



8th ANNUAL NEW YORK FATHERING CONFERENCE 2022

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**FATHERS AND FAMILIES: BUILDING SAFE, HEALTHY,
& THRIVING COMMUNITIES TOGETHER**

Addressing and Ending Youth Violence in Our Communities

**TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 15
5:30PM - 8:30PM**

Featured Speaker:

Erica Ford

Founder and CEO, Life Camp, Inc.

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Virtual Event via Zoom

Session I - Starting the Conversation

5:30 – 5:35 pm	Gathering
5:35 – 6:00 pm	Welcome and opening remarks Moderated by Frank Williams, Executive Director, White Plains Youth Bureau * The Honorable Thomas Roach, Mayor of White Plains * The Honorable George Latimer, County Executive, Westchester County Executive * The Honorable Andrea Stewart-Cousins, Majority Leader, New York State Senate * The Honorable Shelley B. Mayer, Senator, New York State Senate * Leonard Townes, Commissioner, Westchester County Department of Social Services * Alfonso Nicholas, Regional Administrator, Administration for Children and Families, Region 2
6:00 – 6:50 pm	Keynote Presentation Erica Ford, CEO and Founder of Life Camp, Inc. Introduced by Scott Leach, Director of Fatherhood Initiative, NYC Department of Youth & Community Development Q&A – Facilitated by Scott Leach
6:50 – 6:55 pm	Messages and PSAs
6:55 – 7:40 pm	Panel Discussion Moderated by Donnie Simmons, Program Coordinator, Fatherhood Initiative, White Plains Youth Bureau Introduction of Panelists DaMia Harris Madden, EdD , Executive Director, Westchester County Youth Bureau Rocco A. Pozzi , Commissioner, Westchester County Department of Probation Damon Bacote , Commissioner, Office of Youth Justice, NYS Division of Criminal Justice Services Hezeus R, Activist , Advocate and Youth Violence Expert Anthoin McPherson , Alumnus, Westchester Community College Rev. Dr. Erwin Lee Trollinger, Jr. , President, Ministers Fellowship Council of White Plains & Vicinity Questions for Panel: <i>How did we get here? What can we do to reverse the course? What role can fathers play in changing the current trajectory? What can communities do to institute change? What are you doing to mitigate or prevent violence in your community?</i>
7:40 – 8:00 pm	Hearing from Conference Participants.
8:00 – 8:05 pm	Messages and PSAs
8:05 - 8:25 pm	Resources you can use to serve fathers: The National Responsible Fatherhood Clearinghouse James Worthy, Community Outreach Consultant Eugene Schneeberg, Outreach Co-lead Introduced by Barbara Andrews, Lead Program Liaison, Administration for Children and Families, U.S. Department of Health and Human Services
8:25 – 8:30 pm	Closing Remarks Frank Williams, Executive Director, White Plains Youth Bureau

Next Sessions:

Session 2: 01/24/2023: Starting the Response with Self and Family

Session 3: 03/21/2023: Starting the Response with the Community: Economic & Social Well-Being



KEY NOTE SPEAKER: Erica Ford

FOUNDER AND CEO, LIFE CAMP, INC.

Erica Ford is a world renowned human rights activist and anti-violence leader. For more than 30 years, she has impacted the lives of thousands of disenfranchised Black and Brown people in vulnerable communities, schools, housing projects and prisons. Her approach to violence intervention and prevention work in South East Queens, NY — which resulted in nearly four years without a homicide — is widely respected locally and nationally by grassroots organizations, researchers, public safety and public health professionals and government officials.

In 2002, Erica founded LIFE Camp Inc., a non-profit organization that provides marginalized youth and young adults with intensive case management, mentorship, access to education, employment opportunities and unconventional therapeutic services, to reduce violence and mitigate contact with the criminal justice system. Since then, Erica's expertise has been proven and sought after throughout New York City and around the nation, playing a vital role in creating many known anti-violence initiatives.

DAMON BACOTE

COMMISSIONER, OFFICE OF YOUTH JUSTICE, NEW YORK STATE DIVISION OF CRIMINAL JUSTICE SERVICES

Mr. Bacote is the Deputy Commissioner for The Office of Youth Justice at DCJS. As the Deputy Commissioner, Damon oversees and manages the Office of Youth Justice (OYJ). OYJ is an office that focuses its work on several different areas, including gang violence; reducing racial and ethnic disparities; mind science of bias; trauma, healing, and behavioral health; prevention; school diversion; youth violence; police and community partnerships; rural-specific issues; youth with sexual behavior problems; gender responsiveness; LGBTQ issues; restorative practices; runaway and homeless youth; disconnected youth; procedural justice; and implementation science. New York State SNUG is also a program under OYJ.

DAMIA HARRIS-MADDEN, EdD,

EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR, WESTCHESTER COUNTY YOUTH BUREAU

Dr. DaMia Harris-Madden has spent 18 years working at the intersections of government, education, business, and the non-profit sectors. Dr. Madden entered the private sector immediately after receiving a bachelor's Degree in English and African American Studies as a Human Resources Manager. She achieved both a Master of Science in Human Resource Management and a Master of Business Administration. Eventually, Dr. Madden transitioned into the government sector where she has held leadership positions in local and county government, and successfully completed a Doctorate in Education and Executive Leadership.

After serving within four mayoral cabinets, she accepted the role as the Executive Director of the Westchester County Youth Bureau, an office of the County Executive, George Latimer in 2018. She is currently responsible for managing a department that deploys financial and technical resources to non-profit, private, and municipal agencies that support children, youth, and families within the 46 communities throughout Westchester County. She also serves as a writing instructor to doctoral students who are enrolled in St. John Fisher College.

