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## **MEDIA ADVISORY**

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### **National Healthy Start Association and Men's Health Network Present: *Fatherhood/Men & Boys Health Pre-conference Event***

**What:** This dynamic 2 day pre-conference event will showcase fatherhood and male involvement programs throughout the country and federal government including overviews from the White House, the Administration for Children and Families, and National Institutes of Health. There will be sessions on promising and evidence based practices from the field as well as work sessions on research, policy, and practice.

**When:** February 27-28, 2015  
7:30 a.m. – 4:00 p.m.  
Event is open to Media

**Where:** Hyatt Regency Washington on Capitol Hill  
400 New Jersey Ave. NW,  
Washington DC 20001

**Websites:**

[http://www.nationalhealthystart.org/what\\_we\\_do/spring\\_conference/menshealthevent](http://www.nationalhealthystart.org/what_we_do/spring_conference/menshealthevent)  
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Additional workshop topics will include fatherhood and families, criminal justice, education, mental health and stress, substance abuse, challenges facing low income men and fathers, and men's interconception health.

Presenters include:

- Ben O'Dell, Associate Director at the U.S. Department of Health and Human Service's Partnership Center.
- Mark Greenberg, Acting Director of the Administration for Children and Families.
- Dr. Michael Lu, Associate Administrator for Maternal and Child Health, HRSA.
- Dr. Eric Bothwell, Public Health Advisor, Men's Health Network.  
Native Male Health Coalition: The Warrior's Journey to Wellness.
- Dr. Regina James, Director, Office of Health Equity, National Institute of Child Health & Human Development, NIH.
- Dr. Jeff Evans, Research Advisor, Men's Health Network.

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- Kenn Harris, President Elect, NHSA Board of Directors.
- Deborah Frazier, CEO, NHSA.
- Brandon Leonard, MA, Director Strategic Initiatives, Men's Health Network.
- Irene Dankwa-Mullen, MD, Acting Division Director, Division of Scientific Programs, National Institute on Minority Health and Health Disparities, NIH.
- Jay Fagan, PhD, Professor of Social Work, Temple University, Co-Director Fatherhood Research and Practice Network.

And much more...

#### **About National Healthy Start Association:**

The National Healthy Start Association (NHSA) is committed to improving birth outcomes and health disparities that exist within communities of color throughout the United States. As the membership association for the federal Healthy Start programs, NHSA promotes the development of community-based maternal and child health programs, particularly those addressing the issues of infant mortality, low birth weight and racial disparities in perinatal outcomes.

#### **About Men's Health Network:**

Men's Health Network (MHN) is an international organization whose mission is to reach men and their families where they live, work, play, and pray with health prevention messages and tools, screening programs, educational materials, advocacy opportunities, and patient navigation.

MHN is composed of physicians, researchers, public health workers, other health professionals, and individuals. MHN authors regular columns on men's health in medical journals and is the major resource for men's health information for the mainstream media.

Men's Health Network is known as the leading authority on men's health, with a Board of Advisors totaling over 800 physicians and key thought leaders. With a network of chapters, affiliates, and health partners, MHN has a presence in every state and over 30 countries.

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