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For nearly 3 decades, David has been a father/family advocate, a community organizer, a minister, and an influential leader. He has successfully guided and grown a local direct service program for 11 years. Over time, he has coordinated multiple events, activities, and programs aimed at the acknowledgement, enhancement, appreciation, and promotion of the institution of fatherhood and raising awareness of the challenges related to father absence. This most notably includes the 2021 established, Commonwealth Center for Fathers and Families (CCFF), which is poised to enhance positive fatherhood engagement/programming across Kentucky and beyond. As Founder and Chief Visionary Officer of CCFF, David leads statewide efforts and beyond. He has been widely recognized for his contributions to the field and was most recently appointed to the National Fatherhood Initiative Board of Directors. David also serves on the Board of Trustees at Campbellsville University and several other committees, task forces, and action teams locally, statewide, and nationally.

David is widely called upon for his work around fatherhood and its correlated issues, including educational performance, violence prevention/ intervention, implicit bias, black male achievement, strengthening families and communities, child maltreatment reduction, and other related matters. His work and efforts have impacted policies, procedures, and practices and served thousands of fathers, children, and families. He is a past recipient of the Governors Annual Services Awards, receiving the honor of the Lifetime Achievement Award. He has received other national recognitions and acknowledgements for his work in the fatherhood field, with the most recent being a 2024 recognition in California at the 25th International Families and Fathers Conference.

David is the son of the late Charles and Eva Hill. He is married to his accomplished wife, Nekesha Cozart, Principal of the esteemed, flagship educational model, Carter G. Woodson Academy. He is the proud father of Zachary, Destiny, and Dalen. He is “G-Daddy” to granddaughter Khalani and grandson Legend.