



# Fatherhood Talk Tuesday

June 9, 2020



# Agenda



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| Welcome   | Brandon Wood     |
| Introductions   | Kenn Harris      |
| Thoughtful Interactions: Things to Consider When Engaging Fathers | Dr. Clinton Boyd |







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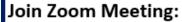
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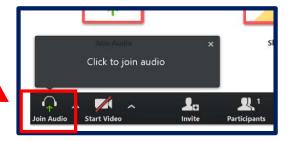
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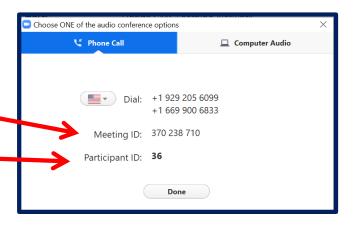


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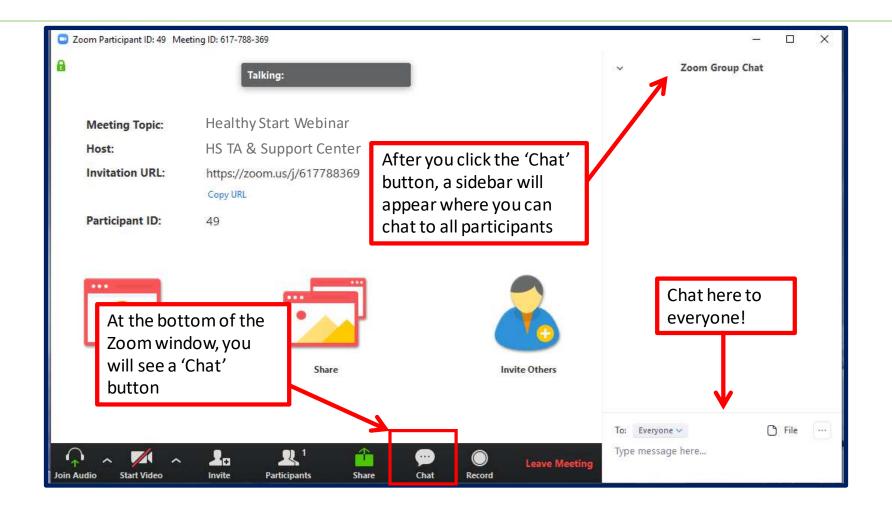






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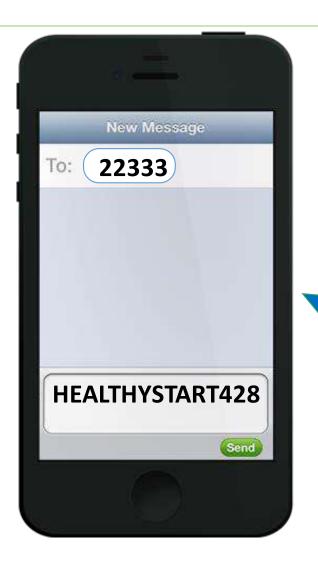








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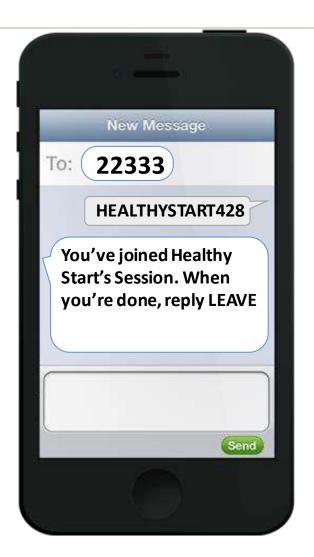






