Fathers & Fathering in Contemporary Contexts

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Each year, the NCFMR organizes a large conference as an efficient means to share research results, bring researchers and policy makers together, and generate new research based on input from leading scholars and policy makers.

Fathers play a critical role in child development, and the contributions of fathers to children’s lives can vary considerably by factors such as family structure or co-residence. For a growing share of children, paternal incarceration shapes the fathering experience. The *Fathers & Fathering in Contemporary Contexts* 2012 research conference addresses the short- and long-term consequences of parental incarceration for fathering behaviors and child well-being. Our goal is to move forward our understanding of fathers and fathering in the contemporary context and examine their linkages to well-being, continuing the conversation from the 1998 *Nurturing Fatherhood* conference.

A panel of interdisciplinary researchers will discuss cutting-edge topics on fatherhood and fathering by sharing new theoretical, empirical, methodological, and measurement insights. Further, they will address how their work informs current policy debates. Speakers will be sensitive to potential variation among subgroups of the population and recognize the increasing diversity and complexity of today’s families.

Substantive topics include:

- Resident Fathers
- Nonresident Fathers
- Co-Parenting
- Father Involvement and Well-Being
- Fathers in Diverse Contexts

*Registration is required.*

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