



Texas Department of
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[DFPS Commissioner to Speak at Texas Fatherhood Summit](#)

Whitman to join San Antonio mayor, CEO at third annual event in Austin

Hank Whitman, Commissioner of the Texas Department of Family and Protective Services (DFPS), will speak at the Texas Fatherhood Summit Friday, June 29, 2018 in Austin.

"We just celebrated Father's Day, and the important role fathers play in the well-being of Texas families. I am proud to join with state and national leaders in conversation about how to support dads," Whitman said.

Whitman will discuss DFPS's targeted, research-based efforts to engage fathers, including parenting resources and new animated videos. He will also share insights and success stories from DFPS service providers.

The 2018 summit theme is "Engaging Communities, Strengthening Families," putting a lens on why and how the inclusion of policies and programs that support fathers at the community level strengthens the entire family, as well as the communities in which they live.

Whitman joins special guests San Antonio mayor Ron Nirenberg and Leading Inside Out CEO Paul Schmitz at the summit.

About the Texas Fatherhood Summit

In its third year, the Texas Fatherhood Summit brings together hundreds of public and private sector professionals from all over the state and country who seek research-based best practices and innovations to best support dad, mom and their children.

The 2018 Texas Fatherhood Summit is relevant for policymakers at all levels of government, community leaders, nonprofit organizations, program leaders, and local business professionals.

The summit is hosted by the Child and Family Research Partnership at The University of Texas at Austin Lyndon B. Johnson School of Public Affairs and the Texas Department of Family and Protective Services, Prevention and Early Intervention Division.

The Summit will take place at the AT&T Executive Education and Conference Center on the campus of The University of Texas at Austin. The address is:

**1900 University Avenue
Zlotnik Family Ballroom
Austin, TX 78705**

For full details, visit <https://childandfamilyresearch.utexas.edu/2018-texas-fatherhood-summit> and txdads2018.eventbrite.com. Join the conversation on social media with the hashtag #TXdads2018.

AGENDA

7:30 - 8:30 a.m. - Breakfast Provided and Check-In

8:30 a.m. - ***Everyone Leads, Building the Culture for Collective Impact*** - Paul Schmitz, CEO, Leading Inside Out

10:30 a.m. - ***Focus on Fathers: Spotlight on State and Local Models for Supporting Fathers***

11:45 p.m. - Lunch Provided

12:40 p.m. (Approximate) - ***DFPS's efforts to engage fathers and supporting fathers to strengthen the family and community*** - DFPS Commissioner Hank Whitman

12:45 p.m. - ***Incorporating Fatherhood into Local Community Agendas: Why Fathers are Important, and How to Take a Family-Inclusive Approach*** - Mayor Ron Nirenberg, City of San Antonio

1:45 p.m. - ***Transforming Communities at the Systems Level***

2:45 p.m. - ***Community Approach to Serving Fathers***

3:45 p.m. - ***Making Your Community More Father Friendly***

5:00 - 6:30 p.m. - Networking Reception