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Dr. Williams is a nationally recognized fathering and family 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. Dr. Williams has testified as an expert fathering witness before a Senate Sub-committee and was invited to join the National Urban League's Commission of African American Males.

Dr. Williams was a contributing author to the book, *Why Fathers Count* and the textbook, *Fundamentals of Early Childhood Education 4th 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, PBS, ION TV and TBN. Dr. Williams has appeared in print as a “Phenomenal Father” by *Ebony Magazine* and in *Black Enterprise* and *JET Magazine*.

Dr. Williams 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 marriage and family therapy and is a lifetime member in Psi Chi, the National Honor Society in Psychology. He earned his Ph.D. in family studies at Kansas State University researching the associations between quality and quantity father involvement and adult child outcomes. Dr. Williams serves as the pastor of family life and youth at Cross Point Community Church of the Nazarene. He and Trudy, his wife of thirty-one years, have three boys and a daughter and live in the greater Kansas City area.