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Pennsylvania Nonprofit Executives to Co-Present at 2018 James E. Anderson Pennsylvania Conference on Juvenile Justice Dads' Resource Center and Allegheny Family Network Offer "Engaging Fathers for Healthy Youth Development" Workshop

State College, PA–October 9, 2018–Jeff Steiner, Executive Director of DADS' Resource Center and George Fleming, Program Supervisor for Allegheny Family Network's Fathers Involved Now Program, will co-present the *Engaging Fathers for Healthy Youth Development* workshop at November's 2018 James E. Anderson Pennsylvania Conference on Juvenile Justice.

<u>The 2018 James E. Anderson Pennsylvania Conference on Juvenile Justice</u>, sponsored by the Juvenile Court Judges' Commission, the Pennsylvania Council of Chief Juvenile Probation Officers, the Pennsylvania Commission on Crime and Delinquency, and the Juvenile Court Section of the Pennsylvania Conference of State Trial Judges will be held November 7-9, 2018 at the Harrisburg Hilton and Towers.

The workshop will discuss the barriers and challenges often faced by fathers, and examine the services and systems that provide the assistance and support that fathers need to be positively involved in the lives of their children and support their healthy development.

"Mothers and fathers give unique, yet equally important, things to their sons and daughters," states Jeff Steiner. "It is vital that both parents are actively engaged in the lives of their children, even more so with youth who are struggling in a way that they find themselves in the juvenile justice system."

"This is an ideal co-presenting opportunity," Steiner continues. "The <u>Dads' Resource Center</u> will lend its perspective on the importance of fatherhood, as well as the various ways in which the legal and human services system can disenfranchise fathers. George will relay the strategies and direct service techniques that the Allegheny Family Network utilizes to have such a great impact on its community."

"Through more than 30 years of working in human resources, I've noticed an undervalued and missing link in families and the community at large: men and fathers," says George Fleming. "<u>Allegheny Family</u> <u>Network</u> provides education, training, coaching, opportunities and cultural and recreational activities to



help men reach their maximum potential as fathers, husbands and leaders in their homes and community."

Jeff Steiner, Executive Director of DADS' Resource Center

Over the last three decades Steiner has worked as a family counselor in group homes and family preservation programs, then as an executive director of nonprofits that benefit children and families.

A Pennsylvania native, Steiner is the executive director of the nonprofit Dads' Resource Center, that provides education, resources and advocacy for single fathers so they are able to fulfill their vital role in the well-being and healthy development of their children. He is also owner of I-GOAL, LLC which develops goal setting and professional development curriculum for high school-aged students. (<u>www.i-goalblog.org</u>). He currently serves on the Board of Education for the Bellefonte Area School District in Pennsylvania.

Steiner holds a Master's in Counseling Education from Penn State and a Bachelor's in Sociology from Indiana University of Pennsylvania. He is also a graduate of Milton Hershey School, and is certified in Choice Theory by the William Glasser Institute.

George Fleming, Program Supervisor for Allegheny Family Network's Fathers Involved Now Program

Pennsylvania native George J. Fleming is the Program Supervisor for Allegheny Family Network's Fathers Involved Now Program, a family-run organization that supports families rearing children who have emotional and mental health needs to improve their quality of life.

A graduate of Clarion University, he has worked in the human services field for the past 30 years, including executive administration and oversight for alcohol, tobacco and other drug treatment, residential group homes, mental health services, reunification services, homeless shelters, mentorship and prevention services.

Fleming founded The Father's Touch, a 501c3 organization, to provide education, training, coaching, opportunities and cultural and recreational activities to help men reach their maximum potential as fathers, husbands and leaders in their homes and community.

About Dads' Resource Center

The Dads' Resource Center was founded by Dr. Joel N. Myers, AccuWeather Founder and Chairman, and began to actively support single fathers in Pennsylvania in July 2017. Its mission is to provide education, resources and advocacy for single fathers so they are able to fulfill their vital role in the well-being and healthy development of their children.

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