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**Saturday,
January 30, 2010**
8 a.m. until 3 p.m.

Counselor and Keynote Speaker at
the First Michigan Fathers Conference

Tom FitzPatrick



Featured Keynote Kickoff

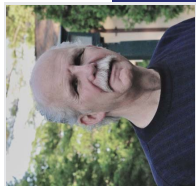
Embracing the Challenges of Fatherhood

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Welcome and Introduction



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KEYNOTE KICKOFF
DAD FOR LIFE: ARE YOU READY?
TOM FITZPATRICK

Tom FitzPatrick is a men's and couples' therapist with the Center for Creative Living in Royal Oak. Tom's Keynote Kickoff will motivate men to become excellent husbands and fathers by putting more passion, power, and purpose in their lives. He is co-founder of the Midwest Fathers Conference and Fathers Forum. In 2007 Tom established Father Fest, now an annual event for families to honor dads on Fathers Day.

"Tom FitzPatrick is a man on a mission. He wants to transform men, one by one, to become great fathers. Tom's vision takes the role of fathers to a whole new level of engagement."

-Alyssa Martina (Publisher, MetroParent Magazine)

OUR NEW LOCATION

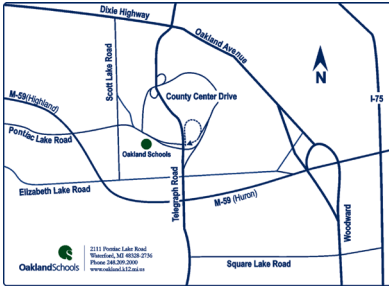
We are proud to announce that our Tenth Annual Conference will take place at one of our area's top facilities: the Oakland Schools Building at 2111 Pontiac Lake Road, Waterford, MI, 48328-2736.

The facility is on the southwest corner of Telegraph and Pontiac Lake Road, with the entrance on the south side of Pontiac Lake Road, near the Oakland County Complex.

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Leslie Baron is a 7th grade science teacher at Hillel Day School. She has been teaching sex education as part of the science and/or health curriculum for over 20 years. She has developed a science-based, non-secular sex education curriculum that integrates both compassion and humor to meet the needs of middle school students and their parents.

Ted Braude is an integral psychologist and the founder of BoysWork™. A popular speaker and former columnist in the The Detroit Free Press "Body and Mind" section, he writes a monthly column on BoysWork for the sensational website Menstuff.org. He works with boys and their families at his office, is a consultant to parents and educators, trains professionals, and has run groups with teenage boys blending Aikido and psychology.

Murray Davis currently works with R & R Domestic Services presenting workshops for fathers on stress management. He is the former Executive Director of the Great Dads™ project and the founder and former executive Director of Dads of Michigan. Murray is a strong advocate for fathers and is a frequent radio, television talk show guest and special report/op-ed contributor to the state newspapers.

Henry Cornbein specializes in all aspects of Family Law, including mediation and collaborative law. He is a member of the American Academy of Matrimonial Lawyers, past president of its Michigan chapter, and has been named as a Super Lawyer in 2007, 2008 and 2009. He is also the creator and host of the award winning cable television show "Practical Law", which has recently won its third Farnsworth Award for Excellence.

Thomas Haller is a widely sought-after national and international presenter in the areas of child behavior management and verbal language skills. He is considered one of the world's foremost authorities on empowering individuals with effective verbal skills for creating interpersonal change and raising confident children. He is also the co-author of five highly acclaimed books.

Larry Herren is a graduate of the University of Michigan School of Social Work with nearly 20 years of clinical experience in family and adolescent therapy. He is a featured blogger on TheDetroitNews.com Michigan Dads page.

Bob Howe has served education in Michigan for over 35 years as a teacher, coach, middle school principal, high school principal and superintendent of schools. He currently serves as the Executive Director of the 1,400 member Michigan Elementary and Middle School Principals Association. Through his leadership with MEMSPA, Bob has created a coalition of organizations to bring the national "Say Yes to No" program to Michigan.

