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## **ALAMEDA COUNTY FATHERS CORPS HOSTS 'FATHERHOOD SUMMIT' – A FREE DAY-LONG PARENTING CONFERENCE FOR FATHERS AND FATHER FIGURES**

***"The Power of Fatherhood" | March 16, 2019 | Merritt College, Oakland***

**OAKLAND, CA:** Fatherhood Summit, hosted by the Alameda County Fathers Corps (ACFC), is set for March 16, 2019, at Merritt College in Oakland.

This free all-day summit is designed to provide 1,000 fathers and father figures with a safe space for dialogue, networking and resource exchange focused on supporting the journey through fatherhood. The groundbreaking Summit will be a first-of-its-kind event in Northern California. The Summit will also serve as the launch for several new programs and services provided by the Fathers Corps.



Keynote speakers include nationally recognized scholar, author and activist, Marc Lamont Hill and race relations authority, Jerry Tello.

Summit attendees can choose from a broad range of workshops which will pack their leadership toolbox with skills and resources for becoming successful parents and contributors to a healthy family life.

Topics will cover a range of healing, coping, and informational topics such as "How You Doing: A Primer on Men's Complete Health" and "Healthy Living on a Budget." Sessions on fatherhood will include, "How Your Child Grows: Understanding the Importance of Fathers in Early Childhood," "Putting Family First: Success Strategies for Co-Parenting," "Parenting for the Unparented," and "Honoring the Diversity of Fatherhood: Embracing Gay Fathers and Father Figures."

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Planned Sessions on immigration rights include, “Current Immigration Practices and Policies,” “Know Your Rights: Safely Navigating Encounters with Law Enforcement,” “Get Active: The Basics of Social Justice and Responsibility” as well as “My Rights. My Responsibilities: Understanding Child Support and Custody.”

Sessions on how to achieve economic success include “You and Your Money: Building a Financial Legacy” and “Entrepreneurship: Be Your Own Boss. Pathways to Freedom - Educational and Career Alternatives.”

Specifically, for the formerly incarcerated father, sessions will include, “Re-Entry, Reconnect” and “Been There, Survived That: Tales of Re-entry from Men Who Have Successfully Done So.”

A growing body of evidence shows that fathers who are actively engaged in children’s lives raise children that are far more likely to achieve success in school, careers, relationships and other aspects of life.

Sponsors and key partners include First 5 California, Kaiser Permanente, First 5 Alameda County, Alameda Alliance for Health, California Wellness Foundation, Alameda County Public Health Department, Oakland A's, Comcast, and PG&E. A growing list of community partners includes local nonprofit organizations, government entities, law enforcement, and social service and health care agencies.

Pre-registration is required at [fatherhoodsummit2019.eventbrite.com](https://fatherhoodsummit2019.eventbrite.com).

**About the Fathers Corps:**

Established in 2013, The Alameda County Fathers Corps (ACFC) is a county-wide team of male service providers working to help strengthen families by helping men be the best fathers they can be. The ACFC’s goal? is that every father is fully engaged and supportive of their children and that community and public agencies are fully prepared to help them succeed.

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