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Newark Now Launches Newark Comprehensive Center for Fathers

WHAT: On Wednesday, April 9, 2008, Newark Now will hold a press conference to launch the Newark Comprehensive Center for Fathers (NCCF) headquartered at Essex County College. Newark Comprehensive Center for Fathers is a replication site of the Philadelphia-based National Comprehensive Center for Fathers.

Newark Now administers NCCF in partnership with the City of Newark, NewarkWorks, New Jersey Department of Labor, New Jersey Legal Services, and The ReLese Network.

WHO: Invited Speakers:

Mayor Cory A. Booker, City of Newark
Rodney Brutton, Executive Director of the NewarkWorks
Modia J. Butler, President, Newark Now
LaVar Young, Director, Newark Comprehensive Center Fathers
Angela Williams, COO & Replication Director, National Comprehensive Center for Fathers
Don Shauger, CEO, Shauger Group

WHEN: Wednesday, April 9, 2008 at 11:00AM

WHERE: Essex County College, Library, Main Campus, 303 University Avenue, Newark, NJ 07102

WHY: NCCF enables men to become better fathers, employees and citizens of Newark. Based on the best practices of Philadelphia 's National Comprehensive Center for Fathers, the Newark Comprehensive Center for Fathers uses a holistic approach to serve men in transition - who have lost their jobs and homes, or who are re-entering the workforce following incarceration and are seeking to assume greater responsibility for and contribute to the lives of their children. NCCF offers fathers mentoring, parenting and life skills, legal assistance, help to improve math and reading skills, individual counseling, support groups, Father/Child activities, and employment search and interview preparation services.

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