



STATEWIDE
2024 FATHERHOOD
CONFERENCE



STRONGER FATHERS **B.U.I.L.D.** *STRONGER FAMILIES*

THURSDAY, NOVEMBER 7

DCF Office of Training and Professional Development
New Brunswick, New Jersey



The Father Center
of New Jersey



Welcome to The Father Center of New Jersey's 2nd Biennial Statewide Fatherhood Conference! We're thrilled to have you here with us. This year's theme, "Stronger Fathers BUILD Stronger Families," highlights our focus on empowering fathers to strengthen not only their own lives but also those of their children and families.

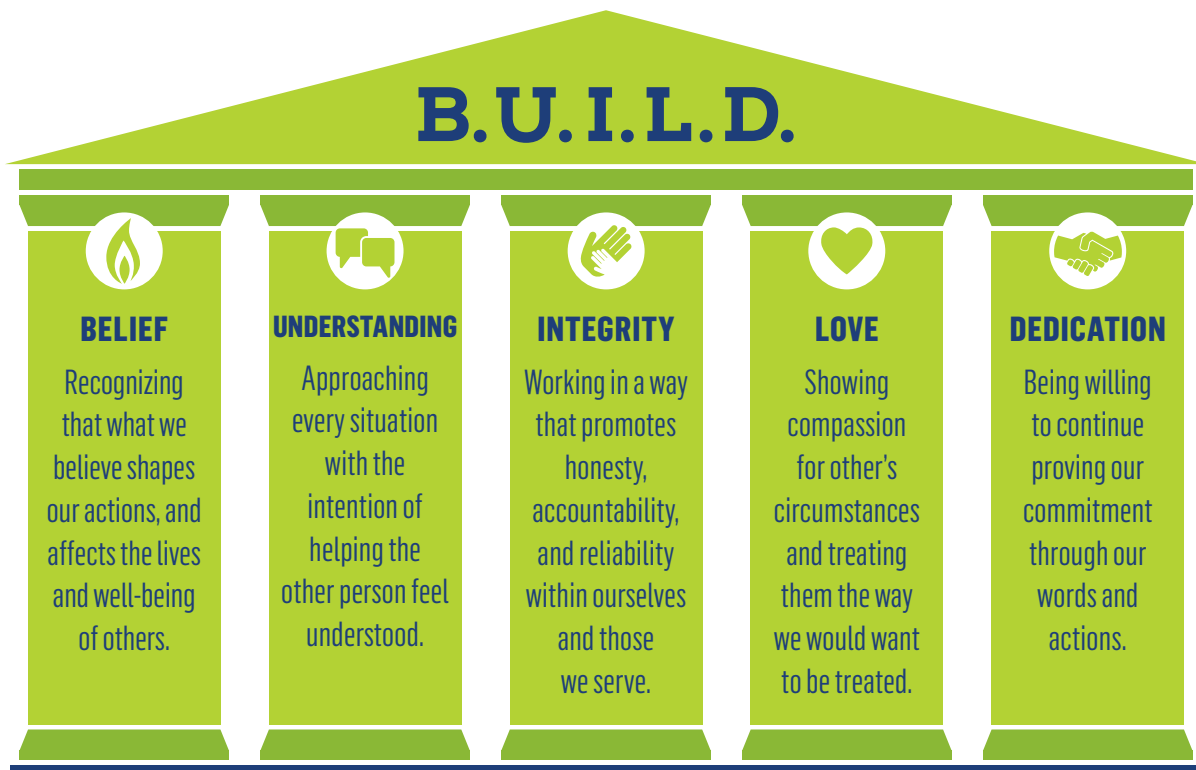
Our mission is to provide men with the emotional, social, and economic resources they need to uplift themselves and their loved ones.

Your presence today underscores your dedication to advancing this vital work. We encourage you to make the most of today's conference by engaging with the presentations and resources available.

Thank you for being part of this transformative experience!

Bryan Evans

CEO, The Father Center of New Jersey



[8:00–9:00 am | Auditorium 2](#)

Registration & Continental Breakfast

[9:00–9:20 am | Auditorium 1](#)

Welcome & Opening Remarks

Marc Warren, *COO, The Father Center of New Jersey*
Bryan Evans, *CEO, The Father Center of New Jersey*
Christine Norbut-Beyer, *MSW, DCF Commissioner*

[9:20–10:00 am | Auditorium 1](#)

KEYNOTE ADDRESS

Empowering Fathers

Dr. Reggie Wright Jr.

[WORKSHOP BLOCK 1 | 10:15–11:15 am](#)

Auditorium 2 | 10:15–10:45 am

Welcome to Fatherhood

Matthew Stevens

Auditorium 2 | 10:45–11:15 am

Empowering Fathers:
Accessing NJ Paid Leave

David Nelson

Room 154

Empowering Fathers: National Resources
to Support and Engage Fathers in Wellness,
Parenting, and Relationships

Eugene Schneeberg

Room 156

Fatherhood: The Importance of
Mental Wellness when Navigating
Parental Challenges

Steven Anthony King

Room 158

Discussion: What Is the B.U.I.L.D. Model?

Ryan Fulwood

[WORKSHOP BLOCK 2 | 11:25 am–12:25 pm](#)

Auditorium 2

Building Strong Relationships: A Partnership
with the Child Support Program

Patricia Risch & Angela Watson

Room 154

Healing Generations: Addressing
Intergenerational Trauma among African
American Fathers

Bill Davis

Room 156

Fathers' Voices Matter: DCF's Approach to
Transforming the Child Welfare System
through Codesign and Shared Leadership

Kareem Lovelace

Room 159

Discussion: What Is the B.U.I.L.D. Model?

Ryan Fulwood

[12:30–1:45 pm | Auditorium 2](#)

LUNCH PANEL DISCUSSION 12:45 PM

Discussing Myths and Truths
about Fatherhood

Moderator: Randall E. Toby

[1:45–2:30 pm | Auditorium 2](#)

Closing Ceremony

Door prizes, closing remarks, evaluations,
and group pledge.



The Pledge to B.U.I.L.D. Up Fathers

From this day forward, I pledge to do my part,
 regardless of the doubts in my mind or the hesitance in my heart,
 because fathers need support to be their best selves.
 Therefore, I will show my **belief** in them with faith that they will do well.
 I will show **understanding**, because life is rarely kind.
 I'll be a champion for **integrity**, leaving no father behind.
 I will show **love** for my fellow man as well as dignity and honor.
 This is my **dedication** to show my support for all fathers!



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