CHILD SUPPORT ENFORCEMENT CONFERENCE

PRESENTED BY THE DEPARTMENT FOR INCOME SUPPORT

CCFF had the privilege of sharing our insights and experiences about the significance of fatherhood at the 2023 Child Support Conference. We discussed the positive impact that involved fathers can have on children's lives and the benefits of strong parental support. It was a powerful moment to encourage others to champion this cause alongside us.

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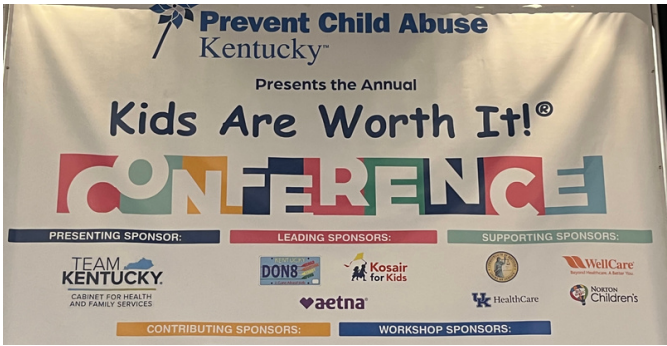


APHA 2023 ANNUAL MEETING & EXPO

The 2023 APHA Annual Meeting & Expo offered innovative and exciting opportunities to help reach personal and professional goals in the field of public health. CCFF had the pleasure of presenting to many public health professionals and leaders in the field about fatherhood and understanding fathers' barriers to facilitate engagement in their children's lives! This international event boasted more than 16,000 attendees.



CCFF ON THE GO



The 2023 KAWI conference presented by Prevent Child Abuse Kentucky brought together many professionals, advocates, and community members who are passionate about ensuring the safety and well-being of children. CCFF was a proud sponsor and exhibitor at the conference, the atmosphere was incredibly supportive and inspiring, with everyone sharing a common goal: to protect children from abuse and create a safe environment for them to thrive.



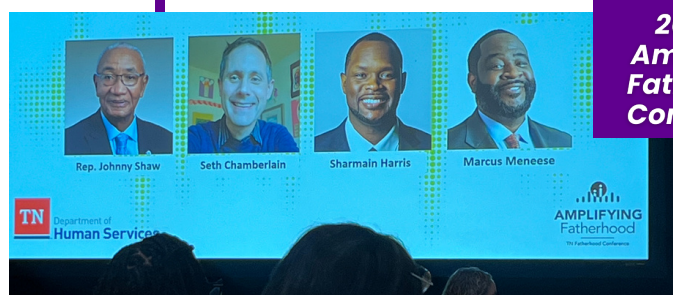
**KAWI
2023**

**CCC Meeting
in Maysville, KY**



CCFF had the pleasure of presenting to some amazing family support agencies engaged with the Buffalo Trace Region Community Coalition for Children in Maysville Kentucky. We dove into the facts and benefits of healthy and engaged fatherhood. It was inspiring to see so many dedicated professionals working towards strengthening healthy and stronger family bonds.

The Amplifying Fatherhood conference presented by Tennessee Department of Human Services was incredibly uplifting and an eye-opening experience. This conference focused on highlighting the importance of positive fatherhood and it aimed to empower and uplift fathers in their role as parents.



**2023 TN
Amplifying
Fatherhood
Conference**



DADDY DATA

1. Father engagement reduces the frequency of behavioral problems in boys while also decreasing delinquency and economic disadvantage in low-income families.

2. People with actively involved father figures during childhood are more likely to have an improved ability to handle stress.

3. Children whose fathers are involved in their daily care such as feeding, bathing and playing together, tend to be more confident; and, as they grow older, enjoy stronger social connections with peers.



Source: Children's Bureau

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