

Spring 2009  
**Advance**  
Fatherhood  
**OHIO!**  
*Summit*



APRIL 30 - MAY 1, 2009



*Just North of Cambridge, OH*

**Who Should Attend?**

Legislators, Judges, Clergy, Counselors and Social Workers, Psychologists, Family Service Administrators, coordinators and caseworkers, Public and Private Grant makers, professionals of family and health organizations such as Head Start, Help Me Grow, schools, courts, etc.



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THE GOVERNOR'S OFFICE OF FAITH-BASED AND COMMUNITY INITIATIVES,  
MANAGED BY THE OHIO COMMISSION ON FATHERHOOD,  
HAS SET OUT TO CHANGE THE LANDSCAPE OF FATHERS AND FAMILIES IN REGION 10.

# Advance Fatherhood Ohio! Summit Sponsors



Before time began, the work we are doing has been in the mind of He who created all things. Today, standing tall in the landscape of our neighborhoods are board members, staff, community partners, volunteers, fathers, and their families guiding us toward continued success as we endeavor to get this right. In June 2006, the opportunity for me to serve and lead this initiative into a community based, non profit corporation became a reality - ForeverDads. We are a joint venture of hope to a society that is searching for answers. Join us as we continue to rebuild the men who call themselves fathers!



Burl Lemon, ForeverDads  
Executive Director



J. Tracy Robinson, Executive Director  
Ohio Commission on Fatherhood



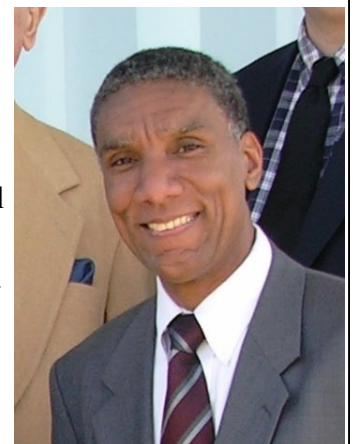
## Commission on Fatherhood

I welcome conference participants to the Spring 2009 Advance Fatherhood OHIO! Summit. Congratulations to Forever Dads, OPNFF, and conference planners for providing leadership to organize this summit. I hope the conference experience develops professional relationships and finds hope and encouragement to continue to serve Ohio's families and children.



Ohio Practitioners' Network  
for Fathers and Families

The Board of Directors and 650 members of the Ohio Practitioners Network for Fathers and Families are proud to be a sponsor of this outstanding event. Our mission is to enhance the outcomes of children, families and communities by providing information, training and encouragement to fathers and family-serving organizations. We believe the agenda of this summit is a SLAM DUNK! We invite you to visit us at [www.ohiofathers.org](http://www.ohiofathers.org); and become an OPNFF member today by completing the form online or in your packet.



James McDonald, President  
Ohio Practitioners' Network for Fathers and Families

# Summit Highlights

## Goals

1. Introduce emerging fatherhood programs and practices throughout the country
2. Offer Courts alternatives to incarceration for parents with child support arrearages
3. Host a public policy forum on visitation & custody, child support and reentry
4. Formulate fatherhood coalitions in Ohio Economic Development Region 10 ( Belmont, Carroll, Columbiana, Coshocton, Guernsey, Harrison, Holmes, Jefferson, Muskingum, and Tuscarawas Counties)
5. Facilitate networking among family serving organizations throughout Ohio toward father-inclusive practices.

## What Participants Will Learn

- Reasons fathers matter in the development and wellbeing of children
- Characteristics unique to Appalachian dads
- Methods to attract and serve low income fathers
- Trainings and resources available from national and state fatherhood organizations
- Groups with whom to network in the development of local fatherhood initiatives
- Promising father-serving programs in a variety of settings, e.g. schools, courts, agencies, faith-based, jails/prisons, businesses, etc.
- Sentencing alternatives in the management of child support arrearages
- How to join the voices leveraging support for public policies which foster healthy, consistent, and responsible connections between fathers and families

## Heart of G.O.L.D. Celebration

In recognition of the 100th Anniversary Celebration of Father's Day in America, we are selecting 100 Great Ordinary Loving Dads (GOLD) to serve as representatives to this Summit from Economic Development Region 10. These fathers will attend the Heart of G.O.L.D. Celebration Banquet Thursday evening at 6:30 p.m. and participate in Summit events on Friday. The Banquet will feature fine food, music, presentation of Heart of G.O.L.D. Certificates and mementoes, and Words of Honor from Peter Lawson Jones.

Anyone can recommend a Heart of G.O.L.D. Representative who presently resides within the 10 county region, please submit their application by Wednesday, April 22, 2009 to allow confirmation of the representative. Application and criterion for eligibility are available at [www.foreverdads.com](http://www.foreverdads.com), go to Advance Fatherhood OHIO! Summit.

For additional info contact: [info@foreverdads.com](mailto:info@foreverdads.com).