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# Welcome

Brandon Wood





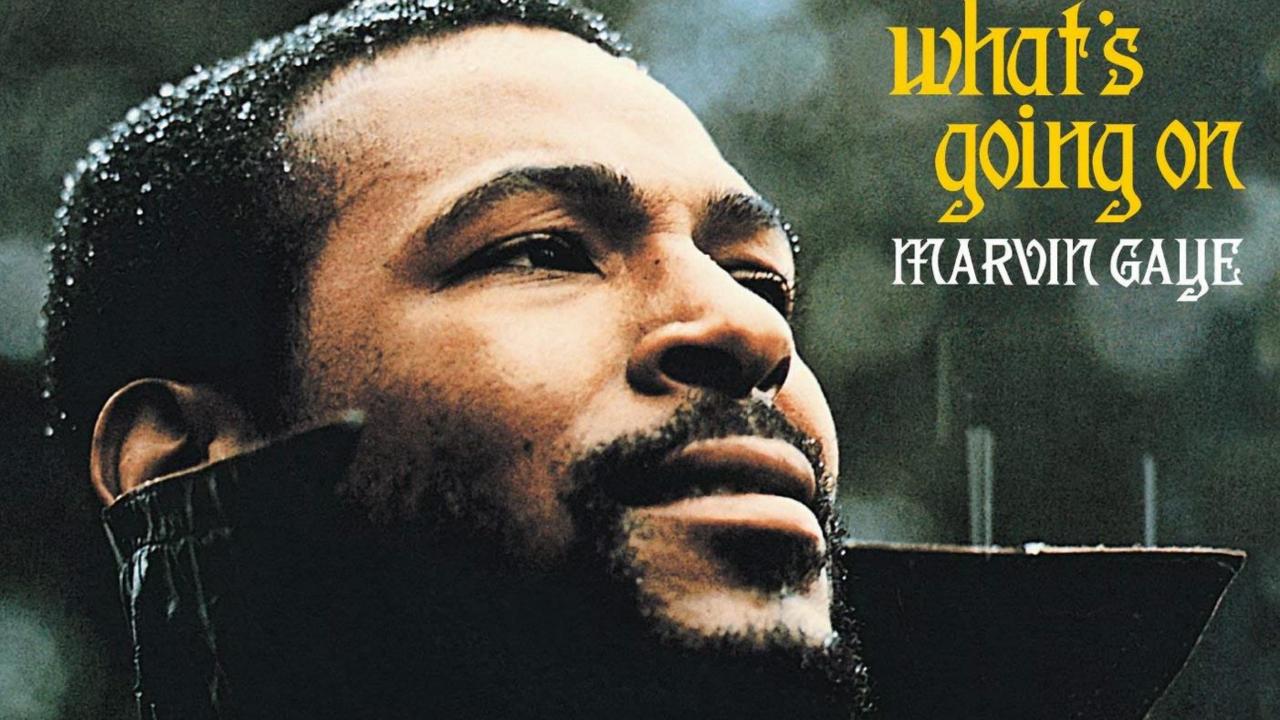
# Introductions

Kenn Harris

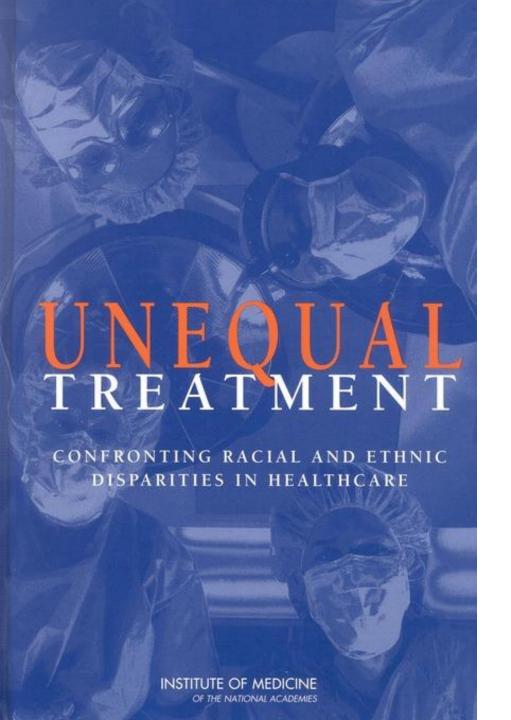












So, maybe the black community's main concern right now isn't whether protesters are standing three or six feet apart or whether a few desperate souls steal some T-shirts or even set a police station on fire, but whether their sons, husbands, brothers and fathers will be murdered by cops or wannabe cops just for going on a walk, a jog, a drive. Or whether being black means sheltering at home for the rest of their lives because the racism virus infecting the country is more deadly than COVID-19.

health

- Kareem Abdul-Jabbar

unemployment

incarceration housing

Impediments/barriers to father engagement

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Thoughtful Interactions:
Things to Consider When Engaging Fathers



