



Fathers & Families Center
BUILDING NOBLE LEGACIES

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Press Release

Indy Ten Point Coalition Recognizes Fathers and Families Center for its Service to Community.

Indianapolis, IN, August 9, 2019. The Indy Ten Point Coalition held its annual prayer breakfast on August 9, 2019. With the theme on reducing youth gun violence, the Coalition also recognized six men who have worked to curb violence in Indianapolis. This year, Fathers and Families Center's President/CEO Dr. Wallace McLaughlin was one of the recipients of the Community Service Award. "This award is very meaningful to me and to the agency. However, we still have much work to do to reduce the senseless gun violence permeating our communities and killing our youth. We look forward to continuing to find ways to be part of this important work."

The six recipients are as follows:

- **Reverend Eugene Rivers Youth Service Award:** Kareem Hines of Newboys
- **Neighborhood Crime Prevention Awards:** Leroy Smith and Ernest Turner
- **Community Service Award:** Dr. Wallace McLaughlin of Fathers and Families, and Rick Snyder of Indianapolis Fraternal Order of Police
- **Reverend Charles Ellis Jr. Humanitarian Award:** Iric Headley of Ft. Wayne United.

The mission of Fathers and Families Center is "building a noble legacies of fatherhood – assisting fathers in achieving self-sufficiency and in strengthening families to improve the life chances of children."

Annually, it serves over 1,000 fathers and fragile families throughout Marion County through its Strong Fathers/Strong Families programs and services which include: Fatherhood and Life Skills Development; High School Equivalency Preparation; Job Readiness, Placement and Retention; and Advanced Training. It also offers barrier assistance for transportation, housing, utilities and other basic needs; substance abuse and mental health counseling; court advocacy and referral supports.

The agency is located at 2845 North Illinois Street, Indianapolis, IN 46208.