## 13.5 CEU Clock Hours

Approved for Social Workers, Counselors, Marriage and Family Therapists, Nurses, and Psychologists  
(7.5 hours for Thursday and 6 hours for Friday)

**7.5 CEU Clock Hours****Presenter**8:30 Registration (*Continental Breakfast*)9:00 **Welcome and Introduction of Sponsors**Burl Lemon, ForeverDads  
Tracy Robinson, OCF  
James McDonald, OPNFF9:30 **Fathers Matter in the Wellbeing of Children**

Dr. Jeffery Johnson, NPCL

10:30 Break

10:45 **Models of Fatherhood Programs in Ohio**

- Community Endeavors, Cleveland
- Families Forward, Belpre
- Father2Father, Columbus
- Cuyahoga County Fatherhood Initiative, Cleveland
- Lighthouse Youth Services, Cincinnati
- Northcoast Fatherhood Initiative, Toledo
- Passages, Inc., Cleveland
- Urban Light Ministries, Springfield

Steve Killpack  
Tony Foreman  
Glenn Harris  
Al Grimes  
Calvin Williams  
Mark Robinson  
Rev. Brian Moore  
Rev. Eli Williams12:15 Lunch (*networking and coalition building*)1:15 **What is an Appalachian Dad?**

Brian Bethel

2:00 **The Need and Value of Father-specific Programs**

Roland Warren, NFI

3:00 Break

3:15 **Promising Father-serving Programs**

- Boot Camp for New Dads
- Family Wellness
- Nurturing Fathers Program
- Touchdown Dads
- Inside/Out DADS
- All Pro Dads
- Watch D.O.G.S.
- Connections: Dating & Emotions
- Cooperative Parenting - "When Living Under Different Roofs"
- Active Parenting for Step Families

Eric Czatt  
Jennifer Johnson-Baker  
Eric Smith  
David Justus  
Beth Weaver  
Rick Montgomery  
Steve Foreman  
Pat McConnell  
Wendy Roush  
Carolyn Stoffer

4:45 Panel Q &amp; A - Evaluation

6:30 **Heart of G.O.L.D. Celebration** (*A banquet recognizing 100 fathers in Region 10*)

# Agenda

Friday, May 1, 2009

## 6 CEU Clock Hours

## Presenter

8:30 Registration (*Continental Breakfast*)

9:00 **Opening Remarks from the Office of the Governor** Governor Ted Strickland

9:15 **Public Policy Forum Introduction** (*Moderator*) James McDonald

**“I Just Want to See My Kids”:**  
(*Implications for Visitation and Custody Policies*)

Presenter: Judge Jeffrey Hooper, Muskingum County Domestic Relations Court  
Panel Presentation  
Open Microphone Q & A

10:15 Break

10:30 **Sentencing Alternative to Manage Arrearages**

**Kansas Fathering Court**

Patrick Campbell, Commissioner  
Melissa Mauer-Smith, Prosecutor  
Peter Spokes, NCF

12:00 Lunch (*networking and coalition building*)

1:00 **Baltimore Sanction Alternatives**

Lori Keel, Baltimore County OCS

2:00 **“Can We Get This Right for the Children”**  
(*Ohio Child Support Guidelines Council*)

Presenter: Carrie Brown, Assistant Deputy Director Ohio Child Support  
Panel Presentation  
Open Microphone Q & A

3:00 Break

3:15 **“While Daddy Is Away”**  
(*Complications for Incarcerated Fathers and Child Support*)

Presenter: Moses Bellamy, London Correctional Institute  
Panel Presentation  
Open Microphone Q & A

4:15 **Call To Action**

4:30 Wrap Up and Evaluation



# Keynote Speakers

**Brian Bethel, Ph.D.** is the Outpatient Services Director at Scioto Paint Valley Mental Health Center and an Independent Trainer/Consultant for the Ohio Child Welfare Training Program. He has been the presenter at professional conferences and workshops throughout the United States on a variety of topics including: Male Call: Working with Men in Child Welfare; The Untold Stories of the Beverly Hillbillies; Working with the Appalachian Families; Home Grown Ethics, Mental Health Ethics in the Appalachian Culture; Alternatives to Punitive Discipline; Wounded Warriors, Treatment of Sexually Abused Males; Appalachian Attitudes, Beliefs, and Values Toward Health Care; When You're Making a Living, Instead of a Life: Stress Management and Burnout Prevention; It's All Relative: Family Therapy and Child Welfare; Child's Play, The Therapeutic Use of Play with Abused and Neglected Children; It's Not the Brady Bunch: Family Dynamics of Addiction; Calming the Storm: Crisis Intervention in Child Welfare.

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**Commissioner Patrick Campbell** was appointed in December 2006 by the judges of the 16th Judicial Circuit of Jackson County to hear family law cases. Since December, 2007, he has served as a member of Missouri Supreme Court's Family Court Committee. Commissioner Campbell earned a law degree and B.A. degrees in Administration of Justice and Political Science from the University of Missouri-Kansas City. He is a member of the Missouri Bar and Kansas Bar. He has practiced law since 1990.



