

## George R. Williams, MS

### Biographical Information

George R. Williams is a marriage and family therapist and the Executive Director of the National Center for Fathering's Urban Father-Child Partnership. Sharing the conviction that every child needs a dad; his life work is to help urban men to be the dads their children need. To this end, the goal of the partnership is to create a citywide father-child outreach model that results in measurable, sustainable positive outcomes for children and urban communities.

At the National Center, George is actively involved in developing and delivering fathering education and programming in various settings, including urban elementary, middle and high schools, faith communities, court programs and community fathering initiatives. His presentations feature thoughtful insights and an engaging, passionate style. George also writes and performs powerful dramatizations that illustrate the challenges of urban fathers.



George is a nationally recognized fathering expert that has spoken and taught at national conferences including the National PTA Conference, the National Welfare Reform Conference, National Fatherhood Summit, Annual Fathers Behind Bars Conference, the National Association of Basketball Coaches Conference, Family Support America and the Head Start Institute on Father Involvement Conference. He served on the expert panel of the Strengthening Families with Children Born Out-Of-Wedlock research project conducted by Princeton University and sponsored by the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services. He has testified as an expert fathering witness before a Senate Subcommittee and was invited to join the National Urban League's Commission of African American Males.

George is a contributing author to the book, *Why Fathers Count* and the textbook, *Fundamentals of Early Childhood Education 4<sup>th</sup> Edition*. He has authored three fathering curricula: *Quenching the Father Thirst*, *the Coach Dads Play Book*, and *R.E.A.D. (Reconnecting Education and Dads) to Kids*. He has appeared on national television as a spokesperson for urban fathering on CNN, FOX News, the WB, ION and TBN. He has appeared in print as a "Phenomenal Father" by *Ebony Magazine* and in *Black Enterprise* and *JET Magazine*.

George earned his Bachelor of Science degree in computer science from Kansas State University (Manhattan, KS.) He earned his Master of Science degree from Friends University (Wichita, KS) in family therapy and is a lifetime member in Psi Chi, the National Honor Society in Psychology. He is a graduate from the DeVos Urban Leadership Initiative's ministry training program, a past president of Urban Youth Leadership and a former youth pastor for an inner-city church. He serves as the pastor of family life at Cross Point Community Church of the Nazarene. George and Trudy, his wife of twenty-one years, have three boys and a daughter and live in the greater Kansas City area.