

Washington Fatherhood Council 2022 Fatherhood Summit

Meet Our Speakers and Panelists

Keynote Presentation: 9 a.m., Tuesday, May 24

An Intentional & Inclusive Fatherhood Culture

Dr. Alan-Michael S. Graves, Ed.D., serves as the Senior Director of Teaching, Capacity Building and Systems Change with the Good Plus Foundation, where he focuses on a broad range of multidisciplinary activities, from research and program development to training and advocacy for policy change.

Currently leading a national initiative on policy change through training social workers on fatherhood engagement, Dr. Graves has worked in the human services field for both public and private agencies for the past 18 years. He utilizes his knowledge and experience to strategically and positively impact the lives of children, families and communities.



Dr. Alan-Michael Graves

Session 1: 10:45 a.m., Tuesday, May 24

Most Dads Are Not Violent. What If They Are?

Dr. Juan Carlos Areán, Ph.D., is an internationally recognized activist, public speaker, trainer and facilitator, and published author. Since 1991, he has worked to engage men across different cultures to become better fathers, intimate partners, and allies to end domestic violence and achieve gender equity. He presently works as a Program Director at Futures Without Violence. Previously, he served as Director of the National Latin@ Network at Casa de Esperanza and as a Sexual Assault Prevention Specialist at Harvard.

Dr. Areán is a founding member of the United Nations Network of Men Leaders to combat violence against women created by former Secretary-General Ban Ki-moon. He is an active trainer and facilitator, who has led hundreds of workshops and presentations throughout the United States, the Americas, and the Caribbean, as well as in Europe, Asia, the US Congress, and the United Nations in New York and Geneva.



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Session 2: 11:50 a.m., Tuesday, May 24

A Framework for Improving Individual and System Supports for Reentering Dads



Darin Goff

Darin Goff is the Program Manager for the Department of Corrections' Strength in Families program. He has worked with DOC for 34 years, supervising a wide range of departments and programs and working with incarcerated individuals at all levels. He has been with the Strength in Families since April 2016 and was promoted to Program Manager in October 2018. The SIF team won the Department of Correction's 2020 Team of the Year award. Prior to his current position, Darin worked at the Washington Correction Center for Women for 13 years and the Monroe Correctional Complex for 15 years.

Tera McElravy is a Corrections Specialist for the Strength in Families program within the Washington State Department of Corrections. She provides education and guidance to releasing incarcerated fathers in an effort to enhance a positive and healthy reconnection with their children and families. The majority of her 22 years with the Department has been spent managing and creating enrichment programs for incarcerated individuals and their families. She has observed firsthand the support opportunities and unique struggles of the incarcerated when trying to return back home.



Tera McElravy



Bruce Woods

Bruce Woods, MSW is Correctional Specialist 3 at the Department of Corrections with the Family Services Division, working to connect incarcerated individuals with their families. Bruce led DCYF's first fatherhood initiative to engage fathers in safe, healthy relationship with their children. He also led the implementation of a mentoring project by foster parents, for biological parents involved in dependencies; implemented Family Group Conferencing, in partnership with the University of Washington, increasing the evidence base around child safety and reduced permanency timelines; and helped initiate the state's Solution Based Casework plan model.

Rodolfo (Rudy) Romo is a formerly incarcerated father from the Washington state corrections system. In October 2021 he was granted early release on the Community Parenting Alternative program. He is the proud father of three sons and two daughters. Through two incarcerations he has remained a strong father figure in his children and wife's lives. He's open and honest about his successes, struggles, and regrets with being an incarcerated father. During his incarceration he worked hard to maintain a loving and supportive relationship with his family. Due to the love, strength, and resilience of Rudy and his entire family they are making it through!



Frisco Lamas



Jim Chambers

Jim Chambers is a father who parented behind bars for 21 years and is now in the community volunteering and supporting re-entering fathers' successes.

Plenary: 9 a.m., Wednesday

Fathers Tell Their Story: What Are We Hopeful For Moving Forward?