ANTHOIN MCPHERSON,

ALUMNUS, SUNY WESTCHESTER COMMUNITY COLLEGE

ROCCO A. POZZI,

COMMISSIONER, WESTCHESTER COUNTY DEPARTMENT OF PROBATION

As Commissioner of Probation, Rocco A. Pozzi is responsible for directing the activities of the Westchester County Department of Probation and services provided by a large number of probation officers and correspondingly large administrative and clerical force, totaling hundred employees. He is also a cabinet member and advisor to the County Executive on probation and related criminal justice issues. Mr. Pozzi is responsible for establishing and administering policies and procedures for the effective operations of probation services in the County in accordance with established laws and regulations. He develops and implements strategic prevention and intervention programs designed to enhance community protection service to the courts and victims, rehabilitation of problem youth, families and criminal offenders.

HEZEUS R.

ACTIVIST, ADVOCATE AND YOUTH VIOLENCE EXPERT

Hezues R. is a pioneering media entrepreneur with experience in production, advertising and design. Latin Nation referred to him as a “Latino Mogul in the making.” In 2014 Hezues R. was Honored by the White House and President of the United States. He has also consulted to previous President’s Council on Financial Literacy. Creating brands like Boadicea the Victorious have made him an Award-Winning creative and international success. Whether it’s Sean P Diddy Combs, Russell Simmons or Mona Scott-Young, Hezues R. is sought out by icons of industry, as a high-level creative force behind many major brands, shows, productions and products. Even as an Award-Winning and Critically-Acclaimed Director, he hasn’t reached his “Directing” peak, being divided as an entrepreneur and successful advertising creative. Knowing that his greatest talent and potential is his storytelling voice and iconic vision w/ the ability to nurture talent performance; 2018 marks his return to Directing full-time.

REV. DR. ERWIN LEE TROLLINGER, JR.

PRESIDENT, MINISTERS FELLOWSHIP COUNCIL OF WHITE PLAINS AND VICINITY

Rev. Erwin Lee Trollinger, Jr. journey began in the Fairview - Greenburgh community and graduated from Woodlands High School, Hartsdale, New York. At the age of 16 Rev. Trollinger embraced the salvation that was afforded to the Lord Jesus Christ in 1976. He grew under the pastoring of the Late Rev. Charles Churn, Jr. and spiritual Father. He attended Morris Brown College in Atlanta, Georgia, majoring in Social Work and Theology and earned his Master’s Degree in Sacred Theology at the Christ Theological Seminary, Yonkers, New York. He was licensed and ordained through the Union Temple Inspirational Baptist Church under the shepherding mentorship of Late Rev. Charles H. Churn Jr. and the Mt. Zion Missionary Baptist Association, Queens, New York.

RESOURCES YOU CAN USE TO SERVE FATHERS: **THE NATIONAL RESPONSIBLE FATHERHOOD CLEARINGHOUSE**

EUGENE SCHNEEBERG

OUTREACH CO-LEAD, NATIONAL RESPONSIBLE FATHERHOOD CLEARINGHOUSE

Mr. Eugene Schneeberg oversees ICF’s outreach and engagement efforts as part of the National Responsible Fatherhood Clearinghouse. He also provides subject matter expertise to ICF’s Healthy Marriage & Responsible Fatherhood portfolio. He has more than 20 years of experience working in the criminal and juvenile justice arena. Prior to joining ICF, Mr. Schneeberg served as a Presidential Appointee as the Director of the Center for Faith-Based & Neighborhood Partnerships for the U.S. Department of Justice. In this capacity, Eugene coordinated between the White House and the Department of Justice’s efforts to outreach and partner with faith-based and other non-profits organizations around the country. During his time at the Justice Department, he was responsible for launching over \$20 Million in new OJJDP programs to support Prisoner Reentry, Children of Incarcerated Parents, Youth Opportunity AmeriCorps, and Strengthening Relationships between Young Fathers and their Children. Prior to serving at the Justice Department, he worked as the Director of Operations for Straight Ahead Ministries, a national faith-based juvenile justice non-profit in Greater Boston. He received his undergraduate degree in Urban Affairs from Boston University. Eugene was raised in Roxbury, Massachusetts and is married to his wife Deitra. They have three sons Eugene Jr., Elijah, Franklin and one daughter, Genesis.

MR. JAMES WORTHY

COMMUNITY OUTREACH CONSULTANT, NATIONAL RESPONSIBLE FATHERHOOD CLEARINGHOUSE

Mr. James Worthy is National Consultant, Family Advocate, Business Developer and Trainer. Over the past nearly 3 decades he has provided or managed direct services to nearly 10,000 of Baltimore’s most disenfranchised residents and provided training to nearly 8000 Human Services Practitioners Nationwide. At current James is providing Training and Technical Assistance to Organizations Nationwide in the fields of Responsible Fatherhood, Family Strengthen and Workforce Development. He also serves as a Community Outreach Consultant for the National Responsible Fatherhood Clearinghouse. As an independent consultant he contributes his talents and expertise to support the efforts of service organization both public and private. James’ proudest accomplishment is his incredible family, wife D’Lisa and his three sons, Jaylen, Donovan & Amari.

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SAVE THE DATES FOR NEXT SESSIONS!

**Session 2:
January 24, 2023
Starting the Response with Self and Family**

**Session 3:
March 21, 2023:
Starting the Response with the Community:
Economic & Social Well-Being**



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