

# A Father's Role in Pregnancy and Early Parenting

*Engaging Fathers as advocates for the needs of their families*

**Thursday, January 14, 2021 from 12-2 pm**

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When it comes to the health and wellbeing of their young children, fathers matter. The positive health effects associated with father involvement begin in pregnancy and fathers are central to the health of their families. Unfortunately, there are often barriers that prevent fathers from being fully recognized for their important role. Our panel of fathers and fathering experts will describe and discuss ways we can decrease systemic bias that diminishes father involvement within healthcare and other settings and empower fathers to advocate for the needs of their families.

## PRESENTER

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## PANELISTS

### G. Bomani Gray

Husband (25 years & lovin'it),  
Father, Grandfather and Official  
Empty-Nester  
Fatherhood Coordinator,  
Detroit Health Department



### Lawrence Robinson, LLMSW

Fatherhood Peer Support Specialist  
Nature's Playhouse

### Reginald Day

Lactation Support Group, Co-  
Facilitator  
Nature's Playhouse



### Peter M. Williams, BPA, CHW, CLC

Fatherhood Community Health  
Worker, Certified Lactation  
Counselor, Fathers Forward  
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