Mike Josephson is a Therapist and Consultant at The Center for Creative Living and the former Chair of the Windsor-Detroit Center of The Mankind Project International.

Carole Lapidos is the co-founder and director of Raising Strong & Confident Daughters, an organization dedicated to helping young girls develop a strong sense of self-esteem. The organization collaborates with the University of Michigan's Office of Multicultural Initiatives and the Girl Scouts to administer a mentoring project that promotes the empowerment of girlhood for middle-school students.

Laura Marchak started NetSafe Solution to help parents keep their children safe online. Together with her husband she has worked in the computer industry for over 20 years. Laura and her husband are committed to helping families implement both safety rules and software and hardware tools to protect children online.

Lima Pereira is the Program Manager for The City of Detroit Head Start Fatherhood Initiative. He is a devoted volunteer supporting causes for children, an active youth basketball coach/trainer and is passionate about championing the effort for greater male involvement in the lives of children.

Ron Szalka and his wife Brenda have been married for 11 years and have two young children. After 20 years in Retail Management, Ron is now a full-time father who works part time nights and weekends. Brenda holds a Masters Degree in Social Work and works from home as the Director of an Employee Assistance Program.

Bob Stien is the founder of the New York Fathers Conference. He has facilitated several programs focused on fathers, including "Dads Talk" in New York City and "For Dads Only" in Rockland County New York. Bob has appeared on Dateline NBC and Oprah and in the New York Times and the New York Daily News as well as participating in a PBS documentary Fathers and Daughters: Journeys of the Heart with one of his two daughters.



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- ☐ I can't make it, but please accept my donation to permit another father to attend at no cost.

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Online: Visit www.oakland.k12.mi.us and select the Professional Development link. Then search for Tenth Annual Midwest Fathers Conference by date (1/30/10) and follow the directions provided.

Phone: 248.209.2500 (Toll Free 888.263.3867)

Fax: Send this completed form to 248.209.2021 and call the number above to arrange for payment.

Mail: Send this completed form along with a check made payable to Oakland Schools to Oakland Schools, Event Management, 2111 Pontiac Lake Road, Waterford, MI 48328-2736. Be sure to write "Fathers Conference" on the memo line of your check.

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Name: _____

Address: _____

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Telephone: _____

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Number of Attendees: _____

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WORKSHOP SESSION

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The Child Is Father To Man: Fathers and Sons Together

Ted Braude



The most important man in a boy's life is his father. Sons are the future looking forward at fathers. They invoke promise and peril for both. A hero's journey full of mystery, wonder and transformation for each. Come find out about the power and love of fatherhood.

Fathers Forum

Tom FitzPatrick



Tom follows his Keynote with the first of two special Conference presentations of Fathers Forum, a dads-only exploration of the current issues that matter most to today's fathers. Tom will facilitate a wide-ranging discussion that focuses on topics raised by workshop participants.

Anatomy of a Divorce

Henry Gornbein



Hear what one of the nation's top divorce attorneys has to say about the legal and psychological ramifications of divorce from a father's perspective. Henry Gornbein will address child custody(including parenting time and modifications), support issues, property division, taxes and insurance, college and extracurricular activities, and the growing range of options to stay out of court, including mediation, arbitration, direct negotiations, and collaborative divorce.

Fantastic Father: The Seven Traits of a Great Dad

Thomas Haller M.Div., LMSW, DST



Fathers who embrace their role and make a commitment to parenting like no one else, help their children grow up to be like no one else. These fathers are affectionately referred to as fantastic fathers. Celebrate fatherhood in a workshop that presents the seven common traits found in fathers committed to raising responsible children.

Twenty-First Century Elders

Mike Josephson



Join Mike for an interactive roundtable discussion on the modern role of grandfathers as fathers to their adult children, elders guiding their grandchildren, and primary parents as well. The discussion will address ways to improve all of the grandfather relationships and the obstacles to effective elder fathers.

