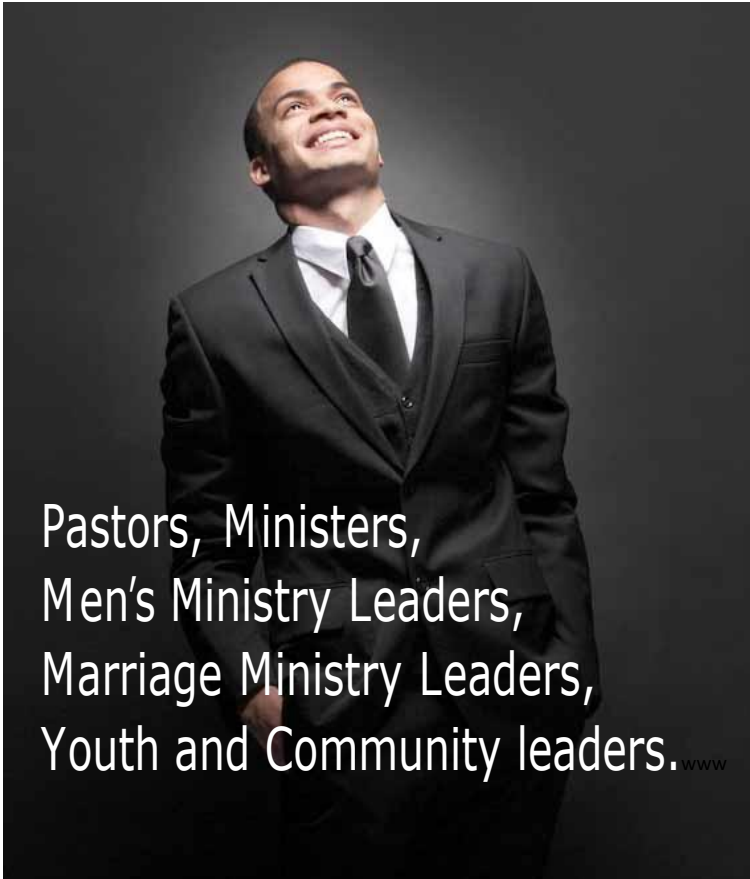


Northern Virginia Strengthening Families Faith Based Consortium



Pastors, Ministers,
Men's Ministry Leaders,
Marriage Ministry Leaders,
Youth and Community leaders.

The **Northern Virginia Strengthening Families Faith Based Consortium** in conjunction with the Virginia Department of Social Services is dedicated to reducing non-marital births, connecting and reconnecting fathers with their children, and encouraging the formation and development of safe, stable, intact two-parent families.

Research has revealed compelling links between family breakdown (**Fatherlessness**) and the core social issues facing our communities. The breakdown of the family unit is a major contributor to poverty, declining school performance, poor health outcomes, unresolved anger, hopelessness, abuse, neglect, crime and violence.

Through engaging local churches, ministries and faith based organizations the Northern Virginia Strengthening Families Faith Based Consortium will equip and empower teens, young adults, men and fathers with the essentials for making positive lifestyle choices.

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Thursday, May 24th 11:30am – 2pm
****Lunch Provided****

Advanced Registration Required:

Please Contact: Rev. Anthony J. Mingo, Sr.
Steering Committee Chair, (703) 402-0685
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Register at:

<http://www.eventbrite.com/event/3510515045>

Please join us to discuss the Program's Vision and its upcoming planned focus groups to discuss the "local community" impacts of this growing problem across Northern Virginia. **We will discuss the program plan to:**

❖ **Strengthening Families Initiative(SFI)**

Program Overview:

- Impact of Father Absence
- Goals and Outcomes for SFI

❖ **Navigating the Intersection of Faith and Government:**

- How Faith organizations and government work together
- Government grants and the faith community

❖ **Program's Plan to:**

- **Identifying the needs of men in the local community along with strategies and resources to meet program goals.**
- **Identify and support the resource needs of Pastors, and Ministry Leaders in the effort to equip the men in their churches to reach the men in their communities.**

