



# AT A GLANCE

PRE-SUMMIT INSTITUTE  
From Theory To Practice  
10:00AM-2:00PM | ALL TIMES EST

WEDNESDAY  
**OCT  
14**

9:00am-11:00am

**Registration, Breakfast, Networking**  
**Room:** The Campbell House Main Lobby

10:00am-10:15am

**Opening Remarks, Invocation**  
**Speaker:** *David Cozart, Commonwealth Centers for Fathers & Families Secretary*  
*Steven Stack, M.D. Cabinet for Health & Family Services, Dr. C.B. Akins, Sr. Pastor Emeritus, First Baptist Bracktown, Lexington, Kentucky*  
**Room:** The Bluegrass Ballroom

10:15am-11:15am

**154 Billion Dollar Man: Making the Case for Greater Investments in Fathers**  
**Speaker:** *Jessica Pearson, Ph.D. Center for Policy Research*  
**Room:** The Bluegrass Ballroom

11:20am-11:30pm

**Morning Wrap & Recap**  
**Speaker:** *Joel Griffith, Commonwealth Center for Fathers & Families Board Member*  
**Room:** The Bluegrass Ballroom

11:30am-11:45am

**BREAK & WORKING LUNCH**  
**Pick up lunch from Pre-Function**  
**Bluegrass Ballroom**

11:45am-12:30pm

**Lunch Discussion: From Fatherhood Programs to Public Policy**  
**Speaker:** *Mark Ludwig, Americans for Equal Shared Parenting (AFESP)*  
**Room:** The Bluegrass Ballroom

12:30pm-1:30pm

**Converting the 154 Billion Dollar Man Study from Data to Action**  
**Speaker:** *Erik Vecere, National Fatherhood Initiative®*  
**Room:** The Bluegrass Ballroom

1:30pm-2:00pm

**Closing Remarks**  
**Speaker:** *Commonwealth Center for Fathers & Families*  
**Room:** The Bluegrass Ballroom

8:00am-10:00am

**Registration, Breakfast, Activities, Exhibits**

**Room:** The Paddock Pre-Function

9:00am-9:30am

**Opening Remarks/ Invocation**

**Speaker:** Mayor Linda Gordon, Laura Vessels, CCFF Board Vice Chair, Gena Boyle, Deputy Commissioner, Kentucky Department for Community Based Services, Seth Chamberlain, Department of Health and Human Services' Administration for Children and Families, Dr. Donna T. Covington, Asbury Theological Seminary