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WORKSHOP SESSION

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Dads and Daughters

Bob Stien



This workshop will review common obstacles to healthy father-daughter relationships and ways to overcome them. We will consider some of the major risks facing girls in today's culture and the special role that fathers and step-fathers can play in shaping their daughters' world view and expectations about men. Participants will learn about the power of being her "first man".

Getting to Yes by Saying No

Bob Howe



Teaching children to be self-regulating, disciplined and reliant requires today's parents to be part neuroscientist, part psychologist, and part drum major. Learn why it's important to start early with an appropriate NO to get to a lifetime of YES.

Taming Technology in Your Home

Laura Marchak



Are you aware that one in five children has received either a threatening message or sexual solicitation over the Internet? We will show parents how to keep their children safe online and how to set limits with the Internet, cell phones and video games. Learn new technologies and parenting strategies to stay one step ahead of your children.

Fathers Forum

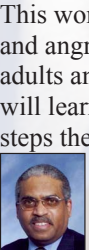
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Stress and Emotional Management for Fathers

Murray Davis



This workshop will address the reasons fathers become stressed and angry, including their own experiences as children and young adults and its connection to the father-child relationship. Fathers will learn to recognize and understand stress triggers and the seven steps they can take to manage stress before it becomes out of control.

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Fathers and Daughters: Building a Relationship for Life

Carole Lapidos



Daughters who have meaningful and comfortable relationships with their fathers are generally more self-confident and independent. This workshop will provide information and strategies that will support girls and fathers in building a trusting relationship. A panel of young women will provide an interactive forum for fathers to ask questions about all the issues related to raising a daughter.

My Dad, My Teacher

Lima Pereira



This workshop provides a roadmap for multicultural fathers to teach core life skills to their children using daily situations. We explore the lessons learned from team sports and school to teach children the value of sacrifice, discipline, accountability, commitment and much more. Fathers gain a greater understanding about their role as the child's first teacher and the need to actively participate in their life.

What Do I Say Now?

Leslie Baron



When your son or daughter has questions about sexual development and reproduction, where do you want them to look for answers? Their friends? The Internet? or YOU? This workshop shares some of the most common questions kids ask about sexual activity, informs you about what is developmentally appropriate for you to discuss with your child, and provides practical tips on how to best communicate about sex with your child. You WILL be surprised to find out what your children are most curious about!

Navigating Divorce Without Losing Your Sanity

Larry Herren and Henry Gornbein

Divorce can take a heavy toll on the emotional well-being of fathers. This workshop provides practical and effective methods for surviving a child custody battle, establishing workable co-parenting techniques and a stable co-parenting relationship with your child's mother, and building and using a support system to help you through the roughest times.

Take the Kids to the Park or Mow the Lawn? Time Management for Dads

Ron and Brenda Szalka

The grass needs cutting. The truck needs washing. The dog needs a bath and dinner certainly can't cook itself! But the kids want to ride their bikes to the park. What's a dad to do? Meet a husband and wife who are parents of two children and discover their secrets for balancing life's demands with a focus on spending quality family time with limited resources.



WORKSHOP SESSION

4

Fathers Facing Challenges Together

Join us for a final workshop including all Conference attendees as a panel of workshop presenters offer their insights on how fathers can work together to face the unique challenges of raising children in the twenty-first century. Chris Edwards will moderate this interactive session which provides fathers with an opportunity to offer their own thoughts and experiences for the whole group.

Schedule of Events

8:00 a.m.
Registration & Breakfast
Atrium Lobby

8:45 a.m.
Welcome and Keynote
Auditorium

9:15 a.m.
Break

9:30 a.m.
Workshop Session One
Auditorium/Classrooms

10:40 a.m.
Break

10:50
Workshop Session Two
Auditorium/Classrooms

12:00 p.m.
Lunch
Atrium Lobby

12:50
Workshop Session Three
Auditorium/Classrooms

2:00 p.m.
Break

2:15 p.m.
Workshop Session Four
Auditorium

3:00 p.m.
Closing Remarks
Auditorium