Prior to his appointment, Commissioner Campbell was in private practice, where he practiced primarily in the area of family law. He has also previously practiced in the areas of civil and criminal litigation. Commissioner Campbell served as adjunct faculty for Baker University for 13 years where he developed and taught courses on alternative dispute resolution, family law, constitutional law, and business law. He has spoken at the Missouri Bar Family Law Conference for numerous years and has spoken at several other conferences and seminars.

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**Dr. Jeffery M. Johnson** is President and CEO of the National Partnership for Community Leadership (NPCL). As a national nonprofit intermediary organization, the mission of NPCL is to strengthen the service capacity of nonprofit and community-based agencies to empower youth and families. As president of NPCL, Dr. Johnson played an integral role in the planning and implementation of two of the nation's largest social welfare research projects involving low-income men. They are the Partners for Fragile Families Site Demonstration and the Fathers at Work Demonstration. These projects have served more than 6000 men. Since 1997, Dr. Johnson and NPCL have also convened an Annual International Fatherhood Conference that attracts cumulatively several thousands of community-based and family practitioners from around the world. Also, under Dr. Johnson's leadership, NPCL managed the *National Youth Development Practitioners Institute* on behalf of the United States Department of Labor, the Ford Foundation, and the Charles Stewart Mott Foundation. The Institute trained four-thousand youth practitioners from across the country in effective approaches for working with young people 13-25 years of age. Prior to his work at NPCL, Dr. Johnson spent nearly two decades as a senior manager and management consultant in the private and public sector.

## “Heart of G.O.L.D.” Celebration Banquet Speaker

**Peter Lawson Jones** authored the legislation that created the Ohio Commission on Fatherhood and serves as its chairman. A Cuyahoga County Commissioner, he also established the Cuyahoga County Fatherhood Initiative, the only county-sponsored program of its type in the State of Ohio.

A graduate of Harvard College and Harvard Law School, Peter formerly served as a state representative and as a councilman in and the vice mayor of Shaker Heights, Ohio. A partner at the law firm of Roetzel & Andress, he previously worked as a Congressional aide, law clerk and bar examiner with the Supreme Court of Ohio, Special Counsel to the Ohio Attorney General, Law Director and Prosecutor in Woodmere Village, Ohio, and Acting Judge with the Shaker Municipal Court. Peter and his wife Lisa are the proud parents of Ryan Charles, Leah Danielle and Evan Cooke Jones.



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**Lori Keel** is the Enforcement Supervisor for the Baltimore County Office of Child Support. She has been with Baltimore County for 20 years. Lori has assisted in developing, monitoring and establishing procedures for the Family Employment and Support Program since it started 4 years ago. This program has gotten national recognition for assisting non-custodial parents in obtaining employment and breaking down any barriers they may have in obtaining a job. She has also been involved with establishing Fatherhood Programs at the State and Federal level. This has resulted in collecting child support on cases that were uncollectible.

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**Peter Spokes** is President and Chief Operating Officer of the National Center for Fathering. He also delivers presentations and workshops for various organizations such as businesses, civic groups, schools and churches. Peter served as a fellow of the George H. Gallup International Institute.

Prior to joining the Center he was previously a Vice President of General Mills, Inc. with over 14 years in consumer products marketing. His experience with General Mills spanned multiple product categories in both the US and Canada. Peter served as President of General Mills' Yoplait USA yogurt business and also held senior level positions in sales and public relations. Prior to joining General Mills in 1979, he received his MBA from Stanford and his BA from Yale. Peter also served on the Washington DC staff of Congressman Bill Frenzel.



**Roland Warren**, is President of the National Fatherhood Initiative (NFI), is dedicated to NFI's mission of improving the well-being of children by increasing the proportion of children that are raised with involved, responsible and committed fathers. Under Roland's direction, NFI works to accomplish its mission through a variety of activities ranging from its award-winning public education campaign, which garnered over \$500 million in donated media, to its cutting-edge resources and programming. Through Roland's leadership, the organization has quickly become one of the nation's leading providers of fatherhood resources to communities, schools, prisons, hospitals, businesses, the military, and churches.

FatherSOURCE™, a national fatherhood resource center run by NFI, now offers the most extensive assortment of specialized fatherhood resources in the world. Roland has played a key role in helping the organization establish strategic partnerships with businesses, government, and non-profit organizations across the country, and he frequently represents NFI in local and national media. Roland, an alumnus of Princeton University, brings to NFI almost two decades of experience in the business world and an M.B.A. from the Wharton School of the University of Pennsylvania. Roland is married to Dr. Yvette Lopez-Warren and has two sons, Jamin, a graduate of Harvard University and writer for the *Wall Street Journal*, and Justin, a graduate of the University of North Carolina and currently in a masters program at Indiana University of Pennsylvania.

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