



Meeting the Needs of At-Risk and Justice Involved Youth and Families

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Presented By: Cole Williams, Motivational Speaker, Trainer, Facilitator, Son to a Father and Cole Speaks

This gifted and dynamic presenter is the CEO and founder of “Son to a Father” and “Cole Speaks”, organizations that work to empower and restore relationships between teens and their parents. His most recent work has been providing fatherhood training, support, and materials for the Michigan Adolescent Pregnancy and Prevention Program, and teaching life skills and leadership development to incarcerated youth in the Kent County Juvenile Detention Center. Additionally, Mr. Williams and his sons teach inside Michigan correctional facilities where they provide a Father and Son Parenting Enrichment Workshop Series for incarcerated fathers.

In his lecture, he discussed the importance of family involvement and the unmet needs of boys of color that have emotional and behavioral challenges. He outlined and discussed the socially constructed, ubiquitous messages that vulnerable families of color receive when entering the juvenile system and how workers can empower and support families in a more meaningful way. He also led a parent panel discussion with parents that have children on probation.

To learn more about Mr. Williams, his work, and his programs, please visit his website at:
<http://www.colespeaks.com/welcome#home>