Facilitated by Jeremiah Donner (Children's Home Society of Washington). Fatherhood Panel participants include:

- Tui Shelton
- Dean Maraman
- Steven Thibert
- Christian Paddock

Session 3: 11 a.m., Wednesday, May 25

Child Sex Abuse: The Silent Epidemic



Hassan A. Daniel

Hassan A. Daniel is the founder and CEO of The Father Factory, Inc., a coaching service that addresses the intergenerational impact of childhood trauma. The program utilizes intentional parenting, biblical literacy and counseling for fathers who have experienced sexual trauma as children. Hassan, a husband, dedicated father to his two sons, ordained minister and compassionate speaker is on a mission to optimize affirmative parenting outcomes for fathers, by providing guidance, proven resources and a non-judgmental community. Hassan is the author of "Where is the man of the house?"



Dr. Joshua Sparrow

Joshua Sparrow, M.D., DFAACAP, is executive director of the Brazelton Touchpoints Center at Boston Children's Hospital, where he also holds an appointment in the Department of Psychiatry. His care for children hospitalized for severe psychiatric disturbances, often associated with physical and sexual abuse, prompted his interest in the social determinants of health and community-based prevention and health promotion. He has advised agencies, nonprofits, and philanthropies, is a board member of Parents as Teacher and serves on the boards of the Association for State and Tribal Home Visiting Initiative and Rapid Response Virtual Home Visiting.

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Session 4: 12:05 p.m., Wednesday, May 25

Joy and Healing Through Male Engagement

Mike Browne is an East Coast transplant from New York with a MBA in International Business and Marketing. He currently serves as the Senior Director for Community Engagement at Cultivate Learning at the University of Washington, where he organizes culturally responsive professional development workshops and opportunities for leaders working with young children. Prior to that he served as Community Engagement Manager at Hilltop Children's Center and Educator Institute. After exchanging his tap shoes for football shoes, he played football for the University at Albany, where he played cornerback and safety. He worked in London and Spain for three years, then found his way to Seattle, where he has been building bridges between communities to help create a city where the voices of the marginalized are heard, inclusive policies are created, and citizens unite to form a vibrant urban center. Over the years his job titles may have changed, but one thing has remained the same — his ability to create and implement purposeful, desired community change, form effective relationships and sustain community vitality.



Michael Browne

Amir Gilmore, PhD (he/him) is a Professor of Cultural Studies and Social Thought in Education and Associate Dean of Equity and Inclusion for Student Success at Washington State University.

Amir's interdisciplinary background in Cultural Studies, Africana Studies, and Education allows him to traverse the boundaries across the social sciences, the arts, and the humanities. His interests in Black Critical Theory and Black Masculinities ground his scholarship on Black Boy Joy, and he is well versed in areas such as Critical Race Theory, feminisms, and social theory. His vision and scholarship make critical contributions to the fields of Black Studies and Education, as well as connects to larger discussions of Afrofuturism and Black Aesthetics. He's a New York-raised, Black, male educator with a PS5.



Amir Gilmore

Nick Terrones (he/him) is Mexican-Native American, a descendant of the Chumash people whose traditional lands span a large part of southern California. Nick has been in the Early Childhood field for over 14 years, 12 of which were working directly with toddlers and families. He is the program director at Daybreak Star Preschool in Seattle, an early-learning program that implements an indigenous curriculum. Outside of the school setting, Nick is an active member in the World Forum Foundation on Early Care and Education's Men in ECE leadership team. He seeks to recruit and retain men of color to the wonderful world of early learning, as well as provide opportunities for people to explore and unlearn their gender, racial, and cultural biases through pragmatic presentation and publishing. Check out his book, *A Can of Worms: Fearless Conversations with Toddlers*.



Nick Terrones

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Plenary: 9 a.m., Thursday

Fatherhood Program Showcase

Moderated by Dieter Jacobs (DSHS, Fatherhood Council), this session showcases several programs that show the variety and depth of work happening in the state. Programs include:

- Washington State Division of Child Support (DSHS): Andrew Chin, DCS Communications and Equity Chief
- Dads Move: Nelson Rascon, Executive Director
- Washington State Fathers Network: Louis Mendoza
- Spokane Fatherhood Initiative: Ron Hauenstein, Executive Director
- Youth and Family Link: Corie Dow, Executive Director
- South King County Healthcare Services: Rachael Gathoni, CEO