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## Chicago Fathers' Rights Attorney Jeffery Leving to Discuss a Father's Role in Preventing Family Violence

On Wednesday, February 12<sup>th</sup> at 3:00 PM (PST) Chicago Fathers Rights Attorney Jeffery Leving will be speaking at the 15<sup>th</sup> Annual National Fatherhood & Families Conference in Las Vegas.

Leving's topic, *A Father's Role in Preventing Family Violence*, will focus on utilizing a father's involvement to halt the cycle of violence and abuse.

Leving explains, "Dads are an 'untapped resource' in the fight against domestic abuse."

His seminar will focus on 3 key principles:

1. *Children Whose Fathers are Present Have Greater Self-Esteem*

Children who receive positive attention from their dads – such as spending time together, throwing the football, watching a movie or just hanging out – have greater self-esteem, making them less likely to become victims of destructive or violent relationships. Don't give up hope even if your time with your children is limited, making that time count can have a great impact.

2. *Fathers Are Positive Role Models for Their Children*

As a dad, you have a unique opportunity to serve as your child's primary role model. When you engage with others in a positive manner, you provide a compelling lead for your children to follow. Fathers who are separated or divorced from their children's mother can still play a pivotal role by teaching their children effective communication skills, even in difficult situations.

3. *Fathers Engaged In Positive Relationships Teach Children to Expect Respect*

Children learn from watching those around them. When your children see you engaged in positive relationships – whether with a friend or a significant other - they learn that they too should expect to be treated well.

The **Fathers & Families Coalition of America** National Conference will take place February 11th through the 14<sup>th</sup> at the Westin Lake Las Vegas Resort & Spa. The event's theme, "**Turning the Hearts of Fathers**," features international speakers discussing several critical issues including early childhood education, family violence prevention, and fatherhood and families.

**About Jeffery M. Leving:** Chicago Father's Rights Attorney Jeffery Leving founded the Fatherhood Educational Institute ([www.fatherhood-edu.org](http://www.fatherhood-edu.org)) a non-profit organization dedicated to promoting positive father involvement. Those who attend Leving's workshop will receive a free, autographed copy of his acclaimed book, [How to be a Good Divorced Dad](#), which garnered praise from President Obama.



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