

2021 Quarterly NEFC Virtual Workshop Series

Session I: Wednesday, March 10, 2021

Recognizing and Healing the Trauma of Father Absence

Presented by Doug Edwards

Our children need parents to be at their best. Acknowledging and resolving adverse childhood experiences helps us to set our kids up for success. Our workshop will look at our brains and bodies, examining the effects of trauma to discover the many effective ways to bring about healing.

Family Matters-Working with Fathers and Families Impacted by Incarceration

Presented by Richard Claytor and Karla Acevedo

This workshop explores how the Suffolk County Sheriff's Department brings a community-centered approach to working with fathers and their families impacted by incarceration. Utilizing community service providers and a prevention model approach, SCSD Family Matters Program prepares incarcerated men for re-entry in areas of responsible fatherhood and co-parenting.

Session II: Wednesday, June 9, 2021

Getting to Yes: Positive Negotiating with Your Parenting Partner

Presented by Stanley N. Bernard and Hyacintha V. Bernard

Successful co-parenting comes from compromise, honest communication, and finding middle ground. This session will use the principled negotiation techniques proposed in the book *Getting to Yes* to give fathers and service workers insight into finding that middle-ground consensus decision that both parents can live with.

Confronting Cyber-addiction: Effective Parenting in the Digital Age

Presented by Jessica Fortunato

Using lecture, small group discussion and exercises, this workshop will address the myriad of challenges parents face raising children in this digital age. We will discuss the complex interplay of variables driving us to overuse technology, the impacts of overuse, and how parents can effectively educate, engage and protect youth.

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Session III: Wednesday, September 8, 2021

Comprehensive Understanding of Human Trafficking in our Communities/Country

Presented by Joyce Dixon-Haskett and TeLisa Richardson

Presenters will provide professionals in the health care and social work fields with substantive training regarding the issue of Human Trafficking, and how it relates to their area of practice; and how family members can identify signs that their children may be in danger of being trafficked.

Creative Ways of Dads Promoting Healthy Masculinity in Adolescent Boys!

Presented by Anthony C. Hill

This workshop is designed to equip dads and helping professionals with awareness and strategies to help males learn about healthy masculinity. This will be an interactive workshop and I will display a variety of exercises and popular media such as DVD's and YouTube clips as an educational tool.

Session IV: Wednesday, December 8, 2021

The Manhood Tree

Presented by Abdul-Rahmaan I. Muhammad

The Manhood Tree is an exploration of the four hoods: Boyhood, Brotherhood, Fatherhood and Manhood using the analogy of a tree. The overall goal of the discussion is to allow men to discuss their experiences of transitioning from boyhood through adolescence into manhood, while emphasizing their brotherhood and fatherhood relationships.

Effective Fatherhood Group Facilitation Skills

Presented by John O'Neil and Paul Melville

With a constantly increasing number of agencies and programs recognizing the importance of supporting dads, there is a corresponding need for professionals who have the tools to effectively engage and support men. We will identify barriers to facilitating father support groups and discuss practical methods for overcoming these challenges.