

What Works for Today's Families? And What Doesn't?

A Decade of Research, Practice, and Dialogue

The Council on Contemporary Families' Tenth Anniversary Conference,
May 4-5, 2007 and Gala Celebration featuring special guest *Al Franken*

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Join us for a two-day discussion of cutting-edge research and best practice findings about how to understand and intervene effectively on family issues such as promoting healthy relationships and responsible fatherhood, helping at-risk youth, providing social services and counseling to families under extreme stress, reducing domestic violence, and developing effective family policies.

PROGRAM HIGHLIGHTS:

- All panels have a mix of practitioners and social scientists discussing cutting-edge research and best practice findings about families. All also include a multicultural perspective.
- Evening appetizer buffet featuring special guest speaker Al Franken, along with CCF's annual media awards and musical entertainment.
- Special hands-on training in working with the media, writing op eds, and translating research and clinical experience into books for a popular audience.

Friday, May 4, 2007

Families in Stress: What Do We Know About How To Help?

8:30am-9:00am — Registration and Coffee

9:00am — Welcome: *Stephanie Coontz* and *Waldo Johnson*,
conference chairs

9:30am-11:00am — Programs to Promote Marriage and
Responsible Fatherhood: Myths and Realities

Chair: *Philip Cowan*

Panelists:

Waldo Johnson (University of Chicago) and *Earl Johnson*
(California Endowment) — Father Involvement: Lessons

Learned but Unheard.

Philip and Carolyn Pape Cowan (University of California at Berkeley) — Interventions to Strengthen Couple Relationships and Fathers' Involvement: What Do We Know So Far?
Virginia Knox (MDRC): Plans for a Nationally-based Intervention Program to Strengthen Healthy Marriages.
Robert-Jay Green (Rockway Institute and California School of Professional Psychology) — Couple Relationship and Father Involvement Interventions: Different Strokes for Lesbian, Gay, and Heterosexual Folks.

11:00am-11:30am — Break

11:30am-1:00pm — [Vulnerable Youth and the Transition to Adulthood](#)

Chair: *Frank Furstenberg* (University of Pennsylvania)

Panelists:

Frank Furstenberg (University of Pennsylvania) — The Changing Passage to Adulthood and Its Consequences for Vulnerable Youth.

Wayne Osgood (Penn State University) — Addressing the Challenges for Vulnerable Youth in Transition to Adulthood.

Idy Gitelson (clinical psychologist) — Vulnerable Youth and Their Families: Relationships with Parents and Other Adults During the Transition Years.

1:00pm-2:00pm — Lunch (On Your Own)

2:00pm-3:30pm — [Working with Families under Stress: What Do We Know? What Do We Need to Know?](#)

Chair: *Kerry Ann Rockquemore* (University of Illinois at Chicago)

Panelists:

Froma Walsh (University of Chicago) — Innovative Practice Applications of a Family Resilience Framework with Families in Crisis or Facing Prolonged Adversity.

Julie Kerksick (New Hope Project) — The New Hope Project: What We've Learned.

Mike Bobbit (Family Justice) — Changing the Face of Justice: Tapping the Strengths of Government, Families, and Neighborhoods.

Ellen Bravo (UW-Milwaukee; Coordinator, The Multi-State Working Families Consortium) — From the Grassroots: How Coalitions are Changing State and Local Policy on Work-Family Issues.

3:30pm-4:00pm — Break

4:00pm-5:30pm — [Domestic Violence: Defining the Problem and Intervening with People](#)

Chair: *Brian Jory* (Berry College)

Panelists:

Rhea Almeida (Institute for Family Services) — Beyond Safety: Accountability and Reparations.

Oliver Williams (University of Minnesota) — Working with Re-entering Prisoners on Domestic Violence: The Safe Return

Initiative.

Michael Johnson (Penn State University) — Intimate Terrorism and Other Forms of Domestic Violence.

Amy Holtzworth-Munroe (Indiana University) — Batterer Typologies: Are They Useful and Are We Ready to Use Them?

6:30 -- Gala Celebration and Annual CCF Media Awards with appetizer buffer and special guest Al Franken

Saturday, May 5, 2007

9:30am-11:00am — When Is a Fact a Fact? What Do We Know About Cause and Effect in Families?

Chair: *Mignon R. Moore* (UCLA)

Panelists:

Andrew Cherlin (Johns Hopkins University);

Philip Cowan (University of California at Berkeley);

Linda M. Burton (Duke University).

11:15am-12:45pm — Natural and Unnatural Disasters: Displacement and Trauma

Chair: *Cedric Herring* (University of Illinois at Chicago)

Panelists:

Pauline Boss (University of Minnesota) — The Role of Therapists in Dealing with Adjustment after Loss and Crisis.

Ahlam Jbara (Illinois Coalition for Immigrant and Refugee Rights) — Overcoming the Challenges Immigrants and Refugees Face in Accessing Services.

Roberta Iversen (University of Pennsylvania) — Can You Go Home Again? Low-income Families after Hurricane Katrina.

Etiony Aldarondo (University of Miami) — Promoting the Well-Being of Unaccompanied Immigrant Children.

12:45pm-1:30pm — Lunch (On Your Own)

1:30pm-3:30pm — Breakout Sessions for Hands-on Media Training:

1. Writing Op Eds on Your Work — *Stephanie Coontz* (The Evergreen State College); *Joan Williams* (Hastings School of Law).

2. Pitching Your Research, Clinical Experiences, or Organization — *Joshua Coleman* (San Francisco Psychotherapy Research Group); *Virginia Rutter* (Framingham State College); *Debbie Siegel* (Woodhull Institute for Ethical Leadership).

3. The Promise and Perils of Translating Clinical Experience and Research into Trade Books — *Isolina Ricci* (New Family Center); *Pepper Schwartz* (University of Washington); *Kerry Ann Rockquemore* (University of Illinois at Chicago).