**Room:** The Barn

9:35am-10:20am

**Morning Plenary: Converting the 154 Billion Dollar Man Study from Data to Action**

**Speaker:** Jessica Pearson, Ph.D. Center for Policy Research Erik Vercere, National Fatherhood Initiative®

**Moderator:** David Cozart, Commonwealth Center for Fathers & Families

**Room:** The Barn

10:25am-10:30am

**Enrichment Moment, Self-Care**

**Speaker:** Sandra Ballew-Barnes, Wild Sunflower Wellness

**Room:** The Barn

10:30am-10:45am

**BREAK**

**Activities, Exhibits, Head Shots, Self-Care**

**MORNING CONCURRENT BREAKOUTS BEGIN**

**1A From Fatherhood Programs to Public Policy**

**Speaker:** Mark Ludwig, Executive Director of Americans for Equal Shared Parenting (AFESP)

**Room:** The Rockbridge Reserve

**1B Engaging Fathers in Early Childhood & Social Services**

**Speaker:** Mike Hall, Strong Fathers, Strong Families

**Room:** The Barrel Room

10:45am-11:45am

**1C Theory to Practice: Grants and Funding, Grant Writing 101: Building a Winning Proposal**

**Speaker:** Patrick Patterson, Global Partners for Fathers & Families

**Room:** The Bluegrass Ballroom A

**1D Theory to Practice: Maternal Health & Fatherhood**

**Speaker:** Kelly Little, Urban Institute for Strengthening Families

**Room:** The Carriage Room

**1E Theory to Practice: Florida Fatherhood Case Study (Circuit 10)**

**Speaker:** Matthew Hockenberry, Reginald Coston, Heartland for Children

**Room:** The Bluegrass Ballroom B

10:45am-11:45am

**EXECUTIVE SESSION**

**Speaker:** *Jessica Pearson Ph.D. Ph.D. Center for Policy Research, Erik Vercere, National Fatherhood Initiative®*

**Room:** The R20 Boardroom

11:45pm-12:00pm

**BREAK**

**Activities, Exhibits, Head Shots, Self Care**

12:00pm-12:05pm

**Enrichment Moment, Lived Experience Testimonial**

**Speaker:** *Legenday Dads*

**Room:** The Barn

12:05pm-1:05pm

**Lunch Plenary: Empowering The Path Forward: Research, Policy, & Practice in 2026**

**Speaker:** *Dr. Jeffery Johnson, NPCL, Inc.*

**Room:** The Barn

1:05PM-1:50PM

**NETWORKING LUNCH**

1:50PM-1:55PM

**Enrichment Moment, Self-Care**

**Speaker:** *Sandra Ballew-Barnes, Wild Sunflower Wellness*

**Room:** The Barn

1:55PM-2:40PM

**C.A.P.P. Awards**

**Drum Major, Ambassador, Anchor Partner Recognition**

**Room:** The Barn

2:40pm-3:00pm

**BREAK**

**Activities, Exhibits, Head Shots, Self Care**

3:00pm-4:00pm

**AFTERNOON CONCURRENT BREAKOUTS BEGIN:**

**1B, 1C, 1D, 1E (SAME AS MORNING SESSION)**

3:00pm-4:00pm

**EXECUTIVE SESSION**

**Speaker:** *Dr. Jeffery Johnson, NPCL, Inc.*

**Room:** R20 Boardroom

4:00pm-6:00pm

**Networking Reception, Mini-Grantee Gallery Walk**

**Room:** The Rockbridge Reserve

8:00am-9:00am

**Registration, Breakfast, Activities, Exhibits**

**Room:** The Paddock Pre-Function

AT A  
GLANCE  
SUMMIT DAY 2

FRIDAY  
OCT  
16

9:00am-9:05am

**Enrichment Moment, Self-Care**

**Speaker:** Sandra Ballew-Barnes, Wild Sunflower Wellness

**Room:** The Barn

9:05am-9:20am

**Opening Remarks**

**Speaker:** Lesa Dennis, Commissioner Kentucky Department for Community Based Services

**Room:** The Barn

9:20am-10:20am

**Morning Plenary, Fatherhood in Kentucky: The Road We've Traveled, Advancing the Work, the Future We're Building**

**Speaker:** Seth Chamberlain, Department of Health and Human Services' Administration for Children & Families; David Cozart, Commonwealth Center for Fathers and Families

**Moderator:** Patrick Patterson, Global Partners for Fathers & Families

**Room:** The Barn

10:20am-10:25am

**Enrichment Moment**

**Speaker:** Carter G. Woodson Academy

**Room:** The Barn

10:25am-10:40am

**BREAK**

**Activities, Exhibits, Head Shots, Self Care**

**MORNING BREAKOUTS BEGIN**

**Practice in Recovery: The Fatherhood and Recovery Project**

**Speaker:** Kristin Tiedeman, Fletcher Group, Inc., KY, Jared Myers, TrueNorth Treatment Center

**Room:** The Carriage Room

10:40am-11:40am

**Fatherhood Practices in Reentry**

**Speaker:** Robert Barbosa, Jessamine County Detention Center, Stephen Lyons, Lexington Leadership Foundation

**Room:** The Barrel Room

**From Presence to Partnership: A Blueprint for Father-Friendly Schools**

**Speaker:** Damon Sexton, Fayette County Public Schools, Jarad Sloan, Lexington Leadership Foundation

**Room:** The Bluegrass Ballroom A



**Practices in Child Support: Useful Tools for Successfully Navigating the Child Support System in Kentucky**

**Speaker:** Joe Leavell, Jefferson County Attorney's Office

**Room:** The Rockbridge Reserve

10:40am-11:40am

**Using TANF programs to Strengthen Marriage, Family Stability, & Father Engagement**

**Speaker:** Erin Kidder, Department of Health & Human Services' Administration for Children & Families

**Room:** The Bluegrass Ballroom B

10:40am-11:40am

**EXECUTIVE SESSION**

**Speaker:** Seth Chamberlain, Department of Health & Human Services' Administration for Children & Families

**Room:** The R20 Boardroom

11:40am-11:55am

**BREAK**

**Activities, Exhibits, Head Shots, Self Care**

11:55am-12:00pm

**Enrichment Moment, Lived Experience: Women in The Fatherhood Movement**

**Speaker:** Ebony O'Rea, Making Changes Together

**Room:** The Barn

12:00am-12:45pm

**Lived Experience Panel: From Local Participation to National Recognition**

**Speaker:** Zachary Bradshaw, Lived Experience Expert, Jamie Gamble, Lived Experience Expert

**Moderator:** David Cozart, Commonwealth Center for Fathers & Families

**Room:** The Barn

12:45pm-1:00pm

**WellCare Announcement**

**Speaker:** Darren Levitz

*Sr. Director, Member Experience and Health Equity; Kevin Payton, Commonwealth Center for Fathers & Families Board Chair*

**Room:** The Barn

1:00pm-1:30pm

**Interactive Town Hall Luncheon**

**Speaker:** Commonwealth Center for Fathers and Families (CCFF)

**Room:** The Barn

16 1:30pm-2:00pm

**Closing Remarks**

**Room:** The Barn