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  - Dads to Kids (Dad2K) Research Team
    - Shannon Self-Brown (PI), Ph.D.
    - Study Participants





## PRESENTATION OVERVIEW

Webinar participants will learn more about the following:

Why and how fathers matter

Many faces of fatherhood

Complex needs & challenges of low-income fathers

Father-centered home visiting program

**Future directions** 

Q & A segment



## **FATHERS MATTER**

#### **COMPETENT CAREGIVERS**

- Support Healthy Child Development
- Distinct Parenting Style

#### FATHER INVOLVEMENT

- Engagement
- Accessibility
- Responsibility



Indirect Influence







# The Many Faces of Fatherhood

#### Biological and Social Fathers

Biological fathers invest more in their children than social fathers

#### Married and Unmarried Fathers

Married fathers invest more in their children than unmarried fathers.

#### Single and Stay-at-Home Fathers

Both represent emerging fatherhood sub-categories

#### Resident and Nonresident Fathers

Resident fathers invest more in their children than nonresident fathers

#### Incarcerated and Reentry Fathers

• 92% of incarcerated parents are fathers, and they reportedly have 2 million minor children

#### Diversity of Black Fathers

Moving beyond the nonresident father classification

(Berger and Langton 2011); (Livingston 2013); (Johnson and Young, Jr. 2016)



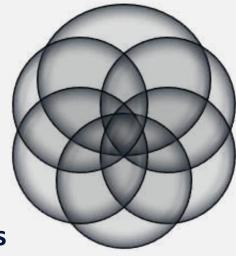


# COMPLEX NEEDS & CHALLENGES

**System-Involved** 

Housing Insecurity

Child Support Challenges



**Economic** Hardship

Co-Parenting Challenges

Health Challenges



## FEDERAL FATHERHOOD INITIATIVES

- Family Research
  - Executive Memorandum on Fatherhood
- Family Policy
  - Family Support Act of 1988
  - Personal Responsibility and Work Opportunity Reconciliation Act of 1996
  - Deficit Reduction Act of 2005
  - Claims Resolution Act of 2010
- Family Programs
  - Early Head Start and Head Start
  - Healthy Start
  - Maternal, Infant, and Early Childhood Home Visiting Program

(Klempin and Mincy 2011)





### DAD2K: HOME VISITING PROGRAM

- Augmentation of SafeCare<sup>®</sup>
  - Parent-Child Interaction module only
  - Incorporated technology
  - Incorporated co-parenting
  - SafeCare<sup>©</sup> provider engages with father as well
- Inclusion criteria
  - At least 18 years old
  - Father of a child 2-5 years old
  - English-speaking
  - 2+ risk factors (e.g. low income, low education)
- Overall study participants (*n* = 99)
  - 91% African American
  - Mean age = 30.1
  - 59% HS education or lower
  - 71% income <\$25,000 annually</li>





# Dad<sub>2</sub>K Video







#### LESSONS TO DATE: DATA OUTCOMES

- Fathers who participated in Dad2K:
  - Were very satisfied and engaged in the program
  - Did learn the target skills
    - Demonstrated significantly improved positive parenting behavior
  - Did not appear to decrease in child maltreatment behaviors
    - Of note: Measurement issues emerged
- Fathers with higher education level were more likely to complete
- Fathers completed SafeCare<sup>©</sup> at the same or higher rates than mothers in other studies
- Gender and ethnicity of the home visitor DID NOT MATTER
- Future work must account for how contextual factors affect service delivery

(Self-Brown et al. 2017); (Self-Brown et al. 2018)





"The job I'm putting applications in for, they not going to hire me because of my background. So, if I did an application at McDonalds, they are throwing it in the thrash. The first reason why McDonalds ain't going to hire me is because I have tattoos on my face. The second reason is because I'm a convicted felon. So, they'll be like, 'why would we give him the job? Look at him. He doesn't wanna do nothing but be in the streets."





