The National Children's Study *Speakers' Series*

Fatherhood in the 21st Century: From Pregnancy Planning to Parenting

December 2, 2009 — 3:00-4:30 p.m.

Wilder Center—Amherst H. Wilder Auditorium
451 Lexington Parkway North, St. Paul, MN 55104
FREE PARKING ONSITE!

Featured Speaker: Robert (Clarence) Jones, MA, Community Outreach Director for Southside Community Health Services/Q Health Connections and co-author of the book, *"Black Fathers: An Invisible Presence in America."*

What is the role of fathers in the 21st Century? The media tell us that some fathers are a "problem": they are absent; they neglect the social and emotional needs of their children. However, there are cultural shifts that are challenging stereotypes and re-defining parental roles to allow a more varied representation of fathers. There are active dialogues about promoting physically and emotionally nurturing fatherhood, as well understanding the important roles of non-traditional and/or non-residential fathers. This talk will explore the meaning of fatherhood, the struggles men face when involved in an unintended pregnancy, and the new role men may have in optimizing pre-conception health and family planning. In addition to attending a 45-minute presentation, participants will also be invited to ask questions and stay for an additional 30 minutes to engage in a small-group discussion to share personal perceptions of fatherhood and suggest next steps for optimizing healthy fatherhood.

Event is FREE is and open to ALL, but seating is limited. Light refreshments will be served.
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