# HEALTH CHALLENGES

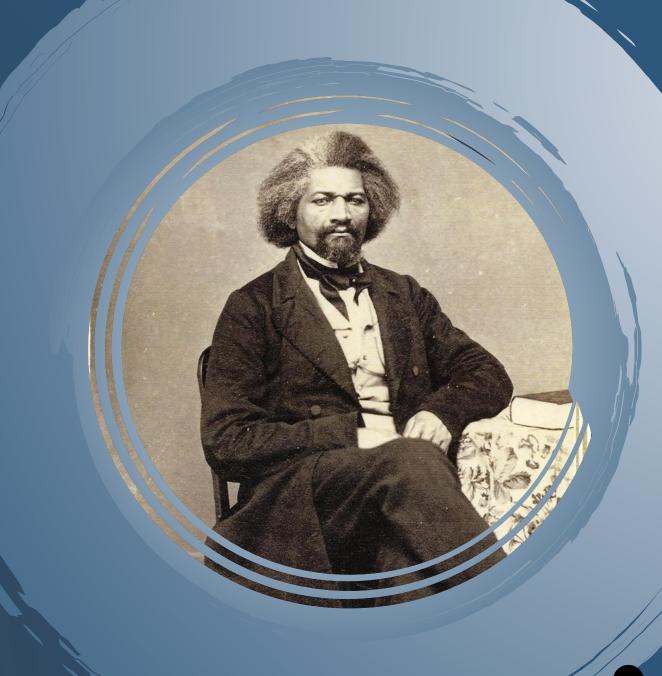
Substance Abuse & Mental Health

"I smoke weed and drink liquor, but I'm not a beer drinker like that. I drink Tequila, but I saw myself drink like three \$10 bottles of Tequila. All by myself! To the point where I wasn't sharing. It turned into a problem because of this situation with \*\*\*\* and these kids. I was spending \$30 a day. I was drinking by myself. That's a lot. I'm talking 'bout every day. It was the first thing I did in the morning."



"It is easier to build strong children than to repair broken men"

~Frederick Douglass



## **EMPOWERING YOUNG BLACK FATHERS**

#### PERSONAL DEVELOPMENT

- Health Improvement
- Goal Setting
- Supplemental Parenting Skills
- Strengthen Co-Parenting Relationship

#### **CAREER ACCELERATION**

- Job Training and Placement
- Career Coaching
- Business Development

#### **SYSTEM DISRUPTION**

- Responding to Discrimination
- Political Engagement















# Questions or Comments

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# **Upcoming Fatherhood Events**

24/7 Dads Training

**NPCL International Fatherhood Conference** 

June 18, 12-5 PM ET

June 10 & 11





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https://www.luriechildrens.org/globalassets/fchip-mothers-day-2020-report-5-6-20 final.pdf



June 2020

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In celebration of Father's Day on June 21st 2020, the Lurie Children's Family & Child Health Innovations Program (FCHIP) wants to help guide fathers during the COVID-19 pandemic and beyond.

The central tenet of the Family & Child Health Innovations Program (FCHIP) is "Children Thrive when Families

Thrive." Established in 2020, FCHIP is housed at Ann & Robert H. Lurie Children's Hospital of Chicago, in the Stanley Manne Research Institute and the Mary Ann & J. Milburn Smith Child Health Research, Outreach, and Advocacy (SCHROA) Center. FCHIP is directed by founder Craig F. Garfield, MD, MAPP.

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Family & Child Health Innovations Program 2020 Father's Day Report:

#### **Fathering During a Pandemic**

#### Fathering During COVID-19

Due to COVID-19 changes, fathers may be more available to help as they are working from home and have a greater opportunity to be involved in their children's lives.



"The pandemic has reshaped the way fathers are involved with their families and children. Whether it is play, reading a book or getting down on the floor and spending time with their kids, this is an unprecedented opportunity for fathers to be really involved." - Dr. Craig Garfield, Director, FCHIP

Men are sharing more equally in domestic work since the pandemic, with 42% of fathers doing more housework and 45% spending more time taking care of young children compared to before the pandemic (OSF working paper, 2020). Even in countries where fathers tend to be involved less at home, such as Japan, many fathers are stepping up their game.

Schools, camps, and child-care centers have closed temporarily, changing how

#### Family & Child Health Innovations Program

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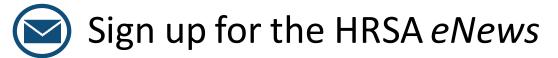
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